

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3, 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 9:25 p.m. after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: Given by Fr. William A. Nagle, St. John's Catholic Church

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

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

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Marilyn Laitman. There were 39 members present and 1 absent. The absent member was:

Handy Dixon (D) 2nd District

STATE STATUTE PROHIBITING SMOKING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

THE PRESIDENT then read a letter dated January 15, 1975 addressed to him from Mrs. William J. Malcolm, Executive Director of the Respiratory Health Association, which noted that it has come to the attention of the Association that this Board meets in a public building and is open to the public and that "No Smoking" signs have not been posted. The letter also noted that the Attorney General in Connecticut has ruled that a recently enacted law prohibiting smoking in public meetings must be enforced.

THE PRESIDENT said the former Attorney General, Mr. Killian, did render an opinion as stated. He said the law is in a state of confusion. He said the debate is over whether or not the persons in charge of the meeting place have discretion as to whether or not the sign should be posted.

MR. MORABITO MOVED that the "No Smoking" sign be posted. Seconded by Mr. Serrani.

THE PRESIDENT said that if this motion is approved by the majority of those present it would mean there would be no smoking on the floor or in the gallery and he would expect that this would be enforced by the Police Department.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was requested and a sufficient number of members supported the request.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to post the "No Smoking" signs and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 22 yes and 17 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
 BOCCUZZI, John (D)
 CLARK, Linda (D)
 DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
 DeROSE, Joseph (D)
 EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
 FLANAGAN, William (R)
 GUROIAN, Armen (D)
 HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)
 KELLY, James (D)
 LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
 LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
 MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
 McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
 MILLER, Frederick (D)
 MORABITO, Joseph (D)
 ROSE, Matthew (D)
 ROSS, Salvan (D)
 SAINBURG, Richard (R)
 SANDOR, John (D)
 SERRANI, Thom (D)
 TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
 CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
 CONNORS, George (D)
 COSTELLO, Robert (D)
 CROSBY, Robert (R)
 FORMAN, Barbara (R)
 HANDLEY, Diane (R)
 LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
 LGUGHRAN, Michael (D)
 MARTINO, Vincent (D)
 PERILLO, Alfred (D)
 PERKINS, Billie (R)
 RAVALLESE, George (D)
 RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
 TRESSER, Michael (R)
 WALSH, Peter (D)
 ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

 "No Smoking" signs were then posted in the meeting room.

PAGES:

Kim Walsh, student at Toquam Elementary School and daughter of City Rep.
 Peter Walsh
 Patty Battinelli, student at Dolan Middle School
 Sally Ann Truglia, student at Sacred Heart Academy and daughter of City Rep.
 Anthony Truglia

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED for the acceptance of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of January 6, 1975. Seconded and CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:STEERING COMMITTEE

The reading of the report of the Steering Committee meeting of January 20, 1975 was waived and appears below:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTMeeting held Monday, January 20, 1975

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held Monday, January 20, 1975 in the Democratic Caucus Room, 2nd floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., at 8:15 p.m. The following members were present:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.
Marilyn R. Laitman
John Boccuzzi
Thom Serrani
Salvan Ross, Jr.
Gerald J. Rybnick
Matthew Rose

Joseph DeRose
Handy Dixon
Barbara Forman
William H. Flanagan
Michael Tresser
Leonard A. Hoffman
Julius J. Blois

Also present were Alfred Perillo and Anthony Truglia.

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 February meeting.

(2) Appropriation items

The four additional appropriation requests as listed on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE with those over \$2,000.00 also being referred to a secondary committee.

(3) Legislative matters

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

- (1) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE STAMFORD JEWISH CENTER PROPERTY ON NEWFIELD AVENUE
- (2) Proposed ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET
- (3) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY
- (4) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RECONVEYANCE OF A STORM WATER SEWER EASEMENT TO COLONIAL CEMETERIES, INC.
- (5) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION
- (6) REVISED FEE SCHEDULES FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Above also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE)
- (7) Proposed RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF SEWER EASEMENT UNDER THE NESTLEDOWN PROPERTY

(Above also referred to SEWER COMMITTEE)

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- (8) WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for the AID FOR THE RETARDED, INC.
- (9) Proposed RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION OF A MASTER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT (Day Care Program)
(Above also referred to FISCAL COMMITTEE)
- (10) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES COMMISSION ON AGING - (Membership requirements)
- (11) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES COMMISSION ON AGING - (Employment of staff and function of Commission)
(Above also referred to FISCAL COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE)
- (12) Proposed RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR DIRECTOR OF FAIR FENT COMMISSION
(Above also referred to FISCAL COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL COMMITTEE)
- (13) REQUEST THAT BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES INVESTIGATE PROBLEM THAT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HAS HAD WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING INABILITY TO GET LEGAL OPINIONS WHEN REQUESTED

(4) Park and recreational concerns

The four following items were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- (1) PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FIREMEN'S PARADE ON MAY 28, 1975
- (2) PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF BANNER ACROSS HOPE STREET - (To promote Annual Firemen's Parade)
- (3) MARINA FEES FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT
- (4) AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARK DEPARTMENT AND STAMFORD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (concerning fee for ice rental)

(5) Personnel concerns

The two items appearing on the tentative agenda were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, as follows:

- (1) CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS
 - A. REPORT ON OPEN MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 1975 (Held by the Personnel Committee)
- (2) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT - TEAMSTERS LOCAL 145 - TWO YEAR PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1974 TO JUNE 30, 1976

(Above also referred to FISCAL COMMITTEE)

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In addition, the following two items were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under ITEM #1 under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- B. Proposed RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 204.2 OF THE CHARTER TO INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS
- C. Proposed RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES UNDER SECTION 206 OF THE CHARTER TO INCUR EXPENSES WHICH IT DEEMS NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 204.2

(6) Planning and zoning matters

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

- (1) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION - (Fairfield Avenue)
- (2) Proposed GUIDELINES FOR NAMING MUNICIPALLY-OWNED 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)

In addition, a proposed resolution concerning the initiation of direction for the improvement of Madison Place for acceptance as a City Street, which appeared on the tentative agenda, was not ordered on the agenda but was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

(7) Other concerns

No other items were ordered on the agenda for the February 3, 1975 meeting.

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

- 1. Public Works Committee - Mrs. Laitman and Mr. Rose asked for information concerning the program for the demolition of unsafe buildings currently being carried out under the auspices of the Law Department, including specifically this list of properties involved.
- 2. Health & Protection Committee - Mr. Rose said the Committee would have a further report on the traffic situation at Riverbank School.
- 3. Parks & Recreation Committee - Mrs. Laitman and Mr. Flanagan requested that the matter of lack of police protection at the marinas be investigated further.
- 4. Parks & Recreation Committee - Mrs. Laitman requested a breakdown of the hourly costs involved in operating the Terry Connors Ice Skating Rink.
- 5. Middle Ridge Road - Mr. Ross said if the residents want this road to be accepted as a City street they should submit a petition.

6. Planning & Zoning Committee - Mr. Boccuzzi asked for a report on the status of Liberty Place.

7. Urban Renewal Committee - Mr. Blois asked for a report concerning the Urban Redevelopment Commission leasing land to Bloomingdale's for parking.

8. House Committee - The possibility of getting an attachment to the voting machine that would provide a printout of the results of voting was discussed.

9. Mr. Serrani reported that the Environmental Protection Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed inland-wetland regulations at Cloonan Middle School on February 13 at 8 p.m.

10. Parks & Recreation Committee - Letter dated 12-27-74 addressed to President Frederick E. Miller, Jr., from Chairman of the Board of Recreation, Charles Lopriore, concerning duplication of services by the Board of Recreation and the Committee on Training and Employment, the Human Resources Development Agency of the City, and the resultant problems was referred to Committee for consideration.

11. Letter dated 1-15-75 addressed to President Frederick E. Miller, Jr. from Mrs. William J. Malcolm, Executive Director of the Respiratory Health Association, requesting that No Smoking signs be posted in the meeting room of the Board in accord with Public Act 74-126. The President said a motion to post such signs could be made at the February meeting.

12. Letter dated 1-15-75 from Mrs. Sherbie Worthen, student at the University of Bridgeport enrolled in the Master of Arts program in Urban-Suburban Administration, requesting an opportunity to serve as an intern with the Board of Representatives in order to gain field experience. The consensus was to approve the request.

13. Health & Protection Committee - Mr. Ross asked the Committee to investigate to determine if the section of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to closing-out sales is being followed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.
President

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SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to change the order of business and to take up at this time Item #2 under Personnel Committee: Collective Bargaining Contracts for Teamsters Local 145. Seconded by Mr. Truglia. CARRIED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Leonard Hoffman

- (2) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT - TEAMSTERS LOCAL 145 - TWO-YEAR PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1974 TO JUNE 30, 1976 - Cover employees who are members of Local 145 from the Public Works Dept, Hubbard Heights Golf Course, Park Department and the Parking Authority - (Mayor's letter dated 1-2-75) - (Contract officially submitted to the Board of Representatives on 1-10-75)

MR. HOFFMAN reported that the Personnel Committee had met on a number of occasions with Mr. Barrett, Labor Negotiator, and also amongst themselves to discuss the various contracts that have been presented to the Board. He said the Committee voted 4 to 1 to recommend rejection of the Teamsters contracts. He said they fully recognize the need to bargain in good faith so that the employees are treated fairly but they also feel collective bargaining means being fair to the City and to the taxpayers who eventually foot the bill for every dollar the City spends. He said the Committee believes that Mr. Barrett and the City Administration have tried to approach this problem in a sensible manner and that by recommending rejection of these contracts, they are not belittling their efforts to seek a satisfactory solution. He said the reasons for rejecting these contracts are numerous. He noted that there have been very liberal settlements in the past and the Committee believes that the taxpayers cannot afford similar excesses in the future. He said inflation and the ever-increasing cost and size of government at all levels simply will not allow the taxpayer to keep pace. He said that at this time the City is faced with a 4 mill deficit and another mill will be added to the taxpayers' bill if the City allows everyone of its employees to receive the \$625 pay raise being proposed this year.

He said any number of cities in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey are on the brink of financial ruin and cited specific examples of New Britain and New York City. He said in the meantime Stamford continues to enjoy a triple A credit rating but warned that the City could lose this excellent credit rating if the costs of the City government are allowed to continue to grow.

MR. HOFFMAN said that unemployment in the State has hit a record 7.1% and noted that many Board members have stated that they do not want to see any City workers laid off. He said if these pay increases are approved, there will be no alternative but to lay off employees in order to hold a line on ever-rising taxes.

MR. HOFFMAN said that another factor that led to the Committee's recommendation of rejection of the contracts is the fact that the average weekly wages in manufacturing were \$193, up from November's \$188 and that the average work week for manufacturing jobs was 41.6 hours down from 43 hours a year ago. He said the work week for City employees for several years has been 37½ hours except for July and August when the work week is shortened to 35 hours. He said a laborer starting with the Parking Authority under the terms of the new contract would earn \$4.82 per hour for a 37½ hour week and \$5.15 per hour for a 35-hour week as compared with the average manufacturing worker who earns \$4.65 per hour. He said a W-8 position in the Public Works Department will earn \$5.06 per hour for a 35 hour week and \$4.73 for a 37½ hour week and an additional 20¢ per hour for each hour that he works before 8:00 a.m. He said another factor to be considered is the incentive plan used by the City in the sanitation department. He said most of these people work 5½ to 6½ hours per day or 27½ to 32½ hours per week. He said that by reducing the hours worked per week due to the incentive system coupled with the 20¢ per hour premium pay the actual earnings per hour worked are appreciably higher and he presented a specific breakdown, as follows:

3 hours per day x \$.20 = \$.60 daily premium pay
\$.60 x 5 days = \$3.00 per week
\$3.00 + \$177.00 weekly pay = \$180.00 per week

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\$180.00 divided by 37½ hours = \$4.80 per hour
\$180.00 divided by 35 hours = \$5.15 per hour
\$180.00 divided by 32½ hours = \$5.54 per hour
\$180.00 divided by 27½ hours = \$6.55 per hour

MR. HOFFMAN said the cost of the acceptance of the four contracts amounts to \$232,176 the first year and \$439,772 the second year. He said the overall cost of the pension plan improvement is ½ of 1% of the payroll and if this is to be the standard settlement for all City workers, it would cost \$86,835, using Dr. Montgomery's figures of an estimated payroll of \$17,367,000.00. He said the Sunday News of February 2, 1975 stated that New York City pays out more than \$1 billion a year, or all the money it collects in sales and income taxes, in public employee Social Security and retirement benefits. He said if Stamford continues to sign liberal employee contracts, the time will come when the burden cannot be carried any longer by the individual property owners of this City. He said Stamford is almost at that point now. He said the Committee recommends that these contracts be rejected and urges the other members to show their fiscal responsibility by supporting this recommendation.

THE PRESIDENT said the usual practice with union contracts is to have someone make a technical motion in favor of approval and have that seconded so that when the members vote it is less confusing in that a "yes" vote is in favor of the contracts and a "no" vote is in opposition.

In response to a question from MR. LIVINGSTON MR. HOFFMAN said his source for his figures on the average weekly wages for factory workers was an article in the Advocate on January 23 quoting officials from the State Labor Department.

MR. CONNORS cited figures given to him by Mr. Barrett indicating that employees in Greenwich and Bridgeport receive higher wages for the same type of work than the Stamford employees would receive under the new contracts. He also said that according to the Connecticut Labor Department the average weekly salary in private industry in Stamford is \$198.37 and the average weekly salary of the Teamsters with this raise would be \$173.00.

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee did not vote on this item due to a lack of a quorum but does have some financial information which has a bearing on the contracts. She said the Fiscal Committee based their information on a work staff of 1,703 employees, which includes employees of Ferguson Library and the Stamford Museum. She said if an across-the-board increase of \$625 were granted, it would cost the City \$1,100,000.00 or 9/10 of a mill according to the latest grand list figures. She said if a 5% increase were granted, it would cost \$927,000 and result in 3/4 mill impact for this year. She noted that this method would be harder on the lower salaried people. She said for next year if a 5% increase were granted across the board, \$2.7 million would have to be set aside in the budget and these funds would go into the setting of the next year's tax rate. She said this amount would include the Board of Education and would result in a 2.29 mill impact. She noted that it was pointed out by Dr. Montgomery that merit increases are already in the budget and for all practical purposes they are considered "automatic". She said that Mayor Lenz and Tom Barrett did negotiate in good faith and noted that negotiations began over a year ago and while the \$625 flat raise was a good concept then, economic conditions have worsened to the point where a second look must be taken. She said the Fiscal Committee would like to see as many jobs as possible retained and not have to resort to the deep cuts made in the budgets last May.

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MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI MOVED that the contracts be approved as presented to the Board. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT noted that the recommendation of the Personnel Committee is that the contracts be denied.

MR. HOFFMAN said he also wanted to point out that the contracts also provide for a raise of \$100 per year for an employee after ten years and an additional \$100 after 15 years and another \$100 after 20 years.

MR. LOUGHRAN said the vote on these contracts will be very difficult for many members on this Board. He said everyone recognizes we are living with double digit inflation and high unemployment which the experts tell us will get worse before it gets better. He said this unprecedented coexistence of economic stagnation and inflation has resulted in a new word and is being called "Stagflation". He said economists argue as to what is public enemy #1 but he believes it to be unemployment. He said the Mayor, the Finance Commissioner and the Labor Negotiator all deemed these contracts to be equitable when they were negotiated but since that time the economy has worsened. He said he shares the viewpoint of Mayor Lenz that the first priority and first objective of these contracts should be to save jobs while maintaining City services at the same time. He said he believes that this objective will best be served by rejection of these contracts.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said he is in agreement with Mr. Loughran's statements and said he would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Mayor on these contracts. He said in normal times he would say these are the best contracts that have ever been negotiated but these are not normal times. He said he is very concerned that people have a job and he would like to do away with "pink slips" and keep the paychecks going for the next 52 weeks. He said it is his firm belief that when the country comes out of this recession, the City can then have its obligations to the City employees but at this time it is practically impossible for the average taxpayer to accept this obligation of a 2½ mill increase in the property tax. He said there are many families in Stamford on fixed incomes, many factory workers who are working four-day weeks and many factory workers who are being furloughed two weeks at a time and the economic situation in the country and in the City of Stamford does not warrant an increase to anyone. He said he firmly believes that job security should be the first priority. He said it is very hard for him to vote "no" on these contracts because he understands the situation of the average City employee but he also understands the situation of all the taxpayers in this City.

In response to a question from MR. FLANAGAN, MRS. LAITMAN said she believes that the figures she quoted from Dr. Montgomery do take into account the increase just announced in the grand list and the revenue from that increase.

MR. DAVIDOFF said everyone on the Board appreciates the work and the loyalty of all City employees. He said the best thing that can be done for the City employees is to make sure that they get a paycheck every week. He said one of the largest retail chains in the country, Grant's, lost \$175,000,000 over the last quarter of 1974 and they are closing over 200 of their 1,100 stores. He said the average homeowner is having difficulty making his mortgage payments and in Connecticut the banks are giving a moratorium on mortgage payments and only requiring interest payments rather than foreclose on mortgages. He said he does not feel the public employees are overpaid in Stamford but this year Stamford does not have the money and the taxpayer is in trouble.

MR. LIVINGSTON said there was no question in his mind that Mr. Barrett and the Mayor have acted in the interest of this City but he does have a question in his mind whether this Board is being fair. He said he questions whether the unions involved have been given a fair chance to express themselves and to explain their position. He said an outright denial by this Board would mean that this Board is not backing the City negotiator and the Mayor. He said he does not believe that this Board is allowing negotiations to proceed in good faith by rejecting the contracts without coming forth with other recommendations.

MR. EXNICIOS said he will also have to vote reluctantly against these contracts. He said these contracts would be precedent-setting for the other contracts that remain to be negotiated. He said while it is true that many union contracts in industry have cost of living clauses, it is also true that most industries are experiencing layoffs of 5 to 10%. He said he does not believe the City can grant raises on one hand and not experience layoffs on the other. He said he has been led to believe by a union leader that the Teamsters union would not object to work productivity rules changes that could result in fewer personnel on the City payroll. He said that if he could see this statement in writing from the union and also something from City Hall to the effect that they would take immediate steps to institute such changes then he would think that this contract was a fair one and he would go along with it but as it stands right now he will have to vote no.

MRS. FORMAN said the decision that has to be made is whether there is to be more money for fewer people or whether the status quo is to be preserved as far as maintaining City services and jobs is concerned. She said the only choice that can be made in good conscience is to turn down the contracts and preserve existing jobs.

MR. TRESSER said Bridgeport, Greenwich, Norwalk and Darien have signed contracts giving their employees more money than is being offered in Stamford. He said 90% of the people asking for these increases are homeowners and they pay taxes and they know that if they get an increase they will have to pay more taxes. He said Stamford is not broke and can afford these contracts.

MR. TRUGLIA said the Personnel Committee has been very clear about what the City should not do as far as these contracts are concerned but he would like to know what substitutes are being recommended.

THE PRESIDENT noted that the Board has a legal obligation in the event the contract is rejected to enumerate the reasons for the rejection so that the Mayor might be advised as to what points in the contract should be renegotiated.

MR. HOFFMAN said that in the Committee's review of the four contracts they saw things that have been approved in prior years which basically they can not do anything about, such things as the incentive basis for the work day for the refuse collectors and the amount of vacation time and sick leave that can be accumulated. He said the Committee objected to the increased life insurance benefits of this contract, credit toward retirement for time spent in the armed forces, the liberal tool and clothing allowances as well as the proposed salary increases. He said the Committee was of the opinion that the \$625 for the first year of the contract was too high and the proposed 6% for the second year was also too high.

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MR. ROSE said it is possible that if these increases are granted there will not be enough funds to pay all the employees now working for the City. He said the first people to be laid off will be the less skilled and lower paid employees, ~~not~~ the supervisors.

MR. ZIMBLER said due to the nature of his work he is closely associated with the labor market and the effects of unemployment. He said he can not do anything other than vote against this contract in order to insure that there be no layoffs for City employees.

MR. CONNORS said he was the one member of the Personnel Committee who was in favor of these contracts. He said he feels that this contract in comparison to other cities is a good one and the employees are entitled to the increases. He complimented Mr. Barrett for negotiating a fair contract.

MR. LIVINGSTON said it seems obvious that the majority of the Board is going to vote against this contract. He said he would suggest that the incentive clause and the veteran benefits not be changed. He said he believes the Board is about to make a mistake as this is not a generous contract. He said this is a good contract for the City.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said no one on this Board is trying to take any benefits away from anyone. He said nothing is going to be cut out that has already been granted. He said he believes Mr. Hoffman was just pointing out the good points of previous contracts. He said the whole thing boils down to dollars and cents. He said if these contracts go through, many members of the Board will be looking to get the money back when the budgets are voted on. He said he would rather see no layoffs.

MR. DeROSE said he has not heard anything in the way of a counter proposal. He said he would like to know if the people who are speaking against the contracts are in favor of no raise at all.

MR. DAVIDOFF said there are two things the Personnel Committee wants. He said they want every employee to retain his job and they want every homeowner to be able to afford to pay his taxes. He said the only way these two objectives can be realized is without any pay raises.

MR. GUROIAN said he thinks the Personnel Committee should be commended for realizing the harsh realities of the day. He said things are rough and City workers should realize this as well as the members of this Board. He said even if the contracts are rejected the City workers should be thankful they have jobs. He said if the contracts are rejected, it will be because the representatives feel that is in the best interest of the City as a whole to do so.

MR. CONNORS MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said the four contracts would have to be voted on separately and the first would be the one covering the Teamsters employed by the Public Works Department.

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

THE PRESIDENT noted that an affirmative vote of the majority was required for approval.

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was taken on the motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Contract covering the employees of the Public Works Department who are members of Teamsters Local 145 and the motion LOST thereby rejecting the contracts by a vote of 12 yes, 25 no and 2 abstentions:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CONNORS, George (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

BOCCUZZI, John (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
CROSBY, Robert (R)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
HANDLEY, Diane (R)
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)
KELLY, James (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
ROSS, Salvan (D)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
WALSH, Peter (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

ABSTENTIONS:

FLANAGAN, William (R)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the contract covering the members of Teamsters Local 145 who are employed at the Hubbard Heights Golf Course and the motion LOST by a voice vote, thereby rejecting the contract.

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THE PRESIDENT said the contracts have been rejected for the reasons given by the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and the Mayor will be so advised.

A five-minute recess was requested, which was agreeable to the Majority and Minority Leaders (10:45 p.m.)

Following the recess, THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order at 10:55 p.m.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

MRS. LAITMAN reported that the Fiscal Committee met on January 29, 1975 and present were Reps. Laitman, J. Boccuzzi, Crosby, Dixon, Loughran, Livingston, Rybnick and Zimble. Absent were Reps. Exmicios and Forman. She reported on the following items:

- (1) \$2,959.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - GRANT - To be received from the State Department of Education to be used to purchase business/office equipment for the Business Department at Stamford High School - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 12-13-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said Items #1 through 3 relate to 100% pre-paid grants under Public Law 90-576 and provide business and office education equipment. She said there is no money in the Board of Education budget for this equipment and noted that each school developed its own grant proposal according to the individual school needs. She said the funds for Stamford High School will purchase electronic calculators. She said they will be sophisticated desk models comparable to those used in offices where, hopefully, these students will eventually be employed. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of this item and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (2) \$2,098.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - GRANT - To be received from the State Department of Education to be used to purchase business/office equipment for the Business Department at Westhill High School - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 12-13-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds will be used to purchase equipment related to teaching practical vocational skills in the computer area for Westhill High School. 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 and Government Committee concurred. CARRIED.

- (3) \$2,480.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - GRANT - To be received from the State Department of Education to be used to purchase business/office equipment for the Business Department at Rippowam High School - (Dr. Carpenter's letter of 12-13-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds will purchase electronic models and one mimeograph machine to be used in the program at Rippowam High School. 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.

- (4) \$40,600.00 - RESOLUTION NO. 982 AMENDING THE 1974-75 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THERETO A PROJECT ENTITLED "DAVENPORT RIDGE SCHOOL - (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #2)" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,600.00 TO BE FINANCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS - To meet the obligations of a court judgment rendered on 11-18-74 in condemnation action concerning a portion of the site on which Davenport Ridge School is located -

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Approved by Board of Finance on 1-9-75 (Mayor's letter of 12-3-74)

MRS. LAITMAN said these funds are needed to meet the obligations of a court judgment rendered on November 18, 1974 in condemnation action concerning a portion of the site on which Davenport Ridge School is located. She said the Fiscal Committee requested and received a copy of the status of all capital projects related to education as of January 27, 1975 and determined that there are no funds which can be transferred without disrupting on-going projects or terminating those in the planning stages. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval of this item and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Livingston who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurred. The VOTE was taken on the motion to approve the following resolution and the motion CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 982

AMENDING THE 1974-1975 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING
THERETO A PROJECT ENTITLED "DAVENPORT RIDGE SCHOOL -
(ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 2)" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,600.00
TO BE FINANCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with the City Charter:

1. To adopt an amendment to the 1974-75 Capital Projects Budget by adding a project in the amount of \$40,600.00 to be known as "Davenport Ridge School -(Elementary School #2).

2. To authorize the financing of said project by the issuance of bonds.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES in order to consider an item concerning budget application for the 1975-1976 fiscal year for Stamford's Day Care Program. Seconded and CARRIED.

(5) \$430,079.00 - STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAM - Refunding application for the continuous operation of the City's ten day care centers, as follows: (Mayor's letter of 1-29-75)

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| State GRANT - Dept. of Community Affairs ----- | \$356,788.00 |
| Program Fees ----- | 43,955.00 |
| School Lunch Program ----- | 29,336.00 |
| | <u>\$430,079.00</u> |

MRS. LAITMAN said that under the guidelines of the Department of Community Affairs, the funding agent, it is necessary for this Board to approve the Day Care's refunding application for the continuous operation of the City's ten day care centers in the cash amount of \$430,079.00. She said the Fiscal Committee voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval and SHE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. LAITMAN said that the Board of Education has instituted a card system for the milk program as suggested by the sub-committee on the milk program and City Rep. Hoffman. She said the Committee will be kept informed on the progress of this system.

MRS. LAITMAN then reported on the progress of the Tax Collection Task Force as follows:

1. Collections for the week from 1-6-75 through 1-10-75 were \$6,489.26;
2. Collections to date from 7-25-74 through 1-10-75 are \$319,727.79;
3. Collections for the month of December were \$103,902.58;
4. Collections made by the Tax Collector for the month of December were \$69,733.26;
5. Collections made by the Task Force from 7-25-74 through 12-31-74 were \$311,526.48;
6. Collections made by the Tax Collector from 7-1-74 through 12-31-74 were \$792,762.78;
7. Total cash; collections made by the Task Force and Tax Collector from 7-1-74 through 12-31-74 were \$1,104,289.26; and
8. Total lawful corrections made by the Tax Collector from 7-1-74 through 12-31-74 were \$371,805.82.

MRS. LAITMAN said she also has a report which she will have sent to all members showing the comparison of uncollected taxes for 11-30-74 and 12-31-74 by last year and a comparison of delinquent collections made for December 1973 and December 1974. She said there is a difference of \$102,551.31. She said she also has a comparison of delinquent collections made for January 1974 through December 1974 and January 1973 through December 1973. She said the collections for 1974 were \$1,833,591.85 and for 1973 were \$717,702.38 and the difference between the two years is \$1,115,889.47. She said the Task Force should be congratulated.

MR. ZIMBLER MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider a Sense of the Board resolution relating to Toilsome Brook in as much as the hour is late and there are a number of people waiting in the gallery for that item to be considered even though the item does not appear on the Agenda.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. ROSS MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider a Sense of the Board resolution concerning Toilsome Brook. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. ROSS MOVED for the adoption of the following resolution: Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 983

WHEREAS, land adjoining Toilsome Brook has been an area of chronic flooding, and

WHEREAS, the hazard to persons and property is bound to exist in this area, and

WHEREAS, to promote health, safety and general welfare,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the consensus of this Board of Representatives that there be a moratorium on all building construction adjoining Toilsome Brook until such time as Toilsome Brook drainage system and sewer system projects are completed.

MR. ZIMBLER said he would like to thank publicly and to congratulate Mr. Coperine and the Board of Tax Review for the action that they took with relation to the tax reductions on behalf of the Toilsome Brook people.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee met this past week and all nine members were present. He reported on the following items:

- (1) ORDINANCE NO. 295 - 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, 12-2-74 and 1-6-75)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted unanimously to recommend waiver of publication of the ordinance for tax exemption for the Jewish Center property on Newfield Avenue and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 295 SUPPLEMENTAL

TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE STAMFORD JEWISH CENTER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 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 The Stamford Jewish Center, an eleemosynary institution, acquired from Thomas J. Coyle, Lewis P. Held, and Melville M. Tuber, Executors of the Estate of Dagmar L. Nyselius, on August 9, 1973, located at Newfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, to be used for its charitable purposes, be exempted from taxation on the List of September 1, 1972 as of August 9, 1973 and on the List of September 1, 1973, as follows:

Land and Buildings -----95.33%

The Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse The Stamford Jewish Center in the amount of \$6,136.07 for real property taxes paid for said property on the List of September 1, 1972 prorated as of August 9, 1973.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

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- (2) ORDINANCE NO. 296 FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., PROPERTY ON MAIN STREET - (Letter dated 10-2-74 from William A. Gralnick, Project Director, and letter dated 12-27-74 from Robert M. Wechsler, Esq.) - (Held in Committee 1-6-75)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend waiver of publication of the ordinance for tax exemption for the Drug Liberation Program, Inc., property on Main Street and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend final adoption of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED: Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 296 SUPPLEMENTAL

TAX EXEMPTION FOR DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., PROPERTY LOCATED AT 119 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-81b OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Pursuant to Section 12-81b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the property of DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC., an eleemosynary institution, acquired from LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE OF STAMFORD, LODGE NO. 940, INC., on May 1, 1973, located at 119 Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut, to be used for its charitable purposes, be exempted from taxation on the List of September 1, 1971, as of May 1, 1973, the List of September 1, 1972 and the List of September 1, 1973, as follows:

Land ----- 100%

Buildings ----- 87.5%

The Commissioner of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse DRUG LIBERATION PROGRAM, INC. in the amount of \$600.09 for real property taxes paid for said property on the List of September 1, 1971 prorated as of May 1, 1973.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

- (3) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY - (Letter dated 12-10-74 from William M. Ivler, Executive Director, Stamford Real Estate Owners Association, Inc.) (Held in Committee 1-6-75)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted to recommend that this proposed ordinance on the removal of motor vehicles from private property be published but it has since been noted that there is a technical problem concerning the wording of the ordinance and it is now being Held in Committee.

- (4) ORDINANCE NO. 297 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 and 1-6-75)

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MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend waiver of publication of the ordinance concerning the reconveyance of a storm water sewer easement to Colonial Cemeteries and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend final adoption of the following ordinance and HE SO MOVED: Seconded and CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 297 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING THE RE-CONVEYANCE OF A STORM WATER
SEWER EASEMENT TO COLONIAL CEMETERIES, INC.

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

In conformity with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter and notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 2-24 through 2-27 inclusive, of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, the re-conveyance of a storm water sewer easement by the City of Stamford to Colonial Cemeteries, Inc., is hereby approved.

The storm water sewer easement to be re-conveyed by the City of Stamford to Colonial Cemeteries, Inc. is bounded and described as follows:

That certain area entitled "Easement to be Abandoned" as shown and delineated on a certain map on file in the City and Town Clerk's Office, Stamford, Connecticut, entitled "Map Showing Easement Areas In Colonial Cemeteries, Inc. Stamford, Conn." and certified substantially correct, William D. Sabia, City Engineer, reference thereto being hereby had for a more particular description thereof.

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 for the re-conveyance to Colonial Cemeteries, Inc. of all right, title and interest of the City of Stamford in the storm water sewer easement hereinabove described.

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

- (5) Proposed ORDINANCE CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION - To be added to the Code of Ordinances under Chapter 8 - (Submitted by Thom Serrani, 17th District Rep.) - (Held in Committee 1-6-75)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend publication of the proposed ordinance on paper separation, which follows, and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

CONCERNING PAPER SEPARATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following is to be added to the Code of Ordinances, designated as Section 8-3.1:

Section 8-3.1 Separation of Newspaper

All newspapers shall be separated and kept apart from combustible garbage and it shall be the responsibility of all residents of the City to separate newspaper from combustible garbage.

All newspaper shall be securely tied or bound in bundles weighing not more than twenty-five (25) lbs. and not to exceed twelve inches in height, each with rope, cord or wire of sufficient strength enabling each such bundle to be lifted by such binding material.

All newspapers shall be placed by the responsible person or agent for collection at the curbside on a schedule determined by the City.

Such bundles of newspapers shall be collected by the City or by a contractor employed by the City to collect the same.

Any garbage, refuse, combustible rubbish or any other waste or other material which contains any newspaper may be refused by any collector within the City.

No person, firm or corporation other than the owner, lessee or any occupant of a residential dwelling or commercial establishment, or any employee of the City or any contractor employed by the City for the removal of newspaper, shall pick up, remove, destroy or interfere with any bundle of any newspaper or any part thereof left on the curb for purposes of collection.

This Ordinance shall take effect the date of its enactment.

- (6) REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Originally submitted by Dr. Gofstein in letter dated 3-20-72 - Approved for publication by the 12th Board and published on 11-25-72 but never given final approval - (Held in Committee 5-6-74, 6-3-74, 7-1-74, 8-5-74 and 9-9-74)

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

MR. ROSE said the Health & Protection Committee concurred with this item being Held.

- (7) Proposed RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF SEWER EASEMENT UNDER THE NESTLEDOWN PROPERTY - To provide proper sewage facilities for the Board of Recreation buildings on Courtland Avenue - (Letter dated 10-12-74 from Supt. of Recreation) - (Held in Committee 11-6-74)

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

MR. DeROSE said the Sewer Committee concurred with this item being Held.

In response to a question from MR. TRUGLIA, MR. SERRANI said the easement has not been signed and the Corporation Counsel has advised the Committee not to approve the resolution until the easement has been signed. He said the Committee is also waiting for the descriptive survey of the easement itself. He noted that the Committee approved the resolution on the condition that the easement was signed and the survey received, but since those conditions have not been met, the item will be held.

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- (8) WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for the AID FOR THE RETARDED, INC.
For building renovation program for its premises on the corner of
Richmond Hill Avenue and Fairfield Avenue - (Letter dated 1-9-75
from Sydney C. Kweskin, Esq.)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval
of the waiver of the building permit fee for the Aid for the Retarded,
Inc., and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (9) RESOLUTION NO. 984 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION OF A
MASTER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT - To provide for continuing state financial assistance
for Stamford's Day Care Program - (Letter dated 12-31-74 from the
Mayor)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval of the
following resolution and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 984

MASTER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND
THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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

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

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State
assistance imposed by Chapter 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract
with the State of Connecticut if such an Agreement is offered, and to
execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act
as the authorized representative of the City of Stamford.
3. This Resolution supercedes and replaces Resolution No. 935 approved
March 4, 1974 and Resolution No. 944 approved May 6, 1974. All
agreements executed pursuant to said Resolutions, however, shall
remain in full force and effect.

- (10) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES -
COMMISSION ON AGING - ESTABLISHED: COMPOSITION - To eliminate restric-
tive requirements for membership on the Commission on Aging (Letter
dated 11-18-74 from Anne B. McDonald, Chairman, Commission on Aging)

MR. SERRANI said a copy of the ordinance has been distributed to all the
members and reads as follows:

"NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. Section 11-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City be deleted and the following shall replace it.

2. There shall be a permanent Commission on Aging consisting of nine (9) members, each of whom shall serve with dedication to and interest in the elderly.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment."

In response to a question from MR. GUROIAN, MR. SERRANI said the word "permanent" refers to the Commission on Aging and not its members.

MR. FLANAGAN said it is his recollection that the Legislative & Rules Committee voted to recommend that the second paragraph read as follows:

2. There shall be a permanent Commission on Aging consisting of nine (9) members, each of whom shall have demonstrated dedication to and interest in the elderly.

MR. FLANAGAN said it was the feeling of the Committee that it would be expected as a prerequisite for appointment that an interest in the elderly had already been demonstrated by the nominees for membership on the Commission.

MR. SERRANI agreed that Mr. Flanagan's version was the one approved by the Committee and explained that a clerical error must have been made when this ordinance was typed earlier today.

MR. MARTINO said he did not feel a person who may not have had the opportunity to demonstrate an interest in the elderly ought to be denied that chance if they would like to serve on this Commission. HE MOVED that the second paragraph be amended to read as follows: Seconded.

2. There shall be a permanent Commission on Aging consisting of nine (9) members, each of whom shall serve with dedication to and interest in the elderly.

MR. FLANAGAN said the Commission on Aging came to this Board to ask that the very strict requirements for membership on the Commission as now enumerated in the Code of Ordinances be relaxed and this is what the Legislative & Rules Committee has done. He said this is a very important Commission and it was the Committee's feeling that it should not be used as a learning ground for people not familiar with the problems of the aging. He said this is a minimal requirement and much less restrictive than what exists at the moment.

MR. MARTINO said he objected to the limitations placed on prospective candidates.

MRS. HANDLEY said the Commission on Aging would benefit more if the members had some expertise and experience in the field.

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The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Martino's motion to amend the wording of the ordinance as it was approved by the Legislative & Rules Committee and the Motion LOST on a machine vote of 18 yes and 19 no.

MR. GURIOIAN MOVED TO RECONSIDER. He stated he was on the prevailing side of the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. LOUGHRAN suggested the word "preferably" be added to the ordinance so as not to exclude any candidate who wished to have the opportunity to serve on the Commission on Aging even though he may not have had the chance to do so in the past.

MR. MARTINO said he preferred to have the restrictive phrase eliminated entirely.

The VOTE was then taken on Mr. Martino's motion to amend the proposed ordinance and the motion CARRIED on a machine vote of 22 yes and 17 no.

MR. SERRANI MOVED that the following proposed ordinance concerning the Commission on Aging be approved for publication: Seconded and CARRIED.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

COMMISSION ON AGING, ESTABLISH-COMPOSITION

SECTION 11-7

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. Section 11-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City be deleted and the following shall replace it.
2. There shall be a permanent Commission on Aging consisting of nine (9) members, each of whom shall serve with dedication to and interest in the elderly.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

- (11) Proposed ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES - COMMISSION ON AGING - EXPENSES - Concerning the appointment of a Director for the Commission and employment of staff personnel to carry out functions of the Commission - (Letter dated 11-18-74 from Anne B. McDonald, Chairman, Commission on Aging)

MR. SERRANI said the Legislative & Rules Committee, the Fiscal Committee and the Personnel Committee met on the above item and reached an agreement to propose a resolution rather than an ordinance for the above matter, which he then read. He said the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend adoption of the resolution and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MRS. LAITMAN said the Fiscal Committee heard this request at its January 29th meeting. She said in as much as there is no appropriation request before the Board, the Committee only met for the purpose of getting information for the Board. She said because of the need for even further information she met today with Commissioner Montgomery and Controller Buchanan and has also been in touch with Benefits Manager Mary Ann Kilgrew. She said it is Mr. Buchanan's feeling that it would be less confusing if the health package is left in tact because to split groups would give some people partial coverage. She said she has the costs for the medical and life insurance package as close as can be ascertained at this time. She said total City cost for the eight full-time employees would be \$6,652.16. She said this does not include pension or Civil Service status for these employees.

MR. LOUGHRAN noted that the resolution as read did not include dental insurance coverage.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED to amend the resolution to include specifically dental coverage. Seconded.

MR. HOFFMAN said the Personnel Committee has no objections to these employees receiving the benefits as described. He said what the Committee did object to was the granting of Civil Service status to the employees of the Commission on Aging.

The VOTE was then taken on Mrs. Laitman's motion to include specifically dental insurance coverage and the motion CARRIED.

MR. GUROIAN said he feels compelled to take an unpopular stance on this item and would urge the Board not to approve this resolution. He said this is not the first attempt on the part of the Commission on Aging and the Fair, Rent Commission to get these benefits.

He said the 12th Board dealt with this request on March 5, 1973 and the vote was 24 yes and 14 no and because a two-thirds vote was required the request was denied. He said the Board again dealt with the request at a meeting on July 2, 1973 and the request was denied at that time by a voice vote. He said it was pointed out at that time that the City is required by contract to provide benefits for Civil Service people and the employees of these two Commissions are not Civil Service. He said it was stated that when these people took these jobs they were well aware of the fact they were not going to receive the same benefits extended to Civil Service employees. He said he feels that if the 12th Board deemed this request not reasonable, he can not see why this Board would oblige these two Commissions at this time. He said there are people who would gladly take on these jobs without the medical benefits as part of the package. He said he objects to these benefits being given to these employees.

MR. TRESSER said in November 1970 a resolution was adopted giving insurance to the Mayor, Town Clerk, Registrars of Voters, Director of Health, Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Finance, Corporation Counsel, Board of Finance Field Representative and the Mayor's Executive Aide and they are not Civil Service employees and he doesn't see why the employees of these two Commissions should not have these benefits.

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MR. DAVIDOFF said the employees of the Commission on Aging are a dedicated and devoted group and the City is to be congratulated in not having forgotten its elderly citizens. He said the Commission is a credit to this City and a model for other cities to follow. He said these people are not overpaid and it is very difficult and expensive for them to get hospitalization and dental care. He said the City owes it to the people who are doing a good job for the City and for the elderly citizens.

MR. CROSBY said he was in favor of this resolution and noted that the 12th Board was yesterday. He said for an individual to buy his own personal hospitalization insurance is prohibitive and yet it could be financially disastrous not to have it in case of need. He said it is a necessity for these people to have this insurance.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he agreed with Mr. Crosby and noted that what the 12th Board did has nothing to do with what this Board does. He reminded the members that regardless of what conditions a person took a job under it has nothing to do with the request before the Board. He said the elderly people in this City deserve to have reliable and dedicated people working on their behalf.

MR. CONNORS said everything he wanted to say has been said and noted his support for this request.

MR. GUROIAN noted that the Director of the Commission on Aging earns \$14,700 and there are people in his district who earn about half of that and they cannot afford all the medical coverage that we are going to give to this Director, and yet they can not come to this Board to ask for these benefits. He said his point is that the bearer of the cost of these medical insurance plans is the taxpayer. He said he objected to backtracking on the initial agreement when these employees were hired.

MRS. CLARK MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on the amended resolution extending insurance benefits to the employees of the Commission on Aging, which follows, and the resolution was adopted on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 985

AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS, AGENTS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the following officers, agents and employees of the Commission on Aging shall be included in the group life, dental, health, hospitalization and major medical policies available to other City employees:

Director
Director of Senior Center
Program Directors (2)
Drivers (2)
Secretary (1)
Clerical Assistant (1)

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- (12) RESOLUTION NO. 986 AUTHORIZING MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR DIRECTOR OF FAIR RENT COMMISSION - To enable Director of Fair Rent Commission to be included in the hospitalization and major medical insurance programs of the City - (Letter received 12-9-74 signed by the members of the Fair Rent Commission)

MR. SERRANI reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee voted 9 to 0 to recommend approval of this resolution and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED to amend the resolution to include dental coverage. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. HOFFMAN said the Personnel Committee concurs on this recommendation.

MRS. LAITMAN MOVED to amend the resolution to include group life insurance. Seconded and CARRIED.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to adopt the following resolution granting insurance benefits to the employees of the Fair Rent Commission and the motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 986

CONCERNING MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR
FAIR RENT COMMISSION EMPLOYEES (2)

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the Director of the Fair Rent Commission and the Secretary of the Fair Rent Commission shall be included in the group, life, dental, health, hospitalization and major medical policies available to other City employees.

- (13) REQUEST THAT BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES INVESTIGATE PROBLEM THAT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HAS HAD WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING INABILITY TO GET LEGAL OPINIONS WHEN REQUESTED - (Letter dated 12-19-74 from John F. Leydon, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, et seq.)

MR. SERRANI said the Committee met on this item and the members had before them a copy of an opinion that was given to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said in as much as the Committee had been requested to investigate the problem the ZBA had regarding their inability to get legal opinions when requested and because the opinion had been sent the Committee voted to hold the item in Committee.

MR. TRUGLIA said he had suggested last month that this Board seek answers from the Corporation Counsel as requested by the Zoning Board of Appeals and now four weeks later another one of these rather lengthy dissertations is received which he found does not really answer the questions that were posed. He said on Page 1 of the January 30, 1975 letter from the Corporation Counsel in the second paragraph there is a reference to a "governmentally-owned property" and it seems that because of that it is the Corporation Counsel's opinion there would be no violation. He said he wonders whether Turn of River is really privately-owned or City-owned property. He said it is his opinion that it is privately-owned. He said the Corporation Counsel also refers to Article III, Section 9 (d) (7) (b) of the Regulations and that seems to be in contradiction with what he says we should look at on another page - Page 26. He said this section seems to supersede what he refers to in an early page. He said it says, "The following additional standards should apply..." He said it bothers him that when a ruling is requested that the Corporation Counsel forgets everyone is not a lawyer, that it is lay people trying to get an answer and when it comes to zoning it is important that lay people understand the questions and also the answers.

He said he would like to go out on a limb and say that based on what is written on Page 3 that maybe this is a violation on the Merritt Plaza because the Corporation Counsel seems to indicate that perhaps there is. He said he would still like to have a clear-cut answer to whether or not there is a violation. He said he would like to have further investigation of his request that this Board sit with the Corporation Counsel and the Zoning Board of Appeals to see if the question can be satisfactorily answered.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Truglia speak directly with the Corporation Counsel or go to the Mayor if he is of the opinion that the Corporation Counsel is not doing his job.

MR. DeROSE said the Corporation Counsel's recent reply to the Zoning Board of Appeals is another example of meaningless rhetoric. He said he read Mr. Freedman's reply and if it contains a clear opinion it would take another attorney to decipher it. He said the City Commissions and Boards who seek the opinion of the Corporation Counsel are entitled to a clear opinion, be it right or wrong, and not merely one that satisfies all parties. He said that judging by the quality and quantity of the correspondence to date it would take a long time coming before this matter is resolved. He said it appears to him that a meeting between the Corporation Counsel and the Zoning Board of Appeals may be necessary and he supports Mr. Truglia in whatever action he wants to take.

MR. TRESSER said he has a list of activities of the Corporation Counsel's office and there are 3,200 cases pending as of now. He said just because a member of this Board requests an opinion it does not mean that the men in that office have to jump. He said the men in the Law Department are dedicated people. He said there are 250 new claims against the City, there are contracts and there are tax collections.

MR. SAINBURG said he is not a lawyer but the Corporation Counsel's opinion of January 28 is very clear. He quoted as follows:

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"Based upon this interpretation, it follows then that it is our opinion that the side yard shown for the National Merritt building is not in conformity with the requirements of Section 9 of the zoning ordinance."

THE PRESIDENT said that he will instruct the Administrative Assistant to put this item again on the tentative agenda for the Steering Committee.

MR. SERRANI asked that the item be clarified a bit more as the problem is no longer that the Zoning Board of Appeals is unable to get opinions.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MR. ROSE said the Health & Protection Committee met on Tuesday, January 28 and present were Reps. Sandor, Clark, Zimble, McInerney and Rose. He said the Committee discussed numerous items and sent letters to the Parking Authority concerning vandalism at the railroad station, to the Board of Finance, Board of Education and the Planning Board concerning sidewalks for Dam Drive, and to the Controller concerning the regulations for closing-out sales.

MRS. FORMAN said she has written a letter to the Chairman of Health & Protection Committee requesting the Committee to hold an open meeting to discuss and hopefully to find solutions to the growing problem of burglary and vandalism being perpetrated at the railroad station in the commuter parking lots. She said this meeting should include people from the Parking Authority, members of the Police Department and representatives from the Penn Central security force as well as members from the general public and commuter action groups. She said she has met with some representatives of the police and the Parking Authority and she feels that by coordinating their activities and providing some input by commuters and others the surveillance procedures could well be improved. She requested the meeting to be set up as soon as possible.

MR. ZIMBLER and MR. SAINBURG endorsed this request.

MRS. MCINERNEY said the Health & Protection Committee also discussed the traffic situation at Riverbank School and their sidewalks and a meeting has been scheduled for March 4 with the Board of Education and the residents of the area in order to resolve this problem. She also said that in regard to Lenox Avenue she has gotten in touch with the Erosion Control Board of the State Department of Environmental Protection and they will check to see if there is funding available to try to correct that problem. She said she is also contacting the Fairfield District Soil Conservation and Water group and asking them to look at the situation to advise what needs to be done to stop the erosion.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

MR. BLOIS reported on the following items:

- (1) PETITION NO. 393 FOR APPROVAL TO HAVE ANNUAL FIREMEN'S PARADE ON MAY 28, 1975 - (Letter dated 1-15-75 from Captain Carmen F. Pinto Parade Chairman, Springdale Fire Company, Inc.)

MR. BLOIS said the Parks & Recreation Committee voted to recommend approval on Petition No. 393 and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (2) PETITION NO. 394 - FOR APPROVAL OF BANNER ACROSS HOPE STREET -
To promote Annual Firemen's Parade and carnival of Springdale Fire Company - (Letter dated 1-15-75 from Captain Carmen F. Pinto, Parade Chairman, Springdale Fire Co., Inc.)

MR. BLOIS said the Parks & Recreation Committee voted to recommend approval of the above petition and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (3) MARINA FEES FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT - Submitted by Julius Blois, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee on 1-20-75 as follows:

CUMMINGS and COVE:

| | |
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| Large Dock | \$60.00 |
| Small Dock | 50.00 |
| Open Dock | 2.50 per foot |
| Minimum | 35.00 |

SOUTHFIELD: \$30.00

RAMP PERMITS (one time use):

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Non- Connecticut Resident | \$ 5.00 |
| Connecticut Resident | 2.00 |
| Stamford Resident | .50 |

SEASONAL USE:

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|----------------------|---------|
| Rack | \$10.00 |
| Resident Trailer | 5.00 |
| Non-Resident Trailer | 25.00 |

MR. BLOIS said the Committee voted to recommend approval of the fees as presented and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

In response to a question from MRS. LAITMAN, MR. BLOIS said the fees are the same as last year except for the open dock fee at Cummings and Cove which has increased from \$2.25 per foot to \$2.50. He said most of the fees were raised a little bit last year.

MRS. LAITMAN said she knows the fees do not cover costs and she feels they are inadequate.

The VOTE was taken on the motion to approve the marina fees and the motion CARRIED.

- (4) AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARK DEPARTMENT AND STAMFORD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - Concerning fee for ice rental at the Terry Connors Ice Skating Rink in the amount of \$8,160.00 for 240 hours - (Letter dated 12-17-74 from Eugene Berube, Supt. of Parks)

MR. BLOIS said the Parks & Recreation Committee had a combined meeting with the Park Department and the Recreation Department. He said present were Reps. Perillo, Rybnick, Ravallese, Sainburg and Blois, and Mr. Berube, Mr. Fitzmaurice, Mr. Cowlin, Mrs. Cookney, Mr. Malloy and Mr. Condon from the Park Department and from the Board of Recreation Mr. Lopriore, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Giordano. He said at this meeting they discussed the agreement between the Park Department and the Stamford Youth Hockey League. He said the Committee voted to recommend approval of the agreement as presented and HE SO MOVED. Seconded.

MRS. LAITMAN congratulated Mr. Blois for his part in arriving at this agreement. She said she is glad to see that the Park Department is willing to review fee schedules for non-profit groups such as the Hockey League.

The VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the agreement between the Park Department and the Stamford Youth Hockey Association and the motion CARRIED.

MR. BLOIS said the Board of Recreation fees will be presented next month and each member will receive a copy prior to that meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MR. HOFFMAN said the Personnel Committee has prepared a written report, which has been cleared by the Corporation Counsel, concerning the following agenda item:

(1) CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

- A. REPORT ON OPEN MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 1975 - Held by the Personnel Committee to hear from Park Commission, Personnel Commission, Department of Civil Service and others regarding circumstances surrounding the recent appointment of a Supt. of Parks for the City of Stamford.

MR. HOFFMAN then read the following report:

"The PERSONNEL COMMITTEE and the Board of Representatives have been given another difficult task of looking into the procedures used in the Appointment of the Stamford Superintendent of Parks. Our Committee has spent numerous hours in meetings trying to obtain as many facts as possible. We also spent a great deal of time making phone calls that provided us with information pertinent to this matter.

"As Chairman of this Committee we have tried to keep this as non-political and as impartial as possible. I believe that our Committee has been fair with all the parties involved in this matter.

"We are not lawyers or professional investigators. We did try to preserve and upgrade the integrity of the Board of Representatives by conducting as fair and thorough an investigation as possible.

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"The total time for our investigation has been relatively short considering the complexities which confronted us at the very start. All of the Committee members have been under a great deal of personal and political pressure to accept the facts and then vote one way or another.

"We have sought the many answers to the questions which everyone has had for the past several months. We have found some answers to many of the questions and we have heard conflicting statements from various people in our public hearings.

"As a result of our efforts we have finally arrived at a decision. Our Committee recommends that our Board undertake a further investigation of this appointment by a vote of 4 to 1.

"In our recommendations to the Board our Committee is not seeking tooust anyone. We have arrived at our recommendation because we cannot reconcile in our own minds how the educational requirements in the job specifications could be disregarded as they were in this particular instance.

"The job specifications clearly and unequivocally state that "graduation from College with a major course of study in horticulture, forestry, civil engineering, landscape architecture or park planning and management" is necessary under the qualifications for education. Nowhere under the heading of education qualifications does it state that there is a suitable substitute for the educational requirements.

"As an example, in the paragraph under "Work Experience", it clearly states that "Five years of progressively responsible high level park management in the supervision and planning of the care and maintenance of large tracts of grounds, including the planting and care of shrubbery and flowers and the maintenance of specialized recreational facilities, OR any satisfactory equivalent combination of education, training, and experience."

"In addition to this, other requirements for "Skills, knowledges and abilities" are spelled out in another eight paragraphs. Once again we stress the fact that these additional "Skills, knowledges, and abilities" DO NOT qualify under the Educational requirements.

"Evidence has been found by our Committee that the job of Superintendent of Parks was advertised in a national magazine. We have been told that someone in the Park Department placed this ad, however, we do not know under whose authority this was done. The ad reads as follows:

"Stamford, Connecticut --- Superintendent of Parks and Natural Resources. Salary range: \$18,500-\$23,000 and negotiable. Position will become vacant as of July 1, 1974. Present incumbent will serve as consultant until successor is appointed and acclimated. Stamford is a City of 115,000 on Long Island Sound, 45 miles from New York City. Five public beaches, 3 public marinas; 700 acres of conventional parks with ball fields, tennis courts, picnic areas. 170 acre woodland preserve with lodge and chief ranger occupancy. Department has responsibility for over 100,000 street trees. Municipal Golf and Organized Recreation are in other agencies. Preliminary inquiries should be address to: Park Commission, Personnel inquiry Div., P.O. Box 1314, Stamford, Conn. 06904".

"Another factor that caused us to reach the conclusion that a further investigation is necessary is because the Parks Commission asked to see several additional job applicants after they had an opportunity to interview the first and only three applicants submitted to them by the Personnel Department. In our minds we believe that the Park Commissioners were unhappy or dissatisfied, or felt something was amiss, otherwise these commissioners would have gladly accepted the original list without requesting additional candidates. Please bear in mind that each Park Commissioner has his or her own idea on this subject, and our Committee was not able to obtain an unanimous opinion from them in this particular area.

"Our Committee also believes that a further investigation is warranted because although the Personnel Commission and the Parks Commission did not violate the provisions of the Charter, they did not do all that was within their powers to resolve this matter."

LEONARD HOFFMAN
CHAIRMAN, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

In response to a request from MR. MARTINO, MR. HOFFMAN said copies of his report would be sent to all members.

MR. GUROIAN asked if the investigating committee does find evidence of wrongdoing, would they have the power to recommend dismissal?

MR. HOFFMAN said he stated in his report that his Committee was not looking to oust anyone. He said they tried to make their report and investigation as non-political as possible. He said his Committee was charged with the responsibility of determining whether or not further investigation would be necessary, and that is just exactly what they did.

MR. DeROSE said he gathered from what Mr. Hoffman said that the Personnel Committee has concluded that a college education was a requirement. He said to him this seems to be the crux of the whole problem. He said if the Personnel Committee feels this way he is curious why this whole thing should be continued, and why that Committee is not ready to make some sort of a recommendation.

MR. HOFFMAN repeated that the Committee was only charged with determining whether or not further investigation was necessary. He said the education factor is of extreme importance and the majority of the Committee did decide that a college education was required.

MR. DAVIDOFF congratulated the Chairman of the Personnel Committee for handling a difficult assignment in a democratic manner. He said he does not agree on the one point that is being discussed right now. He then read a statement he had prepared as follows:

"As of member of the Personnel Committee, I would like to make a statement on this matter, as I believe the taxpayers of this community must be completely confused at this point. I feel it is my duty to reveal the facts as they were given to the Personnel Committee. This matter has generated so much hysterical controversy and slanted newspaper coverage that I was determined to look at the hard evidence presented by the Civil Service Department carefully and objectively. The Personnel

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Director, Mr. Barker, and his assistant, Mr. Stobbie, came willingly to the Committee hearing and even volunteered to come to a second meeting which they subsequently did. The Personnel Committee had these two gentlemen at their disposal for a total of roughly five hours during which time they answered any and every question put to them. I did not find one thing wrong with the way the examination was handled and I and other members of the Committee were allowed to see every scrap of paper relevant to the examination. After looking at the evidence, the hard inescapable conclusion I was left with was that the three examiners on the panel and military service or veterans' points had placed Mr. Berube in the top three candidates and the Park Commission chose him as Superintendent. The Civil Service Department is not a hiring agency. They simply certify the top three candidates resulting from an examination. There was no written formal request from the Park Commission for more eligibles to interview. Mr. Barker has repeatedly pointed out that the City Charter and the Civil Service Regulations both emphasize that 'Promotions shall be filled from within wherever practicable and feasible'. All the Civil Service people did was to give a long-tenured employee an opportunity to compete. I believe the Civil Service Department fulfilled their obligations under the Charter professionally, admirably and honestly. I have seen the mathematics determining the final eligibility list and found nothing wrong and I firmly believe that nothing will be found by any investigating committee. The facts in this matter have been buried in a landslide of innuendo, false accusation and downright ignorance by some regarding the City Charter, the Civil Service Regulations and contemporary Civil Service practices. The Personnel Committee was shown a recent survey of the practice of using two years of pertinent experience for every year that an applicant lacks in academic achievement. It seems that not only most of our sister cities use this formula but the Connecticut State and Federal Governments as well. This practice is entirely consistent with modern merit system procedures. As a matter of fact, another applicant outside the employ of the City was allowed to take the examination. Why? Because his career situation closely approximated that of Mr. Berube. That candidate was failed by the examining panel. This candidate's academic achievement was factorized in the same manner as Mr. Berube's. Because the deciding factor as explained by the Civil Service Department was the examination and in all exams it is the mark the candidate achieves that contributes in the main to his standing on the eligibility list. You can not escape from the indisputable truth of basic mathematics and that is what this case boils down to. I have seen the mathematics and found nothing wrong. After this matter erupted, rejected applicants began coming from everywhere in our community shouting foul. Where were their complaints when they were rejected months before? One rejected candidate claimed he possessed eight years of park experience when the fact is that is just not so. He possessed no high level parks supervisory experience. Another rejected candidate stated he was unfairly rejected because he lacked the college degree, which was true enough, but only half of the story. He possessed not one iota of park experience as well. Surely the time has come to end the wild ride. We find ourselves astride a runaway horse. The furious pace of our ride is goaded on by erroneous and slanted newspaper articles, political ballyhoo and publicized statements of misinformed people, all too eager to grab a headline. I have seen and listened to the facts and I am eminently satisfied. I welcome a fair and judicial inquiry into all the facts concerning this

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appointment or any appointment produced through our Civil Service procedures in Stamford. I am proud of the manner in which the Personnel Director and his assistant have operated--honestly, sincerely and loyally to all the citizens of our community, seeing to it regardless of one's political affiliation he was afforded a fair shake. I also am a firm believer in the rights of a free press. However, freedom can only be sustained by an obligation to tell the truth, the whole truth and not innuendos to be construed by out of context quotes which are read as news but are in all reality the opinions of the writer. Clearly they have been words of the commentator critical of Civil Service of which I find them lacking knowledge. You and I are most fortunate to live in a country where the rights of a man to a fair hearing and trial are provided justly by committees or courts legally appointed to hear the same. The rights of an individual to that fair hearing are supposed to be protected from any prejudice that may occur in the pages of the press or on the air. No matter how diametrically opposed to the thinking of another that obligation of seeing to it that one's rights are protected is the obligation of all of us if we wish to maintain a free society. The one judged could be you and so I welcome this investigation."

MR. CONNORS said he agrees with Mr. Davidoff. He said he has the original copy that went out for the ads for the position. He said the Post Office Box does not belong to any one in the Park Commission. He said on the original copy under education it says a degree in landscape architecture or parks management or equivalent is required. He said he does not see where an investigation is going to learn anything, or to gain anything and it will cost the taxpayers \$20,000 or more.

MR. HOFFMAN MOVED that a resolution concerning the establishment of a special investigating committee under provisions of Section 204.2 of the Charter to investigate circumstances and procedures concerning the appointment of the Superintendent of Parks be adopted. Seconded.

MR. HOFFMAN noted that the proposed resolution was drawn up by Mr. Laitman primarily with some changes added by the Committee. He said some of the comments made tonight point out that there are still some doubts in everyone's mind about one thing or another and serve to emphasize the need for further investigation. He said the majority of the Committee questions an applicant being given 70 points on the rating sheets for meeting the minimum specifications when in fact that applicant did not have a college degree. He said it is not clear whether an applicant's being allowed to take the examination without a degree is a point of law or a point of judgment. He also said it is not clear if the Personnel Department can deny the opportunity to take the examination because of the lack of a degree and experience. He also said there is a question whether the Personnel Department can allow a person the opportunity to take the examination without all the minimum qualifications on the basis of past precedence. He said these questions and other gray areas bear further investigation by a non-political and unbiased group of people.

MR. ZIMBLER said he saw the same set of figures that Mr. Davidoff saw and he saw plenty wrong. He said the figures are there but the method by which the figures were arrived would in his opinion bear further investigation. He said there is a lot of leeway granted to the Personnel Director in the granting of points. He said he would like to commend the Advocate and WSTC and noted that if it hadn't been for the local media this whole matter might never have been

brought out in the open.

THE PRESIDENT said that the resolution pending before the Board requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire membership for passage.

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

MR. TRUGLIA asked if it were in the jurisdiction of the investigating committee to recommend that Mr. Berube be removed if the findings warrant it.

THE PRESIDENT said he did not think the committee would have the power to remove the Superintendent of Parks. He said it would be up to the committee as to what recommendations they might make and how those recommendations might be carried out.

MR. LOUGHRAN said it appears to him that the only proper way to get this matter cleared up is to implement a complete and thorough investigation. He noted that Mayor Lenz has said on numerous occasions that if this Board does not conduct an investigation, he will. He said it is his preference to have this Board, as elected representatives of the citizens, undertake this task.

MRS. HANDLEY said Article IX, Section 4 of the Civil Service Regulations states that "any employee who is found to have been appointed through fraud or error shall be removed within ten days of notification to this effect by the Director of Personnel to the appointing authority." She said if the investigating committee came up with fraud or error it would be automatic that the person would be removed.

MR. FLANAGAN MOVED TO AMEND the proposed resolution so that the last paragraph read "second regular meeting". Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. LOWDEN said he would agree with Mr. Loughran in that it would be better for this Board to conduct the investigation rather than a committee appointed by the Mayor.

Following additional discussion, MR. CROSBY MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE was then taken on the motion to approve the following resolution and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 35 yes and 4 no: (The Roll Call vote follows the resolution).

RESOLUTION NO. 987

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 204.2 OF THE CHARTER TO INVESTIGATE
CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THE APPOINTMENT OF A
SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a Special Investigating Committee be established under the provisions of Section 204.2 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, such Committee to be composed of eight (8) members to be appointed by the President so that the recommendations of the Majority and Minority Leaders be taken into consideration, for the following purposes:

1. To investigate the circumstances surrounding the recent appointment of a Superintendent of Parks; and

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2. To investigate the procedures followed by the Department of Civil Service in the recruitment and certification of eligible applicants for said position, including the role of the Personnel Commission in said procedures; and
3. To recommend changes in the procedures of the Department of Civil Service, if changes are deemed to be warranted following said investigation.

BE AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that said Special Investigating Committee make a final report on its findings at the second regular meeting of the Board of Representatives following the establishment of said Committee and that any and all extensions be limited to a maximum of one additional month.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING
A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
CROSBY, Robert (R)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
EKNICIOS, Robert (R)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROLAN, Armen (D)
HANDLEY, Diane (R)
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)
KELLY, James (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)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
ROSS, Salvan (D)
SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
WALSH, Peter (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION OF ESTABLISHING
A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

CONNORS, George (D)
FERILLO, Alfred (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

MR. HOFFMAN then MOVED that the following resolution enabling the Board to incur expenses in connection with the investigation just authorized be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 988

CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION UNDER SECTION 206 OF THE CHARTER ENABLING THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that under the provisions of Section 206 of the Charter of the City of Stamford the Board of Representatives shall have authority to incur any expenses which it deems necessary or advisable in connection with the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the appointment of a Superintendent of Parks as authorized on February 3, 1975 under Section 204.2 of the Charter.

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

The following ROLL CALL VOTE was then taken on the motion to adopt the above resolution and the motion CARRIED by a vote of 34 yes and 5 no:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:

BLOIS, Julius (D)
BOCCUZZI, John (D)
BOCCUZZI, Theodore (D)
CIBULSKAS, Algird (D)
CLARK, Linda (D)
COSTELLO, Robert (D)
CROSBY, Robert (R)
DAVIDOFF, Norman (D)
DeROSE, Joseph (D)
EXNICIOS, Robert (R)
FLANAGAN, William (R)
FORMAN, Barbara (R)
GUROIAN, Armen (D)
HANDLEY, Diane (R)
HOFFMAN, Leonard (R)
KELLY, James (D)
LAITMAN, Marilyn (D)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah (D)
LOUGHRAN, Michael (D)
LOWDEN, Lynn (D)
MARTINO, Vincent (D)
McINERNEY, Barbara (R)
MILLER, Frederick (D)
MORABITO, Joseph (D)
PERKINS, Billie (R)
RAVALLESE, George (D)
ROSE, Matthew (D)
ROSS, Salvan (D)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

CONNORS, George (D)
MAYNOR, Frederick (D)
PERILLO, Alfred (D)
RYBNICK, Gerald (D)
TRUGLIA, Anthony (D)

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: (continued)

SAINBURG, Richard (R)
SANDOR, John (D)
SERRANI, Thom (D)
TRESSER, Michael (R)
WALSH, Peter (D)
ZIMBLER, Kurt (R)

MRS. FORMAN MOVED that the following Sense of the Board Resolution, which would request that the probationary period of the Superintendent of Parks be extended to one year, be adopted: Seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 989

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has set up an investigating Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the appointment of the Superintendent of Parks and the hiring practices of the Personnel Dept.; and

WHEREAS, the time period allotted for this Committee to report back to the full Board is two months; and

WHEREAS, the probationary period of the Superintendent of Parks ends in March, 1975;

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives requests the Park Commission to extend the probationary period of the Superintendent of Parks so that it will have been a total period of twelve (12) months and expire on September 12, 1975.

Following some discussion, the vote was taken on the motion to adopt the above resolution and the motion CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT called for a brief recess to allow him to meet with the Majority and Minority Leaders concerning the appointments to the investigating committee. (1:30 a.m.)

Following the recess, THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order at 1:35 a.m.

THE PRESIDENT announced the appointment of the following members to the Special Investigating Committee just authorized:

Robert Ennicios (R), Co-Chairman
Robert Crosby (R)
Richard Sainburg (R)
Barbara Forman (R)
John Boccuzzi (D), Co-Chairman
Peter Walsh (D)
Lynn Lowden (D)
Robert Costello (D)

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. ROSS said the Planning & Zoning Committee met Monday, January 27, and present were Reps. Guroian, Rose, Tresser, Sainburg and Ross. 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: \$86,500.00

(Held in Committee 9-9-74, 10-7-74, 11-6-74, 12-2-74 and 1-6-75)

MR. ROSS said the Committee voted to recommend adoption of the following resolution authorizing the sale of the City-owned property on Fairfield Avenue and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 990AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Planning Board reviewed the list of City-owned property and at its meeting on August 21, 1974, pursuant to the request of the Commissioner of Finance dated August 8, 1973 recommended the sale of such property including a parcel bisected by Fairfield Avenue and acquired by the City of Stamford from the Penn Central Railroad on June 25, 1973, subsequently filled in to create two separate parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, by his letter of July 10, 1974 to the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives, recommended the sale of said parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, at its meeting of July 24, 1974 recommended the sale of said parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives, the governing body of the City of Stamford, pursuant to the General Corporate Powers, Section 40 (1) of the Stamford Charter, and in accordance with Section 488 of the Stamford Charter, and in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-33 through 6-36 of the Code of General Ordinances, as follows:

1. That the City sell the following listed city-owned property acquired from the Penn Central Railroad on June 25, 1973.
 - a. West side of Fairfield Avenue consisting of 82,722 sq. ft. for a price of not less than \$206,805.00.
 - b. East side of Fairfield Avenue consisting of 29,871 sq. ft. for a price of not less than \$74,677.50.
2. That the Mayor, on receipt of this Resolution, sell the above two city-owned parcels at public auction, but for not less than the above amounts, in accordance with Chapter 6, Sections 6-33 through 6-36 of the Code of General Ordinance.

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- (2) Proposed GUIDELINES FOR NAMING MUNICIPALLY-OWNED FACILITIES - such as parks, recreational facilities, streets, etc. - (Mayor's letter of 11-5-74) - (Held in Committee 1-6-75)

MR. ROSS said it was the feeling of the Planning & Zoning Committee that they would recommend to the Board that a Special non-partisan committee be formed to formulate guidelines for naming municipally-owned facilities. He said the Committee recommended and this new committee be composed of four members, two of whom should be Republicans and two Democrats. He said they also recommend that the committee have open hearings with the public and with other Boards and Commissions. HE MOVED that this proposed Committee be formed. Seconded by Mr. Serrani who said the Legislative & Rules Committee concurred with this proposal. CARRIED.

- (3) Proposed LEASE of Paul's Place to High Ridge Plaza - To be used for off-street parking and landscape improvement - Lease to cover 25-year period - (Mayor's letter of 11-14-74) - (Held in Committee 1-6-75)

MR. ROSS said the Planning & Zoning Committee voted to recommend that the following resolution authorizing the lease of Paul's Place be adopted and HE SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Serrani who said the Legislative & Rules Committee concurred. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 991

AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PAUL'S PLACE

WHEREAS, the Mayor, by letter dated November 14, 1974, has recommended that the City of Stamford lease Paul's Place to High Ridge Plaza pursuant to the terms of the instrument which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board at its meeting held on November 26, 1974 concurred in such recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, at its meeting held on December 12, 1974 concurred in such recommendation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives, the governing body of the City of Stamford, pursuant to the General Corporate Powers, section 40 (1) of the Stamford Charter, as follows:

1. That the City of Stamford lease Paul's Place to High Ridge Plaza in accordance with the terms of the instrument which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That the Mayor is authorized to execute said lease on behalf of the City of Stamford.

DESCRIPTIVE SURVEY OF PAUL'S PLACE

SCHEDULE B

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Beginning at a point on the westerly side of High Ridge Road as it now exists with its intersection with the southerly line of Oaklawn Avenue, thence easterly along a curve to the right the radius of which is 18.33 feet a distance of 44.63 feet, thence southeasterly along the southerly line of Oaklawn Avenue, the bearing of which is S 41° 59' 20" E a distance of 58.28 feet, thence along a curve to the left the radius of which is 50.00 feet a distance of 11.40 feet and thence S 55° 03' 00" E a distance of 15.97 feet to the easterly side of Paul's Place, so called, thence along the easterly side of Paul's Place, so called the following courses; along a curve to the right the radius of which is 560.00 feet a distance of 121.65 feet, thence along a curve to the right the radius of which is 300.00 feet a distance of 65.07 feet, thence along a curve to the right the radius of which is 620.00 feet a distance of 20.27 feet to the westerly line of Halpin Avenue, thence southerly along the westerly line of Halpin Avenue, the bearing of which is S 15° 02' 17" W a distance of 140.69 feet southerly along the westerly line of Halpin Avenue, the bearing of which is S 18° 06' 00" W a distance of 34.46 feet, thence northerly along the westerly line of property of High Ridge Plaza the following courses and distances; N 10° 30' 10" E a distance of 51.46 feet, N 4° 08' 20" E a distance of 28.96 feet, N 1° 03' 30" W a distance of 91.43 feet, N 7° 13' 00" W a distance of 45.77 feet, N 14° 14' 00" W a distance of 10.95 feet, N 20° 10' 30" W a distance of 46.24 feet, N 24° 05' 00" W a distance of 39.08 feet, N 31° 36' 00" W a distance of 12.08 feet, N 33° 19' 50" W a distance of 98.00 feet, thence a curve to the left, the radius of which is 20.00 a distance of 21.10 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Subject to the right, privilege and easement by the City of Stamford, its successors and assigns, to enter upon the above described premises, to maintain, repair, install, construct, operate and/or replace storm and sanitary sewers, drainage systems, water mains and other underground utilities, provided that after the completion of such maintenance, repair, installation, construction and operation, during the term of the lease of which this schedule is a part, the City of Stamford, as its own expense, shall restore the land, as nearly as possible, to its then existing condition.

MR. ROSS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES so that he could present a second resolution concerning Paul's Place. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. ROSS said the Planning & Zoning Committee voted to recommend that the following resolution to discontinue Paul's Place as a public highway be adopted and HE SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 992

TO DISCONTINUE PAUL'S PLACE AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Sec. 1. Paul's Place, bounded and described as follows, is hereby declared to be discontinued as a public highway.

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of High Ridge Road as it now exists with its intersection with the southerly line of Oaklawn Avenue, thence easterly along a curve to the right the radius of which is 18.33 feet a distance of 44.63 feet, thence southeasterly along the

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Section 2. The duty, responsibility and cost of the maintenance of the above described roadway shall be and is hereby declared to be transferred to and borne by High Ridge Plaza for the period of and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a lease between the said High Ridge Plaza and the City of Stamford which has this day been approved by this Board.

The City of Stamford, its successors and assigns, reserve a perpetual right, privilege, and easement to enter upon the above described premises, to maintain, repair, install, construct, operate and/or replace storm and sanitary sewers, drainage systems, water mains and other underground utilities, provided that after the completion of such maintenance, repair, installation, construction, and operation, during the term of said lease, the City of Stamford, at its own expense, shall restore the land, as nearly as possible, to its then existing condition.

This resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Finance.

In response to a question from MR. BLOIS, MR. ROSS said the notice to the public of the sale of the Washington Blvd. property will be appearing in the newspaper in the very near future. He said the delay was caused because of some confusion over which department of the City was supposed to handle the sale. He said that mixup has been clarified and the property will be offered for sale soon.

PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE

MRS. McINERNEY MOVED that the following Sense of the Board resolution concerning the construction of the Clinton Avenue Housing Project for Senior Citizens be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Costello and CARRIED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 993

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford has an acute housing problem for the elderly as evidenced by the list of elderly residents in need of housing which now numbers 400; and

WHEREAS, the projected number of senior citizens in Stamford by 1980 will be between 18,000 and 20,000; and

WHEREAS, the plans for the Clinton Avenue Housing Project for Senior Citizens of Stamford have recently been turned down by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the 13th Board of Representatives supports and endorses the need for construction of the Clinton Avenue project for the elderly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The 13th Board of Representatives requests the service and action of United States Senator Abraham Ribicoff, United States Senator Lowell Weicker and United States Representative Stewart McKinney to intervene on behalf of the City of Stamford to expedite the approval of the construction of the Clinton Avenue Housing Project for Senior Citizens of Stamford.

MRS. MCINERNEY reported that the Public Housing & General Relocation Committee has requested from the Housing Authority a current list of tenant associations within the low-rent and moderate-rent complexes. She said the Committee intends to notify these groups that the Public Housing & General Relocation Committee of the 13th Board of Representatives will be happy to receive and hear complaints and to help them with any appeals that they might have.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. FLANAGAN reported that the Urban Renewal Committee met on January 29, with Reps. Clark, Costello, Martino, Handley and Flanagan present. He said the Steering Committee had requested the Committee to investigate the lease between the Urban Redevelopment Commission and Bloomingdale's for the parking lot on Broad Street next to Kramer's fabric store. He said Mr. Hibben and Mrs. Sherman were present from the URC. He said the URC acquired this lot from Federated Department Stores in January 1970 and two weeks later they leased it back to Bloomingdale's for \$350.00 per month (\$5 per car space).

He said after Bloomingdale's completed their garage, they sublet the lot to Cummings & Lockwood at the same rate they were paying. He said at the January 8, 1975 meeting of the URC some merchants requested that that lot be opened to the public for metered parking. He said the URC agreed to the request and notified Bloomingdale's that the lease would be cancelled. He said then the URC offered the lot to the Parking Authority and the Parking Authority accepted the lot and meters will be installed and the lot will be opened to the general public in the near future.

MR. FLANAGAN said the Urban Renewal Committee also held a joint meeting with the Public Housing Committee and Nancy Mitchell who gave a progress report on the workshops that had been held to get input for the Community Development application. He said the Board will be asked at the regular meeting in March to approve the application for the HUD funds as presented by the Mayor. He said the next public hearing is scheduled for February 13 in the Board's meeting room.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MR. SAINBURG said the final draft of the inland-wetlands regulations will be presented at a public hearing on February 13 at Cloonan Middle School and he urged all members to attend.

RESOLUTIONS

MR. GUROIAN said he had a resolution authorizing insurance coverage for all members of the Board of Representatives, as follows:

"Be and it is resolved by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the members of the Board of Representatives shall be included in the group life, health, dental, hospitalization and major medical policies available to City personnel, classified, unclassified, elected and appointed."

THE PRESIDENT suggested the above resolution be referred to the Steering Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI announced the Special Investigating Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 7, in the Democratic Caucus Room. He said this will be an organizational meeting and will be held in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 a.m.

Sally Flaherty

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Administrative Assistant and
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

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

Note: Above meeting was broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC until
1:30 a.m.

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