

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 1976

14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, July 12, 1976, in the Board of Representatives Legislative Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the PRESIDENT, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 8:55 P.M., after both political parties had met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by The Rev. James Holmes Davis of the First United Methodist Church of Stamford.

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

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, LINDA D. CLARK. There were 36 members present and 4 absent. The absent members were: Julius Blois, Leonard Hoffman, George Ravallese, and John Sandor.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: A check of the voting machine was conducted and it was found to be in good operating condition.

PAGES: NEIL SIGNORE, son of City Rep. S. A. Signore and a student at Davenport Ridge School.

JAMIE HILLER, also a student at Davenport Ridge School.

THE PRESIDENT, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR. said at the July meeting we hear the ANNUAL REPORT given by the Chief Executive of the City and he appointed a committee consisting of the MAJORITY LEADER, JOSEPH DeROSE and the CO-MINORITY LEADERS, S. A. SIGNORE and AUDREY COSENTINI to inform the Mayor the Board is ready to receive him and to escort him to the podium. THE PRESIDENT presented the Mayor to the Board for the purpose of delivering the Annual Message. (applause)

MAYOR LOUIS A. CLAPES: "Thank you, Fred, members of the Stamford Board of Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen, The State of the City Annual Message to the Board of Representatives and all the people of Stamford will be a reflection of the program and the progress of my administration and what we've done from December 1, 1975 until the present time. Having served approximately one-fourth of my term of office, I feel we have moved forward in a positive direction toward an achievement of a broad set of priorities to which I had addressed myself during my election campaign. Among these priorities was the reform and restructuring of our Civil Service System to truly reflect the spirit of the merit system, eliminating the possibility of political influence which may have existed because of conflicting regulations, whereas the major thrust, as well as the tightening up of long-standing irregular procedures. A blue ribbon committee which I appointed to look into the system came up with a series of short and long-range recommendations including the institution of an affirmative action plan. This Committee has agreed to submit regular progress reports to my office, and with a long-awaited appointment of a new personnel director finally a reality, together would enable

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"Regarding the financial status of Stamford, I have both some good and some bad news to report. First, the bad news. This administration inherited one of the worst financial operating budgets I believe was ever prepared in the history of this City. Estimated revenues were over-stated by FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000.00). Little, if any, funds were provided in the operating budget for mandated increases in expenses for higher postal rates, telephone rates, gas, and fuel oil costs, unemployment compensation, legal settlements, and so forth. The Contingency Fund established for paying two years worth of union contract settlements in one fiscal year was totally inadequate.

"As a result, this Board of Representatives has been faced with continuous requests for large additional appropriations during the year, the entire past fiscal year. In addition three out of four of the city's pension funds have not been adequately funded during the past two years to meet the future requirement payments owed to our City employees. No effort had been initiated to provide the Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) of funds necessary to finance the last two years of Capital Projects. Also despite the great task force effort organized by the previous finance commissioner and corporation counsel, the City has the largest amount of uncollected taxes outstanding in its history, approximately 4½ Million Dollars as of June 30, 1976. Approximately \$448,117 have been collected since December, 1975.

"With all the above, you must be asking where is the good news. In my judgment, if we are going to practice prudent fiscal management, we must exercise complete financial disclosure at all times about the status of the City's fiscal affairs.

"Let me list some of the positive steps we have taken so far. We have printed the most complete, documented fiscal budget ever compiled for this City. It shows personnel rosters, budget messages both to and from the Boards, the re-allocated adopted Board of Education budget, mill rates by district, and various other fiscal data about the City of Stamford.

"The Operating Budget I submitted to the Board of Finance contained realistic estimates for all expenditures, including snow removal; full funding of all pension plans; wage increases and other mandated utility or rate increases. After evaluating the financial cuts made by the Board of Finance and Representatives, every department submitted in writing its request for funds to be included in the contingency reserve established by the Board of Finance. Although these requests totalled 2.8 million dollars, the Board of Finance, in its wisdom, decided only to provide One Million Dollars of Contingencies.

"As a result each Department Head has been instructed that they must operate their departments with only those funds contained presently in their budget. No appropriation requests will be honored by my office unless it represents a true emergency, or unless it represents an effort to save the City some money, either presently or in the future.

"We've compiled and printed a Bond Perspective which describes in great detail the current description of Stamford and presents a complete audited disclosure as to the financial status of our City. As a result of this complete financial disclosure and our personal appearance before the bond rating agencies, we were able to maintain Stamford's AAA rating, despite severe warnings from these agencies that past deficit spending practices must stop if Stamford wants to maintain its rating in the future with this AAA rating in hand.

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"We exercised excellent timing at the bond market and were able to raise 15.8 Million Dollars at a low net interest cost to the City of 5 and 1 point per cent. We have also to initiate some in-depth financial analysis of the City's operation. These include implementing new tax-collecting procedures; a detailed study of the City's gas and car allowance procedures; initiating planning for the establishment of a centralized City payroll department. I'm amazed that a City with over 3,000 employees has functioned this long without such a department.

"Last and most importantly, bringing with this new fiscal year, we are beginning with this new fiscal year, we are going to initiate some true monthly financial reports as required by the Charter. We have already requested from all departments, the projected quarterly allotments of their approved budget, so we monitor expenses.

"Also our Controller has been instructed to furnish complete financial statements as required by the Charter on all funds within 30 days after the end of each month. The above steps are just a few of many we plan to undertake during the upcoming fiscal year. The City of Stamford is financially very strong and I plan to do everything necessary to maintain the TripleA credit rating and I hope you will support these efforts.

"The first phase of a long, long overdue Public Works Department study is now being undertaken by the firm of Case & Co., Inc. to determine what, if any problems exist within that department, and how we can improve and expedite more efficiently, more efficient service at a reduced cost. As you know, this audit of the Public Works Department has been sought after for many years by both the public and by past City administrations. I believe that the results of this study will point out where exactly the problem areas are, and what we should do to correct those deficiencies. The City cannot continue to spend large sums of money to build new facilities for the control of solid and liquid waste to serve the public if there is no commitment to provide the basic maintenance program for these facilities. We have already seen examples of deterioration and neglect. We have already seen examples of the deterioration that can result by attempting to resist on emergency maintenance only. A prime example in inadequate care is apparent by the pending requests for the rehabilitation of the multi-purpose incinerator. It is quite possible that the City's fiscal bodies did not provide the necessary funds for these purposes simply because our department heads did not properly communicate the urgency of this need. If that is the case, I will exert every effort to assure that this communication gap is bridged in the future. requests for funding maintenance of equipment. A long-standing problem area with great fiscal impact on a City has been that of project change orders. I believe that you are all aware of the abuses that have taken place in years past on the subject of change orders.

"The Sewage Treatment Plant will, at completion, total approximately \$700,000 in change orders alone. Some of these change orders may have been necessary. Others were not. We have changed our procedure in handling change orders. Our Finance Department and our Public Works Department have set limits; and only those extras which are absolutely necessary will be approved. Those who are responsible for errors in planning reconstruction must accept that responsibility for the costs of any errors; the City should not have to assume responsibility for error in designer construction as it has in the past. The Commissioner of Public Works has instituted procedures which were never utilized before in his effort to save Seven Million Dollars in State and Federal grants for City sewer construction. His efforts involved several trips to Hartford to negotiate with the Department of Environmental Protection grants division for funding of the Rippowam Interceptor Sewer and the West Side Interceptor Sewer.

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"Both of these projects involved close to Four Million Dollars in grant aid through the efforts of Commissioner Rotondo. These funds were not lost. In addition, the construction money for the Rippowam Interceptor Sewer of 1.7 Million has been declared eligible by the State Department of Environmental Protection and the City has an excellent chance of being reimbursed for this amount. We will continue to use every procedure at our disposal to secure the remaining eligible grants for the West Side Interceptor Sewer. Mr. Rotondo has recommended to the Sewer Commission that their Administrative Assistant, Mr. George Connors, Jr., become a liaison for grant application to establish continuity for these programs; and further that a consultant be hired to maintain liaison between the City and the State to assure eligibility for future sewer programs like the West Side Interceptor.

"General legal activities of the Law Department include contract preparation and review of all City Departments negotiation for the sale or purchase of property, handling of claims relating to property damages, negligence and other legal matters, and rendering the legal opinion in response to written requests by department heads and city officials; also since December 1, 1975 the only time funds for outside legal council were incurred were those very limited cases where the City and a municipal employee were named as defendants, and it was deemed that the Law Dept. could not ethically represent the City and the employee. I have strongly encouraged in-house legal work whenever possible.

"Compliance with the Freedom-of-Information Act is high on the list of priorities in my administration and the Corporation Counsel stands prepared to assist any department where requested, in conforming to both the letter and the spirit of the Act. The Freedom-of-Information Act notwithstanding, this Administration has strongly believed in conducting virtually all of its business openly and with freer access by the media than it has ever before enjoyed; and I would urge all independent boards, commissions, and authorities to follow these guidelines: keep their doors and voting open to the press and to the public.

"At the end of the fiscal year 1975-76, the Stamford Police Department will have a complement of 249 sworn officers and 16 civilians, or a total of 245 men and women. The public is concerned about safety on the street and in the home and this is receiving top priority. Despite the ever-increasing workload and decreasing manpower, the Stamford police department has a crime record that compares favorably on a national basis with cities of comparable size and with cities of the northeast. This is reflected by the FBI reports. The Police Commission this year has devoted a good deal of effort towards handling citizens' complaints.

"Some of these complaints originated in past administrations. They have also been investigation allegations of irregularities relating to activities transpiring many years ago. The Commission has taken a position that all of these problems should be aired openly and has thus undertaken the time-consuming process of holding public hearings in each incident. The Commission has been faced with the difficult task of upholding the delicate balance between providing due process for the accused in many cases of strong media pressure for punitive action while assuring that blame is brought to the light and punished.

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"I believe that examination of the actual records would be convincing that the Commission's handling of these difficult situations has been thorough and even-handed. Although the Charter specifies that the Chief of Police is responsible for traffic functions, the action of the Board of Finance in eliminating the funds for the Traffic Department for the 1976-1977 Operating Budget led to my appointment of a Traffic Task Force. This Task Force was charged with seeking alternate solutions whereby the Traffic Director could function more effectively. They recommended placing the Traffic Director under the Planning Board for an interim trial period. The Chief of Police agreed to cooperate in this arrangement and the funds have been approved by the Board of Finance.

"Your Board must now act on this appropriation and I hope you will see fit to approve these funds so that Stamford can continue to enjoy the services of a professional traffic director which is so urgently needed at this time. A major concern of the administration has been the utilization of the Woodside Firehouse. Proposed changes in equipment, reassignment of personnel, and the utilization of drivers has reduced the requirement for new manpower and has made the opening feasible. A major proposal in the plan to reduce the net costs of the Woodside Station is the release of eight men presently manning the ambulance at the Central Station and their replacement with lower cost civilians. The Commission estimates that the new fire station can be open at the net cost to the City of about \$120,000; considerably less than originally believed. A committee has been appointed to study the proposed plan and is expected to provide knowledgeable input.

"A second major facility improvement under study is the renovation of the old West Side Fire Station which has been judged to be unsafe on the basis of engineering surveys. The City had allocated \$50,000. as a first step in the modernization of this building, but the Fire Commission asked that the amount be withdrawn from the budget until the extent of the renovation problem is known. The concrete floor has now been temporarily shored with timber, thereby permitting vehicles to be kept inside the house. An architectural study is being made to determine the cost of renovation which will bring the building up to present code standards.

"Very soon after assuming office, I was confronted with the crisis of permanently relocating the last remaining families in the Urban Redevelopment area. When this was accomplished by the end of January, my Administration set up a series of regular joint meetings with the URC so we could work together toward completion of our long-awaited redeveloped downtown. These meetings led to better communication and definition of goals between the URC and the Mayor's Office. It resulted in the URC approving the cooperation agreement so that the Community Development money could start working on certain URC projects. I am hopeful that the final go-ahead on Exit 7 and Exit 8 will be forthcoming from the State so the construction of the regional shopping center can be started. The redeveloper has advised us that certain traffic improvements, including the modernization of Exits 7 and 8 must be committed before MACY'S will start construction. Stamford is in an excellent position with respect to welfare services....(end of Tape Side #1)

....that the operating costs of Smith House are included as part of the welfare budget. Construction is well on the way to a 60-bed addition to Smith House; and a reconstruction of Sunset Home to a 54-bed licensed home for the aged. Completion of both these projects is scheduled for early next year. Upon completion, Smith House will be able to provide skilled nursing and custodial care for 182 Stamford residents.

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"The Community Development program has recently embarked on a detailed analysis of its economic potential and constraint in recognizing the competitive regional market. Booz, Allen and Hamilton are undertaking a study, financed jointly thru a partnership of the public and private sector. The study will project market potential, recommend alternate strategies for development programs, assess simplification with such a program and indicate appropriate implementation measures required. The Community Development program began a program of residential rehabilitation that has been very well-received by the neighborhood residents. It is subsidizing the cost of home improvement loans with the cooperation of the banking community to provide short-term loans of 3% interest. The Pilot Program is designed to reinforce the Rogers School Elementary School area where the City has recently completed a Three Million Dollar renovation of the school. The program is being expanded and extended to other neighborhoods, based upon major priority target areas, with an eye to maintaining existing housing stock. Coupled with this effort, the Community Development Program has placed emphasis on a more stringent enforcement of housing code compliance, and has allocated demolition funds to rid neighborhoods of uninhabitable structures. Several inter-city parks are under design, or in execution, in high density developed inter-city areas. The West Side Park presently under construction, land for Lawn Avenue, and Ludlow Street open spaces are presently being negotiated. Water Street Park is now in its final design stage and will go out to bid shortly. Architectural Barriers are being eliminated as an on-going program of curb-cuts and ramping. Senior citizen centers are being expanded.

"Neighborhood centers are being renovated to accommodate need of out-reach facilities. Stamford community space has been completed. Clinton Avenue community space is under construction. Quintard Manor will be initiated shortly. A new pedestrian mall is under development which will provide a community focus in the City's center, and a major traffic corridor signalization is being put on a synchronization system to ease traffic flow and improve the air quality. The activity schedule in the first year of Community Development is actively under way. Twenty-three new projects will be added for the second year of Community Development in Stamford. I am also pleased to announce a HUD grant to renovate over housing which was recently awarded to the Housing Authority. Under the terms of the grant, 1.6 Million Dollars will be used for physical modernization with \$455,000 for social program improvements at Southfield Village. IN addition, the 96 senior citizen housing units on Clinton Avenue is scheduled for completion in March of 1977.

"My Administration is committed to see that Stamford continues to grow and to develop in a planned and controlled manner. This development, plus open government and a sound fiscal position are my goals for Stamford, and I hope your Board will work to achieve the same level of commitment. Thank you."  
(applause)

MR. MILLER thanked the Mayor and declared a recess which lasted from 9:30 p.m. until 10:25 p.m. He then recognized MR. DeROSE.

MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, I would just like to make a brief comment with regards to our Mayor's statement this evening. We, the Democrats, of this Board agree with Mayor Coapes that the State of the City is good and I would like to thank Mayor Clapes for his address this evening. Naturally it was obviously a political speech in which we heard a Republican mayor either fail

MR. DeROSE (continuing)...."to mention the problems of his administration, or blame those problems on prior administrations, and at the same time, claim credit for anything good that happens by trying to ignore the important contributions...."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Point of Order, Mr. President, Point of Order!"

MR. MILLER: "What's the Point of Order, Mrs. Cosentini?"

MRS. COSENTINI: "Is this on the Agenda?"

MR. MILLER: "I recognized the Majority Leader and when he is finished, I'll be willing to recognize the Co-Minority Leader, Mr. DeRose?"

MR. DeROSE: "Thank you for that recognition, Mrs. Cosentini. All right, there's unanimous requests that I start my address once again (laughter). Mr. President, we, the Democrats of the Board agree with Mayor Clapes that the State of the City is good, and I would like to thank Mayor Clapes for his address. Naturally, it was obviously a political speech in which we heard a Republican mayor either fail to mention the problems of his administration, or blamed those problems on prior administrations, and at the same time claim credit for everything good that happens by trying to ignore the important contributions of the Democratically-controlled Board of Finance and Board of Representatives, not the least of which was preventing much larger tax increases than the Mayor's original budget would have cost. Thank you."

MR. SIGNORE: "I would like to say that Mayor Clapes made a good speech this evening and I'm sure if the shoe were on the other foot, if Mayor Clapes were a Democrat, he would have criticized the Republicans, and I think the Administration is doing as good a job as they possibly can at this moment under very trying circumstances. Thank you very much."

MRS. COSENTINI: "I would like to congratulate the Mayor on his factual report of his accomplishments. Some of the issues included in his speech, I'm sure were perhaps subject to debate as to whom was responsible for which kinds of results may have been found when he took office, and so forth. This is not a new thing, but I would like to say that I think that this is probably an inappropriate place for this kind of partisan discussion to take place at all; and I really would not even want to do this, except that the Majority Leader has initiated it. I think when the Mayor gives his message, we take it at face value and if we disagree, we wait for campaign time to do the political thing. I would just as soon we got on with the Board's business. Thank you."

MR. BLUM: "Thank you, Mr. President, this is quite off the subject and has nothing to do with the conversation that's going on now, so if you want to recognize me later, fine....(laughter)."

MR. MILLER: "All right, I'll do that, Mr. Blum. (more laughter). We'll now proceed with the Acceptance of the Minutes."

MR. DeROSE: "At this time I would like to make a Motion to Accept the Minutes of March 4, 1976 Adjourned Meeting."

MR. SIGNORE: "I SECOND that MOTION, and I would also like to make a statement. I would like to apologize to the people here in the hall, or in the Board of Representatives' Room, and the people listening in over Radio Station WSTC for the delay in starting this evening. Thank you."

MR. MILLER called for a vote on the Acceptance of the Minutes for the Adjourned Meeting of March 4, 1976 and the Motion was carried unanimously. He then appointed members to the SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER REVISION:

Christine Nizolek, Chairman  
Julius Blois  
George Baxter  
Ralph Loomis  
Marie Hawe

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### STEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. DEROSE MOVED to WAIVE the READING of the Steering Committee Report of its meeting held on Monday, June 28, 1976. MOVED, SECONDED, and MOTION CARRIED.

##### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

##### MEETING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1976

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, June 28, 1976 in the Democratic Caucus Room, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 8:12 p.m. There were 17 members of the Steering Committee present and 2 absent. The absent members were Sandra Goldstein and Linda Clark.

The following matters of the TENTATIVE STEERING AGENDA were acted upon:

##### (1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

There were nine (9) names placed on the Agenda for July 12, 1976. They were Mr. John A. Doyle for the Parking Authority; Mr. John A. Sedlak for the Zoning Board of Appeals; Mr. George Cohen for the Stamford Golf Authority; Mr. William Caporizzo for the Stamford Golf Authority; Dr. Herman S. Rockoff for the Board of Tax Review; Mr. Irving Slifkin for the Sewer Commission; Dr. Gary Lessin for the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency; Mr. Charles Grinnell for the Zoning Board; Mr. Carl Becker as an Alternate for the Zoning Board.

##### (2) FISCAL MATTERS:

There were 21 items of a fiscal nature on the TENTATIVE AGENDA. Twenty items were ordered on the Agenda; and one was held in committee, that for \$17,738.00 for Public Works Dept., Code 616.0000, Street Lighting, Utility Service Study.

##### LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

##### (3) LETTER FROM COURTLAND TERRACE ASSN. REQUESTING ORDINANCE REQUIRING MORE TIME BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHOSE PROPERTY FACES CONDEMNATION.

Above ORDERED ON THE AGENDA and also referred to PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE and PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.



STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (continued)

- (4) LETTER FROM STAMFORD RESOURCE RECOVERY TASK FORCE, Mrs. Katrina Mygatt, Chairman, requesting ordinance mandating separation of paper and cardboard from combustible garbage at the source.

Above ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE and <sup>also</sup> referred to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (5) PROPOSED OBSCENITY STATUTE - For final adoption.

Above ORDERED ON THE AGENDA.

- (6) PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO SELL CITY-OWNED PROPERTY at Haig Ave. & St. Charles.

Above ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE and also referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (7) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES NO. 18-68 RAIL OR FENCE AND RED LIGHTS TO BE MAINTAINED.

Above ORDERED ON THE AGENDA and also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (8) MATTER CONCERNING ACT PASSED IN JULY, 1975 RE CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE and also referred to PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (9) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD RE VOTING PROCEDURES, ETC.  
Mr. Miller spoke about the voting procedures, the machine, etc.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (10) CONCERNING REGISTRARS OF VOTERS REQUEST FOR PENSION.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE and also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

- (11) MATTER CONCERNING TOWING PROBLEMS.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE and also referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (12) PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING APPLICANTS FOR CITY POSITIONS TO BE RESIDENTS.  
This introduced by City Rep. James Loboza.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE. (Was not on Tentative Agenda)

- (13) THE MATTER OF CHARTER AND CONTRACTUAL OVR-TIME FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AND FOR COMPENSATORY TIME (MAA).

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and REFERRED TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

- (14) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS OF ZONING VIOLATIONS, ETC., AT 47 HILLCREST AVE.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.  
(Was not on Tentative AGenda)

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (15) REQUEST FROM CITY REPS. CHRISTINE NIZOLEK AND HANDY DIXON re complaints about trucking and traffic and noise problems in vicinity of West Ave., etc.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and also referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE. PUBLIC WORKS is primary COMMITTEE.

- (16) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS ON UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF ROAMING DOGS creating serious problems in many sections of the City.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (17) LETTER FROM C.O.W.'S signed by Mrs. Longo, petition, re their problem. (Citizens of Waterside)

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (18) LETTER DATED 6/22/76 FROM MRS. FRANCES ADAMS OF COURTLAND TERRACE ASSN. RE BALANCES IN BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ACCOUNTS AS OF END OF FISCAL YEAR.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE and referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

- (19) RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY CITY REP. JEREMIAH LIVINGSTON TO KEEP BELLTOWN SCHOOL OPEN.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE. (This was not on Tentative Agenda)

- (20) COMPLAINT FROM MR. FERRO OF 25 FENWAY ST.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE and referred to SEWER COMMITTEE. (Was not on Tentative Agenda)

- (21) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY. Mrs. Nancy McAfee, Chairman, M.I.T.A.C.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (22) LETTER OF JUNE 10, 1976 FROM THE MAYOR RE "VOTING ON APPOINTMENTS."

Ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA. Was read and discussed.

- (23) LETTER OF JUNE 18, 1976 FROM THE MAYOR TO THE FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION COMMISSION OUTLINING COMPLAINT AGAINST THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA. Was read and discussed.

- (24) LETTER FROM CITY REP. RALPH LOOMIS REQUESTING RESOLUTION RE NANCY TATANO'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT REGISTRARS OF VOTERS ASSOCIATION.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to NEW BUSINESS.

- (25) LETTER FROM CITY REP. LYNN M. LOWDEN RE MEMBERSHIP IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE. (This item not on Tentative Agenda)

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

(26) REPORT FROM LINDA CLARK RE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL PICNIC.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA. Mrs. Clark was absent from Steering meeting and thus could not make a report.

- (27) There were several letters under COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS which were read and discussed but no action deemed necessary at this time.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION, duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:50 P.M. (After which the Personnel Board of Appeals held a meeting.)

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.  
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE

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MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, due to the large audience that we have here this evening, we know that they are here because of a particular item or two. We will get to them very, very shortly; however, there is something that we feel is imperative that we take up just prior to that particular item. I would like to recommend at this time that we SUSPEND THE RULES and take up Item #4 under LEGISLATIVE AND RULES which has to do with the voting procedures of this Board."

MR. MILLER said the MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES is MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED.

MR. FOX: "At a meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee held on June 29, 1976 at which 7 members were present, we discussed an amendment to our Rules in connection with the recording of votes. A number of possible proposals, possible amendments were discussed. By a vote of 7-0 the Committee agreed on the amendment you have before you calling for a record of votes taken on the items appearing on the agenda for any given evening in accordance with our Rules. The text of the amendment has been included in the Agenda. I would bring to the attention of the Board that there is needed approval of two-thirds of those present to adopt this amendment. In accordance with the vote of the Committee, I would recommend this amendment to you and MOVE for its adoption."

MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. LOBOZZA: "In lieu of the Mayor's action in a threatened court case and everything else, I just would like to comment I wish he would attack other problems in the City as he did this one."

MR. MILLER called for a vote on the MOTION of Mr. Fox and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with 36 YES votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox - Under SUSPENSION OF RULES.

- (4) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE 14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES re voting procedures, etc., as follows: (submitted by Chairman John Wayne Fox)

On Page 6, add a new paragraph to be 4-a, in the RULES OF ORDER, under VOTING:

"The vote of each member of the Board of Representatives upon any item on the agenda, or made a part thereof by virtue of the Suspension of the Rules, at its regular, or a special meeting, shall be reduced to writing in accordance with Public Act No. 75-342 as it now stands, or as it may be amended."

Above item APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY with 36 YES VOTES.

MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, once again I would like to ask for a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES so that we might discuss Item No. 2 under EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE in which VERE WIESLEY heads that particular committee."

MR. MILLER said the MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

MR. BAXTER: "Could I ask you to amend your motion being "CARRIED" to read "UNANIMOUSLY"?"

MR. MILLER: "Well, I don't think that's necessary, Mr. Baxter, because the text of the amendment to the Rules is that the vote of each member of the Board of Representatives upon any item on the Agenda or any part thereof, and I think the Freedom of Information Act and the Rules as we have just amended them require that we have a record of each member's votes on a final action but not on these procedural votes; so, in other words, we have to have a record on how everyone on the Board votes on this item but not on procedural votes such as Suspension of the Rules; and I might add that the Corporation Counsel concurs in that interpretation. We'll now proceed on Page 7, Mr. Wiesley."

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Vere Wiesley - UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES.

- (2) PROPOSED RESOLUTION FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVE JEREMIAH LIVINGSTON (D-5) TO PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS, MINIMIZE BUSING, RESCIND PROPOSED REDISTRICTING, AND CONTINUE BELLTOWN SCHOOL AS A VIABLE AND CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO QUALITY EDUCATION.

MR. WIESLEY: "The EW&G Committee convened on the night of July 7th and we had a quorum of 4 in attendance. The Board of Education was represented at the meeting by Ellen Camhi, and Paul Brown. Mr. Livingston sat through the greater portion of our meeting. I'm sure that each of you received a copy of the proposed resolution as submitted by Mr. Livingston, but I believe for the interest of everyone, it would be worthwhile to quickly read that through. (Note: The resolution appears in its entirety further along in these minutes after the discussion and the roll call vote at which it was passed.)

"When we opened the committee meeting, we were brought up-to-date and helped ourselves being brought up-to-date into the duties and the responsibilities of the Board of Education, and I'd just like to read three short statements that come from the laws related to the education and these are the State laws: "The Board of Education shall maintain in their several towns good public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational interests of the State as defined in Section 10 and 4A. Second, the Board of Education is the agent of the State and not of the town in maintaining the management of public schools. The Board of Education shall designate the schools which shall be attended by the various children within their several towns. Those three points we felt were necessary to be understood by everyone because we again would be talking about this resolution as something that we would put forward for consideration by the Board of Ed.

MR. WIESLEY (continuing): "In other words, to take another look at the decision that has been made. The Committee was advised by Mrs. Camhi and Mr. Brown of the various statistics that related to the advantages of closing Belltown School and the assignment of those children to the three other schools involved. The identification of the use of better facilities, a better classroom spread, actually less schools, less classes with an excess of 25 students per class than was the present plan for September, 1976 without the closing of Belltown School. With all of these points being thoroughly discussed and many questions asked and answered hopefully to the satisfaction of those in attendance. We asked Mr. Livingston to address himself to Board of Education members that were there as it related to this proposed resolution.

"One of the things that he brought out and also was admitted by Mrs. Camhi was the fact that the Board of Education made a very rapid last minute decision on closing this school. It was late at night. It was a time where apparently Mrs. Camhi and her Board felt that it should be done, but the decision was made with very little contact or conversation with the parents, particularly in the Martin Luther King area, without their knowledge. Mrs. Camhi acknowledged this fact and after some further discussion, it was felt that very possibly a further meeting could be held with the Board of Education and the parents so represented in that particular location. Mr. Livingston felt that this was a possibility and that he would try to set up such a meeting.

"Mrs. Camhi said the Board would be very happy to meet with them. With that being the case and those being the principals involved, the Committee felt and voted 3-0 in favor of this to not report this out of committee because we felt it would be necessary to have the two parties get together and see what they could settle themselves by this additional meeting, and Mr. President, it's therefore for this reason that we choose to not report it out."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I'd like to make a MOTION that we take a vote of the Board to MOVE THIS OUT OF COMMITTEE."

MR. MILLER: "SECONDED by Mr. Connors. (Roll Call was asked for) Yes, I just want to make everyone here understand that with the change in the Rules, we have not abolished the oral roll call vote, so a request for a roll call vote means roll call with the Clerk actually calling the roll. Now, we've had a request for a roll call vote. If 1/5 of the members present wish a roll call vote, we'll have one. Would those members wishing a roll call vote on this issue raise their hands. The CHAIR sees a sufficient number. We'll have a roll call vote on this matter of TAKING IT OUT OF COMMITTEE. Yes, it would be a majority of those present and voting. The floor is now open to debate on the question of removing this matter from Mr. Wiesley's Education, Welfare and Government Committee."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "I would just like to ask Mr. Livingston if he had the opportunity to meet with the members of the Board of Education and the people from the Martin Luther King homes."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "No, the parents did not have the opportunity to meet with the Board of Education."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "Well, just in relation to that, was it not the desire of yourselves and the members of Health, Education and Welfare to try to alleviate this problem together through some meetings?"

MR. LIVINGSTON: "I don't believe that this entire problem can be solved by a single meeting with the parents over at Martin Luther King's. There are more parents involved in this other than the parents at Martin Luther King's. There are the parents that go to Belltown School as well as the parents that live at 111 Pressprich St. and the parents that live in New Hope Towers."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "But, Mr. Livingston, you had indicated that you were willing to initiate such a meeting."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "I most certainly will, but that has nothing to do with this Resolution as it stands now."

MR. MILLER: "Anything, if there's nothing further, I'll go on Mrs. Goldstein to Mr. Loboza."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I think the time factor is most important in this. I think we only have one more meeting before school opens and I think that alone is enough for us to bring this resolution out and to act on it now because I really believe its the feeling of the people to support Mr. Livingston's Resolution."

MR. HAYS: "I would only like to commend that our respective constituencies have sent us to this floor to be their vote, and their vote on the legislative matters of our City and the other governmental matters facing us as stipulated by the charter. Those same constituencies at large have elected I believe 9 representatives in the matter of Education, their Board of Education, and as Mr. Wiesley related a while ago, from the statutes of the State, we, as a City body, have no authority over the matter of administrating the education. As a matter of fact, we have no authority in any way over our local school system. We do appropriate the City's money, but that's not the school business. That's the City business to appropriate the City's money to the school system, who in turn spends it as it so chooses under its proper established procedure. I, for one, feel that we must continue to be immune to a matter that's not our business. I think we cannot afford to be so over-zealous, so greedy, so over-reaching as to reach into another agency's affairs and meddle, when it's very clearly nothing more than that, Mr. President. Thank you."

MR. BLUM: "I'd like to say a few words. Thank you, Mr. President, on this, before me, I have a clipping that I tore from Saturday's paper and it reads "SCHOOL CRISIS SEEN IN FUNDING DECISION" and it's date-lined Hartford. If the Connecticut Supreme Court finds the State's method of funding education unconstitutional, Connecticut would be plunged into a crisis similar to New Jersey. In this same article, it goes on to read "In Connecticut, public schools are heavily dependent on property taxes because the State grants of education covered only a fraction of the operating costs." If the taxpayers paid the greatest part of education in the City of Stamford, then the people who voted us in are asking us to be a part of this educational system. We vote on their funding out of this property tax. I think that we also should have a right to represent our constituents who send their children to these schools. I, for one, favor neighborhood schools and I see this as a deterioration if they're going to break down a neighborhood school."

"We heard from our Mayor this evening in his message about the building or the rebuilding of the Roger School and building the neighborhood, rehabilitating the neighborhood around that Rogers School. By the same token, if you take away a school from the neighborhood, that would be the beginning of the deterioration of

MR. BLUM (continuing)....."a neighborhood. I think that the people from Belltown have a right, and acting on their behalf of having this Resolution brought out from Committee and voted on this floor for the people of Stamford. Thank you."

DR. LOWDEN: "Thank you. I would have to agree with Mr. Hays that the Board of Education is a duly elected body, elected to determine the use of educational funding and that the Board of Representatives have little to say about that, however the funds are used. But we are also a duly elected body. I believe the essence of the Resolution put before us tonight is philosophical. One, it's the idea of reaffirming, if you believe in it, the concept of neighborhood schools, and affirming, I guess showing opposition on the other hand to busing children out of their own district, and as such I believe that we as representatives, or we as individuals have the right to express our opinion that way. This resolution is not binding on the Board of Education, but I think the people and the Board of Representatives can be heard by virtue of voting pro or con on this Resolution. I am personally for it. Thank you."

MR. WIESLEY: "The subject of the neighborhood can be defined I imagine, in anyone's own particular way, but I think in talking about a neighborhood school, we're talking about a school that really is in walking distance, or you can walk to, that's my understanding of a neighborhood school. I think the deterioration of an educational system, by the fact that we give up on neighborhood schools, can be kind of loosely used, when you recognize the fact that the age of a plant out-dates it considerably as far as facilities are concerned and I think that's part of the case in this particular instance. If you want to go back through about 1962 and count the number of schools that have automatically been abandoned during the period of time, you'll find quite a number of elementary schools; there are 5 or 6 that have been, and certainly all this is -- they have been neighborhood schools, and I think with the idea of a better education involved, moving into new plants, our capacity of education in elementary schools is moved up tremendously, but we're falling behind in our actual head count in those, the point where we're about right now, something in the neighborhood of 75% in use, of capacity of newer and much more modern schools, so we can debate for a long time on what is a neighborhood school and what it is, is the better education that you get there, is it not? But I think there again the cost has to come in because if we drop down to classes that are in 12/15/18 level, can you really afford to continue to teach, have teachers handle those kinds of classes?"

MR. BAXTER: "I agree with Mr. Hays that the Board of Representatives...(end of tape)....and we certainly have an interest for the people. The interest for our constituents at heart by expressing a Resolution. I was glad Mr. Livingston so professionally drafted his Resolution so that it mentioned a resolution and not a directive. I'd like to point out to this Board that it seems somewhat inappropriate to make the objection that we can't have a resolution about things about which we have no direct control, when this Board not too long ago unanimously passed a resolution to Leonid Brezhnev about Soviet Jewery which I'm glad we did, but I think that that shows that we recognize our ability to express our concerns about issues we don't have direct power over. Thank you."

MR. WALSH: "I just wanted to back the sentiments of Mr. Blum, Mr. Lowden and Mr. Baxter. That's all."

MR. SIGNORE: "MOVE THE QUESTION, Mr. President."

MR. MILLER called for a vote on MOVING THE QUESTION. It was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED. He said there would be a Roll Call vote for moving it out of committee.

MR. WIESLEY: "Recognizing the principle of committee action activity...."

MR. MILLER: "Well, I can't let you speak to the issue before the Board again."

MR. WIESLEY: "No, I'm not going to speak about the issue. I'm really saying that the 3 members that voted to hold this in committee should be allowed to abstain...."

MR. MILLER: "Well, anybody is free to abstain, of course, if that's what a member wants to do; thank you. The CLERK will CALL THE ROLL."

ROLL CALL VOTE TO MOVE THE ITEM OUT OF COMMITTEE:

VOTING IN FAVOR (TO MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE) (YES VOTES = 29)

Baxter, George (D-7)	Lowden, Lynn M. (D-1)
Blum, David (D-12)	Miller, Frederick M., Jr. (D-3)
Carlucci, Leo (D-5)	Morgan, Michael G. (D-12)
Clark, Linda (D-6)	Nizolek, Christine (D-2)
Connors, George (D-8)	Osuch, Adam (R-14)
Costello, Robert (D-6)	Perillo, Alfred (D-9)
D'Agostino, Thomas (D-17)	Perillo, Mildred (D-9)
DeRosa, Joseph (D-15)	Rose, Matthew (D-3)
Don, Handy (D-2)	Rybnick, Gerald (D-4)
Flanagan, Wm. H. (R-19)	Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R-18)
Fox, John Wayne (D-15)	Sherer, Donald (R-10)
Glucksman, L. Morris (D-11)	Signore, S. A. (R-18)
Hawe, Marie (R-1)	Walsh, Peter (D-7)
Livingston, Jeremiah (D-5)	Zimbler Kurt (R-16)
Lobozza, James (R-17)	

VOTING AGAINST MOVING OUT OF COMMITTEE (NO VOTES = 6)

Cosentini, Audrey (R-13)
Goldstein, Sandra (D-16)
Hays, George (R-20)
Loomis, Ralph (R-19)
McInerney, Barbara (R-20)
Wiesley, Vere (R-13)

ABSTENTIONS: One - Mildred Ritchie (R-10)

MR. MILLER: "The MOTION is CARRIED. There are 29 yes votes; 6 no votes; 1 abstention. The floor is now open to debate on Item No. 2 under EW&G itself."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Yes, I'd like to make a few observations in general. First of all, I guess it's a measure of our integration success to a certain extent that we have the delightful idea of the Martin Luther King residents considering Belltown their neighborhood school; so I think this is some progress."

"The second thing I would like to say is that this resolution...I spoke to someone on the telephone last night whose name escapes me...he'll have to forgive me; I'm sure he's in the audience, admits that some of the statements in here are perhaps a little bit extrema. This was said to me by one of the gentlemen who is hoping



MRS. COSENTINI (continuing)...."to keep Belltown School open. I think that we, the Board, has a right to express itself. Certainly even though we have no power in this area, but I ask you to look very carefully at what it is expressing here. It says whereas the Stamford Board of Education has violated the principle of neighborhood schools by the decision to close Belltown School. Is this supposed to mean that in all our integration schools, we are to now reverse the process and go back to a neighborhood school throughout the City, or does neighborhood school principle hold only for Belltown School; if you vote for a violation of something other than an integrated school system, if you vote for something that is a neighborhood concept, that precludes busing of children to districts other than the one they live in; and by the way, that's what happening out Belltown; anyway, the black children are bussed in; then you have to extend that principle to the whole community. This, to me, is ironic at this time when we have just had the Federal agents come in because we were cited as an outstanding example of having integrated the school system voluntarily and with good results, so I ask you, will you express your own opinion, but I would like to point out that the opinion is larger than simply Belltown School. Here when you adopt this principle that the violation of this principle, the question of continuity I think is quite moot and lends itself to an educational discussion which we're not prepared to carry on here. It's an over-simplification certainly of the pros and cons of where and how a child should be educated.

"The question of property tax, which was a very strongly put forth one, as our particular right to vote on this, may be settled very shortly by the Connecticut Supreme Court. The lower court just ruled unconstitutional for Connecticut the funding of local school systems on the basis of our local property taxes, and if the State Supreme Court upholds that ruling, we probably will see a total re-financing of education by the State because the education of our children is still a State priority, and we have our local school system by virtue of the State Legislature creating us as a school district. It is not a local district.

"However, I think certainly we hold to the right of expressing our local opinions, but I think that the property tax issue may soon become again a point that is not going to be valid. I further discovered last night that the members of the coalition are very eager to have this resolution to use in a court case which they hope to bring against the School Board, and so I think that they do want support and so forth. I'm not here to discuss, as I said to the members of the coalition. I really, I'm not here to discuss the total merits of the closing of Belltown School, or not closing it, but I very strongly feel that while we express our point of view, we should express it with some knowledge of the extent to which we are making these statements. I think it's difficult to make glib statements when we have not spent the kind of time coming up with policy. The Board of Ed. spends hours doing nothing but trying to figure out how to educate our children to the best advantage. We may disagree but I don't think that we should be so glib in making broad statements that are counter to something that we have adopted in the City. I am sympathetic to the Belltown parents, but I think that there is a dangerous precedent here being set, and they are well aware that I do not favor this resolution."

MR. ZIMBLER: "I agree in part with something that Mrs. Cosentini just said. I likewise feel that Belltown School alone is not the issue. Neighborhood schools are the issue. I, myself, have always been in favor of neighborhood schools. I will always continue to be in favor of neighborhood schools and I honestly feel that the great majority of the citizens of Stamford, black and white, rich and poor, also favor neighborhood schools. To say that the Board of Ed. as stated in Mr. Livingston's resolution, to say that the Board of Ed. now violates the principle

MR. ZIMBLER (continuing)....."of neighborhood schools by the closing of Belltown School, I believe that is in error. Once the Board of Ed. violated the principle of neighborhood schools about five years ago, when they forced upon our community the vile abomination of busing, this wasn't court-ordered bussing, such as in Boston, or Louisville. This was an arbitrary act by a government body acting in the erroneous belief that the only way for a child from south of the turnpike to get a decent education would be by sitting next to a child from north of the parkway! Countless dollars are being spent on busing. If only a fraction of those dollars that are currently being spent on busing had been allocated to improving the schools in the City, then every child in the City, black and white, rich and poor, would have an equally fine quality education, and the City would still have the neighborhood schools which I fervently believe the great majority of the citizens of this City want. Thank you."

MR. LOBOZZA: "It seems that the concept of better education has been lost to the beautification of new school buildings, excessive spending on so-called staff development teachers, workshops, wasteful hot lunch programs, overstaffing at Hillandale Avenue, special consultants, City paid trips, dinner bills and flowers, while pupil enrollment has been on a steady decline for years.

"The responsibility to the taxpayer was to cut their staff. This could have been achieved through attrition, but they hired more people and made more non-teaching jobs. I label this as irresponsible after the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives cut the Board of Education budget. They struck at us first by closing Belltown School and then by ridiculing us in the press by labeling us all as jackals. For these reasons and many more, I support Mr. Livingston's resolution."

MR. CONNORS: "I also support Mr. Livingston's resolution. I know a member of the East Side group. We went through this about three years ago. They were going to tear down Rogers School. We ended up with the most beautiful school in New England and I tell you, it's a credit to the community, a credit to the community of Stamford; and I remember back not too many years ago when they were going to close up Belltown School because they had no playground. They only have 12 acres across the street now, so I don't know what the excuse is this time, and I feel that's a school that's well-run and the pupils that are in it are getting a good education; and I do believe in neighborhood schools and I still say as an East Sider, I'm proud they did not take down Rogers School because to me, it's one of the better schools in the whole community and it's one of the better schools in New England. Thank you, Mr. President."

MR. BAXTER: "I had intended to MOVE THE QUESTION, but I see that there are other people who'd like to talk, so I will pass my turn."

MR. LIVINGSTON: "I, too, am going to pass, Mr. President; I have been speaking on this for months. I'm going to pass."

MRS. RITCHIE: "As a member of Education, Welfare and Government Committee, I feel that we cannot over-ride the State law. I'm in favor of neighborhood schools. The last two remaining neighborhood schools are in the 10th district and I wouldn't want to see them closed. I also advocate a new school for the downtown area so that we can stop some of these busing before all the land is gone to URC or some sort of commercial development, but I am very disappointed that Mr. Livingston as promised at our meeting would meet with the folks from Martin Luther King and therefore bring them together with the Board of Ed. folks. I think their problems can be resolved by communication and this is what we need. We need better relationships between people."

MR. BLUM: "I'd like to talk in reference to the neighborhood school that I've seen. I've lived 55 years in this town and I've seen some vicious things. I know we just had from Mrs. Cosentini telling us about the integration of schools by the use of busing. I've seen a school called Cloonan School just abandoned by the Board of Ed. and allowed to rot, and allowed vandalism and finally a fire in the gym; and then they finally made a community center out of it, and why couldn't the same thing been made for a school system?"

"There's a school, Stevens School, that's no longer there. It's now the Yerwood Center which is a very good thing also, but some other facility was put there. It could have been a school there also. There could have been a Yerwood Center and in schooling you know I understand they've got new modes of schooling of where you can put schools, the latest modern thing that you could put, schools with other facilities; you can put the school on two ground floor and put housing on top of it. There are other ideas in regards to schooling, but we're talking of neighborhood schools.

"When they wanted to rehabilitate the Rogers School, they found the money to rehabilitate Rogers School. I still say Belltown School can remain; if they still feel it's a small school and it has to be enlarged, they can find monies in which to enlarge the school instead of building schools as they did one point two miles away from it; two miles away from it. You got schools in clusters now, in and around Belltown School. Thank you."

MR. SIGNORE MOVED THE QUESTION.

MOVED AND SECONDED. MOTION IS CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN: "The debate was cut off before I had an opportunity to speak but I will vote a reluctant YES."

The CLERK CALLED THE ROLL and the PRESIDENT stated the MOTION to adopt Mr. Livingston's Resolution is CARRIED with 28 YES votes; 4 NO votes; and 4 ABSTENTIONS, as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION - YES VOTES = 28):

Perillo, Mildred J.	(D-9)	Rose, Matthew A.	(D-3)
Morgan, Michael G.	(D-12)	Rybnick, Gerald J.	(D-4)
Zimble, Kurt A.	(R-16)	D'Agostino, Thomas J.	(D-17)
Dixon, Handy	(D-2)	DeRose, Joseph R.	(D-15)
Perillo, Alfred E.	(D-9)	Livingston, Jeremiah	(D-5)
Osuch, Adam E.	(R-14)	Baxter, George G.	(D-7)
Signore, S. A.	(R-18)	Nizolek, Christine M.	(D-2)
Hawe, Marie J.	(R-1)	Sherer, Donald B.	(R-10)
Lobozza, James D.	(R-17)	Costello, Robert H.	(D-6)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)	Carlucci, Leo J.	(D-5)
Fox, John Wayne	(D-15)	Blum, David I.	(D-12)
Glucksman, L. Morris	(D-11)	Connors, George V.	(D-8)
Clark, Linda D.	(D-6)	Walsh, Peter J.	(D-7)
Lowden, Lynn M.	(D-1)	Miller, Frederick E., Jr.	(D-3)

VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION - NO VOTES = 4):

Hays, George V.	(R-20)
Loomis, Ralph C.	(R-19)
Goldstein, Sandra D.	(D-16)
Cosentini, Audrey M.	(R-13)

ABSTENTIONS = 4 : Wiesley, Vere (R-13)  
 Ritchie, Mildred (R-10)  
 Flanagan, Wm. H. (R-19)  
 McInerney, Barbara (R-20)

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS WE the members of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, believe that neighborhood schools are important in providing quality education; and

WHEREAS, we believe that it is important to maintain continuity in the education of our students; and

WHEREAS, we believe that school busing should be minimized; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Board of Education has violated the principle of neighborhood schools by the decision to close Belltown School; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Board of Education has violated the principle of continuity by unnecessary redistricting of students, thereby disrupting their education; and

WHEREAS the Stamford Board of Education has, by its actions, increased the number of students who will have to be bussed to school;

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

1. The Stamford Board of Education is hereby petitioned to retract its decision on closing Belltown School and to rescind the planned redistricting of students.

2. This Board encourages the parents of the students in their efforts to bring about the re-opening of Belltown School and the re-assignment of the affected students to their respective schools.

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, with respect to the lateness of the hour, I intend to be as brief as possible. The Appointments Committee met on Thursday night, July 8, 1976, in the Public Works Conference Room. Although the meeting was scheduled for seven o'clock, it was delayed for one hour due to the lack of quorum. Those present, attending throughout the most part of the meeting were Representatives Dixon, Robert Costello, Mildred Perillo, George Ravallesse, Peter Walsh, Leo Carlucci, Donald Sherer and Sal Signore. The meeting was opened at approximately eight o'clock and the Committee proceeded with interviews of seven appointees, after which a MOTION was made and passed by unanimous vote to go into closed executive session for the purpose of evaluating and voting on those interviewed. The meeting adjourned at approximately twelve o'clock midnight, as there was no other business.

(1) PARKING AUTHORITY

MR. JOHN A. DOYLE (R)  
2 Rock Spring Road  
(Second Submission)

DENIED  
24 NO  
11 YES

Term Expires:  
Jan. 1, 1979

MR. DIXON: MR. Doyle was interviewed on June 3rd and his name is being resubmitted for further consideration by this Board. The Committee feels that Mr. Doyle will indeed bring a lot of expertise to the Parking Authority and therefore voted unanimously for his approval and I so MOVE.      SECONDED by Mr. Signore.

MR. SIGNORE: "I don't think that was a unanimous approval out of the Committee."

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, I'm sorry. I just have to make one correction. Mr. Doyle was given the opportunity to reappear before the Appointments Committee and he did not make another appearance, and he was not re-interviewed. The Committee, however, did take a re-vote on Mr. Doyle and that vote stands as of now, a tie vote, being 4 YES and 4 NO.

"For the sake of clarification, I would MOVE for Mr. Doyle's acceptance."

MR. MILLER: "All right, but there is a change in your report. Is there a SECOND to his MOTION? MOVED and SECONDED. We have to, with these appointments, to get the name out on the floor. If you're going to vote on them one way or another, I think you all realize that with appointments they stay with the Board until the Mayor withdraws the Appointment. O.K., we're open for debate on the nomination of John A. Doyle to the Parking Authority."

MR. LOBOZZA: "The Mayor has a responsibility to place before this Board the names of the most qualified and capable candidates for the boards and commissions in this City. It is our responsibility to screen these people and make final judgment as to whether or not they have the ability and the resources to exercise their powers, living in Stamford for only 16 months, a person could not be aware of the problems facing the Parking Authority in this City. I believe we need someone who is aware of the needs of the people and also how much of their tax dollar they would be willing to part with for the purpose of supporting a Parking Authority which is now a liability, not an asset.

"If the Mayor wants to pay off his campaign debts, he should find something of lesser importance and of lesser impacts on the tax dollar which to do it with. I, therefore, ask the members of this Board, for the sake of good government, and defense of all qualified residents in this City, that could be appointed to this Authority, that they join me in rejecting the name of John Doyle."

MR. FLANAGAN: "I would beg to differ with Mr. Loboza as to the length of time it would take one to understand that there are problems with our Parking Authority. The City of Stamford has two multi-million dollar parking garages. I defy anybody who has not lived in the town to find one, unless they're right in the middle of Bedford Square and they can see the sign that the merchants put up. There has been absolutely no advertising effort to lead people to use these garages. There's only one sign that you can hardly find on the Bell Street Garage. Other cities, Hartford, for example, routes the traffic right into the garages. I think many of the problems our Parking Authority has would be overcome by some plain, simple common sense; and Mr. Doyle, through his business career, has exhibited common sense. That's what we need most of all in the Parking Authority. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "We will proceed to a vote on John Doyle. I would have to advise that you must understand that we did make a change in the Rules, but we did not change the procedure for voting, and we still have Voice Votes, Divisions, and Roll Call Votes, so on each of these, well, I just want to explain. I know somebody is ready to call for something, but I want to explain what you have in the Rules at the present time. The President, on any of these votes on appointments, must first have a Voice Vote, and then if the CHAIR is in doubt, he can call for a DIVISION, or if someone on the floor wants a DIVISION, then the CHAIR will order a DIVISION. Mr. Sherer?"

MR. SHERER: "Yes, in reading the new Rule of Order, under "Voting", I see a key word "shall be reduced to writing", which in my experience means that it must..."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: "Well, I'm not saying it doesn't have to be reduced to writing, because to comply, perhaps with the Freedom-of-Information Act, and certainly to comply with this change in the Rules, the results of every vote for an item on the Agenda, or something put on the Agenda through SUSPENSION OF RULES, would have to be recorded, but you didn't change those other parts of the Rules which deal with the voting. There has been a request for a DIVISION, so the CHAIR will take a DIVISION on this particular item on John Doyle. (End of Tape Side #3). We will take a Division on approval of John Doyle, using the machine; a YES vote is for his approval; a NO vote is opposed. We'll use the machine. Now let me explain the procedure. We have Mrs. Potenza in the back of the room. She is recording what is on the machine now. I can, immediately assuming everybody voted....is there anyone who hasn't voted? O.K. I can immediately take a tally to find out what the result is. Mrs. Potenza will have to record how each individual voted, and of course I will have to have her tally sheet before I turn off the machine and I think it would be best if one of the Pages would go to the back of the room and get the sheets."

MR. SIGNORE: "Can we re-do that, Mr. President? I think there was a slight confusion before we got into that. Just clear it and do....."

MR. MILLER: "What is the confusion?"

MR. SIGNORE: "Well, she voted...well, O.K. Mrs. McInerney, would you like to vote again?"

MRS. MCINERNEY: "I would like to vote again because I....."

MR. MILLER: "Well, I will give you the option of changing your vote since I haven't declared the vote. Mrs. McInerney, it would be possible for you to so declare. You wish to change, no? Mr. Livingston will then be recorded as a NO vote; and Mrs. McInerney, what is yours? Mrs. McInerney is to be recorded as a NO vote. I think that's the fairest way to handle this, so Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Livingston are both NO votes. We'll now take the tally. Mrs. Goldstein, what's the problem?"

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "May I vote?" (laughing)

MR. MILLER: "Is there anyone else who has not voted. O.K., we'll take the count. Now of course I have to subtract two of the YES votes and make them NO votes. Livingston and McInerney were NO votes, so the tally then is 11 YES votes and 24 NO votes, so Mr. Doyle is NOT CONFIRMED. Now I'll wait before I change the machine, before I clear the machine. I'll wait to get the sheet of paper from Mrs. Potenza so you just take your time, Mrs. Potenza."

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MR. DOYLE - (11 YES VOTES):

Dixon, Handy (D-2)	Rose, Matthew A. (D-3)
Hays, George V. (R-20)	Rybnick, Gerald J. (D-4)
Loomis, Ralph C. (R-19)	Costello, Robert H. (D-6)
Hawe, Marie J. (R-1)	Carlucci, Leo J. (D-5)
Flanagan, Wm. H. (R-19)	Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D-3)
Lowden, Lynn M. (D-1)	

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ABSTENTION - 1 - Adam E. Osuch (R-14)  
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THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION TO MR. DOYLE (24 NO VOTES):

Perillo, Mildred J.	(D-9)	D'Agostino, Thomas J.	(D-17)
Morgan, Michael G.	(D-12)	McInerney, Barbara A.	(R-20)
Zimble, Kurt A.	(R-16)	DeRose, Joseph R.	(D-15)
Perillo, Alfred E.	(D-9)	Livingston, Jeremiah	(D-5)
Signore, S. A.	(R-18)	Baxter, George G.	(D-7)
Wiesley, Vere	(R-13)	Nizolek, Christine M.	(D-2)
Lobozza, James D.	(R-17)	Goldstein, Sandra D.	(D-16)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)	Sherer, Donald B.	(R-10)
Fox, John Wayne	(D-15)	Blum, David I.	(D-12)
Ritchie, Mildred S.	(R-10)	Connors, George V.	(D-8)
Glucksman, L. Morris	(D-11)	Walsh, Peter J.	(D-7)
Clark, Linda D.	(D-6)	Cosentini, Audrey M.	(R-13)

MR. DIXON: "I would now present the name of Mr. John A. Sedlak who is presently serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and seeks confirmation of his re-appointment to that Board. Mr. Sedlak was endorsed by a unanimous vote of the Appointments Committee and I MOVE now for his confirmation.

MOVED and SECONDED.

MRS. SANTY: "I would just like to comment on Mr. Sedlak's appointment. He is a highly-qualified, dedicated individual and I wholeheartedly recommend that he be approved by this Board."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I'll go along with Mrs. Santy on that."

MR. SIGNORE: "I also go along with Mr. Lobozza and Mrs. Santy on that particular nomination "

MRS. MCINERNEY: "I'd like to ask for a Roll Call Vote on this person."

MR. MILLER: "Well, that's possible under the Rules. There is a request for a Roll Call Vote. Would those members desiring a Roll Call Vote raise their hands? The CHAIR sees an insufficient number. Well, raise your hands. I certainly didn't see one-fifth of...I don't see one-fifth of the members present. A roll call vote would have to be a roll call vote taken by the Clerk. We'll now proceed to a vote on Item #2. I believe there's a POINT OF ORDER?"

MR. MORGAN: "Thank you, Mr. President. If I could just make an observation and a suggestion. This system seems to be a very cumbersome one, although it's probably consistent to some degree with the recommendation of the Legislative and Rules Committee. It's really not conducive to efficient operation of the Board. Of the Board's deliberation tonight, so I would think that we might be able to move through this thing much faster if we had a Roll Call vote on each one of these things."

MR. MILLER: "Well, you'll have to ask for a Roll Call vote as we take up each one, and there was a request for a Roll Call vote and an insufficient number of people wanted one, so that's all I can say. I have other people here. Mr. Hays?"

MR. HAYS: "Point of Order, Mr. President. If I understand your earlier comment there, we have on our first item tonight modified the rules of the Board and not really understood what we'd done. I interpret this to provide that we vote on any item on the Agenda in a manner that will allow the recording of how we vote individually. Now you earlier said, had said we could have Voice votes, which in no way, as I can see, provide for the recording of how we vote."

MR. MILLER: "Yes, if it's a unanimous vote, and I think it was felt probably that because under the Fiscal part of the Agenda, it's quite common to have several unanimous votes, but by changing the Rules in the way we changed them, we would allow for several unanimous voice votes on Fiscal items."

MR. BAXTER: "Mr. President, I would urge that we give the chance of the DIVISION give it a chance to work by letting people taking the Division have more than shot at trying to record it efficiently and urge that we don't get Roll Call votes just for the sake of speed yet."

MR. FOX: "Just very briefly, I feel that it was, let me say that the Committee felt that we would like to avoid, if possible, the necessity of a Roll Call vote on every item for the very simple reason that we felt that would result in much too much being taken for items that might well have the unanimous approval of the Board. We left in the Rules the possibility that there could well be a unanimous vote on, let us say, certain fiscal items. I feel that if we give this system, using the machine, the opportunity to work, we will find that it will go along rather rapidly, and I would suggest that we give it just a little more time."

MRS. RITCHIE: "I suggest that we stick by the machine and again I recommend, as we did last month, that we use Polaroid color film on the machine and therefore attach it to each vote or list that we might be voting on and therefore it will be properly recorded and it will be much quicker."

MR. MILLER: "All right, let's, well, we have no choice right now, at the moment, but to proceed as the Rules dictate that we proceed. So I think I'll have to call for a vote on confirmation of John A. Sedlak as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by all members present when the vote was taken on Mr. Sedlak.

(2) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MR. JOHN A. SEDLAK (R)  
249 Hamilton Avenue  
(Held in Committee)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY  
36 YES votes

Term Expires:  
Dec. 1, 1980

MR. DIXON: "Next is the name of Mr. George Cohen, who was interviewed by the Appointments Committee on June 3rd, and although he was present at our Thursday night's meeting, no further interview was made. His name is being re-submitted for consideration. The interview of Mr. Cohen was quite lengthy, and the resulting vote on that date, Mr. President, was 3 NO; 3 to HOLD IN COMMITTEE; and 2 ABSTENTIONS.

"However, Mr. Cohen did reappear before the Committee and he made a statement to the Committee without any further interview and the committee took a re-vote on Mr. Cohen and the resulting vote now is 2 YES; 3 NO; and 3 ABSTENTIONS, so I would MOVE for Mr. Cohen's approval."

MR. MILLER: "With the proviso, of course, that the Board understands what the position of the members of the committee is. Is there a SECOND to that Motion? MOVED and SECONDED, so the name is out on the floor for debate. We'll take discussion on George Cohen."



APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. CONNORS: "I don't know how many members here know about Mr. Cohen, but he has been associated with the Golf Authority for a good many years, being originally appointed in 1969 by Mayor Bruno Giordano. Prior to that he was on the Hubbard Heights Golf Board for 13 years." (Mr. Connors went on at length to pay many compliments to Mr. Cohen.)

MR. BAXTER: "Thank you. Part of the discussions or conversations about Mr. Cohen in our last meeting centered around some of the problems concerning the pool. Now, I've received a number of letters and conversations in support of Mr. Cohen and because the hour is late, I would like to read a very small part of one letter about that one problem of the pool for the members of the Board of Representatives who weren't present for that, but whose vote was swayed by that problem." (Mr. Baxter read from a letter from John J. Keenan who served on the Golf Authority and explained that the pool did not meet safety specifications; that the plumbing did not work properly for emptying and filling the pool; that it could not meet the State Health Code for use as a municipal pool; there were no dressing or toilet facilities, etc.)

"I urge that we support this person who's given a lot of his time and expertise to the City of Stamford. Thank you."

MR. SIGNORE: "I wish to agree with what Mr. Connors and Mr. Baxter have said on behalf of Mr. Cohen, and I MOVE that we endorse his nomination to the Golfing Authority, and I think the debate being carried on about Mr. Cohen, I think is a little far-fetched and I think at this point it should come to an end. Thank you."

(3) <u>STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
MR. GEORGE COHEN (R)	19 YES	Jan. 1, 1979
293 Club Road	17 NO	
(Second submission)		

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (YES VOTES=19):

Hays, George V.	(R-20)
Dixon, Handy	(D-2)
Loomis, Ralph C.	(R-19)
Signore, S. A.	(R-18)
Wiesley, Vere	(R-13)
Hawe, Marie J.	(R-1)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)
Flanagan, Wm. H.	(R-19)
Glucksman, L. Morris	(D-11)
Lowden, Lynn M.	(D-1)
Rybnick, Gerald J.	(D-4)
McInerney, Barbara A.	(R-20)
Baxter, George G.	(D-7)
Nizolek, Christine M.	(D-2)
Goldstein, Sandra D.	(D-16)
Blum, David I.	(D-12)
Connors, George V.	(D-8)
Cosentini, Audrey M.	(R-13)
Miller, Frederick E., Jr.	(D-3)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (NO VOTES=17)

Perillo, Mildred J.	(D-9)
Morgan, Michael G.	(D-12)
Zimble, Kurt A.	(R-16)
Perillo, Alfred E.	(D-9)
Osuch, Adam E.	(R-14)
Lobozza, James D.	(R-17)
Fox, John Wayne	(D-15)
Ritchie, Mildred S.	(R-10)
Clark, Linda D.	(D-6)
Rose, Matthew A.	(D-3)
D'Agostino, Thomas J.	(D-17)
DeRose, Joseph R.	(D-15)
Livingston, Jeremiah	(D-5)
Sherer, Donald B.	(R-10)
Costello, Robert H.	(D-6)
Carlucci, Leo J.	(D-5)
Walsh, Peter J.	(D-7)

MR. MILLER: A Voice Vote was taken. A Division was taken, using the machine. Mr. Morgan's vote is to be recorded as a NO vote. Mr. Cohen has been CONFIRMED by 19 YES votes; 17 NO votes.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON: "Next is the name of William Caporizzo to the Stamford Golf Authority. The Committee approves Mr. Caporizzo's appointment by 4 YES votes; 1 NO vote; and 1 ABSTENTION, and I now MOVE for his confirmation."

MRS. McINERNEY: "Yes, through the CHAIR, I'd like to ask Mr. Dixon a question which came up about Mr. Caporizzo doing work for the Golf Authority, but if I remember correctly at one of our Housing Authority meetings, it was mentioned that a plumber named Caporizzo was also doing work for the Housing Authority. Is this the same Caporizzo?"

MR. DIXON: "This is a question that was raised during the interview and Mr. Caporizzo has not done any work directly on his own for the Housing Authority. He has, however, done work, some work for the Housing Authority through his employer. Mr. Caporizzo does not recognize this as even being a remote possibility of a conflict. He declares though that if it does constitute even a remote possible conflict-of-interest, he would be willing to refuse to do any further work for the Housing Authority or any other City Agency."

MRS. McInerney: "Then he has no personal interest, he has no personal ownership in this business partnership?"

MR. DIXON: "He has no personal ownership. He only works for the company. The company is owned by relatives, by his relatives."

MR. MILLER called for a Voice Vote. A Division was deemed necessary and it was taken with Mr. Caporizzo being CONFIRMED by a vote of 30 YES; 6 NO, as listed below.

(4) <u>STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
MR. WILLIAM CAPORIZZO (R)	30 YES	Jan. 1, 1979
339 Strawberry Hill Ave.	6 NO	
(Held in Committee)		

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (30 YES VOTES):

Morgan, Michael G.	(D-12)	Rybnick, Gerald J.	(D-4)
Zimble, Kurt A.	(R-16)	D'Agostino, Thomas J.	(D-17)
Dixon, Handy	(D-2)	DeRose, Joseph R.	(D-15)
Hays, George V.	(R-20)	Livingston, Jeremiah	(D-5)
Loomis, Ralph C.	(R-19)	Baxter, George G.	(D-7)
Osuch, Adam E.	(R-14)	Nizolek, Christine M.	(D-2)
Signore, S. A.	(R-18)	Goldstein, Sandra D.	(D-16)
Wiesley, Vere	(R-13)	Sherer, Donald B.	(R-10)
Lobozza, James D.	(R-17)	Costello, Robert H.	(D-6)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)	Carlucci, Leo J.	(D-5)
Fox, John Wayne	(D-15)	Blum, David I.	(D-12)
Ritchie, Mildred S.	(R-10)	Connors, George V.	(D-8)
Flanagan, William H.	(R-19)	Walsh, Peter J.	(D-7)
Lowden, Lynn N.	(D-1)	Cosentini, Audrey M.	(R-13)
Rose, Matthew A.	(D-3)	Miller, Frederick E., Jr.	(D-3)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (6 NO VOTES):

Perillo, Mildred J.	(D-9)	Glucksman, L. Morris	(D-11)
Perillo, Alfred E.	(D-9)	Clark, Linda D.	(D-6)
Hawe, Marie J.	(R-1)	McInerney, Barbara A.	(R-20)

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON: Next is the name of Dr. Herman Rockoff for the Board of Tax Review. The committee vote resulted in a TIE, with 4 YES and 4 NO; therefore, the Committee has no recommendation, but I would MOVE for Dr. Rockoff's approval, for clarification of the vote for this Board."

MOVED and SECONDED.

There was no discussion. A Voice vote was taken but was not clear, so a Division by machine was taken with the result being that Dr. Rockoff was APPROVED by a vote of 19 YES; 15 NO; and 1 ABSTENTION, there being 35 on the floor and voting at that time.

(5) BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

DR. HERMAN S. ROCKOFF (R)  
One Strawberry Hill Court  
(Held in Committee)

APPROVED

19 YES

15 NO

1 ABSTENTION

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1980

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (19 YES VOTES):

Morgan, Michael G.	(D-12)
Dixon, Handy	(D-2)
Hays, George V.	(R-2)
Hawe, Marie J.	(R-1)
Fox, John Wayne	(D-15)
Flanagan, William H.	(R-19)
Glucksman, L. Morris	(D-11)
Lowden, Lynn M.	(D-1)
Rybnick, Gerald J.	(D-4)
McInerney, Barbara A.	(R-20)
DeRose, Joseph R.	(D-15)
Baxter, George G.	(D-7)
Nizolek, Christine M.	(D-2)
Goldstein, Sandra D.	(D-16)
Sherer, Donald B.	(R-10)
Costello, Robert H.	(D-6)
Carlucci, Leo J.	(D-5)
Walsh, Peter J.	(D-7)
Miller, Frederick E., Jr.	(D-3)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (15 NO VOTES):

Perillo, Mildred J.	(D-9)
Zimble, Kurt A.	(R-16)
Perillo, Alfred E.	(D-9)
Osuch, Adam E.	(R-14)
Signore, S. A.	(R-18)
Wiesley, Vere	(R-13)
Lobozza, James D.	(R-17)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)
Ritchie, Mildred S.	(R-10)
Clark, Linda D.	(D-6)
Rose, Matthew A.	(D-3)
D'Agostino, Thomas J.	(D-17)
Livingston, Jeremiah	(D-5)
Blum, David I.	(D-12)
Cosentini, Audrey M.	(R-13)

ABSTENTION (1):

Loomis, Ralph C.	(R-19)
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MR. MILLER: "I don't think I can call those abstentions. I think those individuals just have to be recorded as not...it wouldn't be proper to record, to record them as abstentions, so those members not voting on this vote will simply be recorded as such. Since it's an open vote, not a closed vote, you don't abstain unless you indicate by saying you abstain. All right, Mr. LOOMIS wishes to be recorded as abstaining on this vote on Dr. Rockoff, so Mr. Loomis will be recorded as an abstention.

MR. DIXON: Next is the name of Mr. Irving Slifkin. Although Mr. Slifkin has the required credentials and appears to be one of good rapport, members of the committee found reasons not to endorse the appointment. The vote of the committee was 2 YES; 4 NO; and 2 ABSTENTIONS. To simplify the vote of this Board, Mr. President, I would MOVE for Mr. Slifkin's approval."

MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. SIGNORE: "Just a clarification on the way Mr. Dixon is presenting the nomination. If the committee votes 2 YES; 4 NO, Mr. Dixon is saying I MOVE for approval."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: "It's a device to get it out before the full Board and I think that's what we want, so it should be clear that there is a certain kind of vote in the committee and I think Mr. Dixon made that clear."

MR. SIGNORE: "No, but I think maybe I don't want to find fault with Dixon because I have a good relationship with him, but I think the word "I nominate" or I rather than "I move his name on the floor", rather than that, say "I approve", you know."

MR. MILLER: "I think Mr. Dixon is indicating that he is making the MOTION on his own and not on behalf of the Committee. I think he's making it very clear as to what the committee wants to do, Mr. Signore."

MR. SIGNORE: "He's the Chairman of the Committee and he speaks for the committee, doesn't he? I just want a clarification."

MR. MILLER: "Well, it hasn't been uncommon; all I can say, Mr. Signore, is, for instance, it hasn't happened so often lately but I remember several times when the chairman of the Fiscal Committee, not Mr. Morgan but his predecessors, pursued the very same kind of policy in order to facilitate the voting, and to get the matter out before the Board; and to look at it in terms of practicalities, we've got to get the name out and then you can vote YES or NO."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Maybe order to make it clear so everybody feels comfortable about it when a committee has a negative recommendation, but they want to put forth the motion in a positive form so that if people are voting YES, they're voting for the thing. They could add to the motion that I MOVE for acceptance of so-and-so, with a negative recommendation from the committee right in the Motion, so that it's clear; that might make everybody happy."

MR. DIXON: "I have no particular desire to report in this form. It's just that to my knowledge, this has been the procedure for a number of years and I'm pretty much following the same procedure that has been used."

MR. LOOMIS: "Yes, I'd like to speak in favor of Mr. Slifkin's appointment, his re-appointment. He is a man with a distinguished academic background. He's had broad experience in the senior management affairs of Shell Oil as an attorney. He's practiced in Federal District courts in 5 states throughout the country, and before the U. S. Supreme Court. He's a member and an officer of various local organizations here in Stamford; he's active in affairs of the American Bar, the New York Bar and Connecticut Bar Associations. He's been a resident of Stamford for eight years; is a member of the Sewer Commission; he's been independent, hard-working, a faithful member and I think he's the kind of person we should involve in the local affairs of our municipal government, and I hope the Board will see fit to continue his involvement on the Sewer Commission by voting for his re-appointment."

MR. LOBOZZA: "To get back to Mr. Dixon, Mr. President, I just wish that he would come out and say that the committee recommends disapproval of this candidate and if he wants to make a minority report, I think he has his rights to do that, but it should come out that the committee recommends YES or NO."

MR. MILLER: "All right, your point is well-taken, but I guess I would have to say in defense of Mr. Dixon that it's unusual; this is the first time since he's been chairman, I think, that he's had so many of these split votes and so on, and so I think we'll try to do our best but your point is well-taken. I think Mr. Dixon is trying to clearly indicate the position of the committee on all of these individuals. Is there any further discussion on Irving Slifkin? Mrs. McInerney."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued):

MRS. MCINERNEY: "Yes, I would also like to SECOND Mr. Slifkin's nomination. I think he's done a very good job since he's been on the Sewer Commission, and I would have to agree with Mr. Loomis and be thankful that we have people such as he who are willing to serve on our Boards."

MR. MILLER: "We will proceed to a vote on Irving Slifkin. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine."

MR. SHERER: "Mr. President, will the record please indicate that I've ABSTAINED on this vote?"

MR. MILLER: "The record will indicate that Donald Sherer is abstaining on the vote on confirming Irving Slifkin. Mr. Slifkin is CONFIRMED by a vote of 28 YES; 7 NO; and 1 ABSTENTION."

(6) SEWER COMMISSION

MR. IRVING SLIFKIN (R)  
211 Shelter Rock Road  
(Held in Committee)

APPROVED

28 YES

7 NO

1 ABSTENTION

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1980

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (YES = 28 VOTES):

Morgan, Michael G.	(D-12)	D'Agostino, Thomas J.	(D-17)
Dixon, Handy	(D-2)	McInerney, Barbara A.	(R-20)
Hays, George V.	(R-20)	DeRose, Joseph R.	(D-15)
Loomis, Ralph C.	(R-19)	Livingston, Jeremiah	(D-5)
Osuch, Adam E.	(R-14)	Baxter, George G.	(D-7)
Wiesley, Vere	(R-13)	Nizolek, Christine M.	(D-2)
Hawe, Marie J.	(R-1)	Goldstein, Sandra D.	(D-16)
Fox, John Wayne	(D-15)	Costello, Robert H.	(D-6)
Ritchie, Mildred S.	(R-10)	Carlucci, Leo J.	(D-5)
Flanagan, William H.	(R-19)	Blum, David I.	(D-12)
Clark, Linda D.	(D-6)	Connors, George V.	(D-8)
Lowden, Lynn M.	(D-1)	Walsh, Peter J.	(D-7)
Rose, Matthew A.	(D-3)	Cosentini, Audrey M.	(R-13)
Rybnick, Gerald J.	(D-4)	Miller, Frederick E., Jr.	(D-3)

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (NO = 7 VOTES):

Perillo, Mildred J.	(D-9)	Lobozza, James D.	(R-17)
Zimble, Kurt A.	(R-16)	Santy, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)
Perillo, Alfred E.	(D-9)	Glucksman, L. Morris	(D-11)
Signore, S. A.	(R-18)		

ABSTENTION = 1 - Donald Sherer (R-10)

MR. DIXON: "Next is the name of Dr. Gary Lessin. The committee voted 6 YES and 2 ABSTENTIONS for Dr. Lessin, and I so MOVE for his approval." MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. MILLER: "The Chair would ask that it be recorded that George Connors has left the meeting (12:08 a.m.) and there are now 35 members of the Board present."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued):

MR. HAYS: "Yes, I'd like to second the name of Dr. Lessin. I've known Dr. and Mrs. Lessin for the majority of the ten years I've been in Stamford, and have witnessed and participated with him in certain civic activities. I know he is keenly and sincerely interested in Stamford and I think his wisdom and his energy would be a complement both to the agency and the City of Stamford."

MRS. McINERNEY: "Yes, as one of the representatives from the 20th district, I would like to SECOND the nomination of Gary Lessin. He's tireless. He works very hard. He'd be a great addition to SWRPA. I can't think of enough nice things to say about him. He has energies unlimited and I would agree with everything George said and hope this Board will confirm him."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I also would like to SECOND that nomination."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Yes, I would like to SECOND Dr. Gary Lessin's nomination, and comment that he has a wonderful wife behind him to help him, too."

MR. MILLER: "If there is no further debate, we'll proceed to a vote on Dr. Gary Lessin to the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Let it be recorded that the 35 members present are in favor of Dr. Gary Lessin's appointment."

(7) <u>SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL</u>	<u>ZONING AGENCY</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
DR. GARY LESSIN (R)		March 15, 1978
8 Four Brooks Drive	<u>APPROVED</u>	
(Held in Committee)	<u>UNANIMOUSLY - 35 YES</u>	

MR. DIXON: "Next is the name of Charles Grinnell for the Zoning Board. The Appointments Committee has not endorsed Mr. Grinnell's appointment to the Zoning Board. The vote was UNANIMOUS for his DENIAL. To simplify the vote of this Board, I will MOVE for Mr. Grinnell's approval."

MR. MILLER: "All right, but it's obvious, of course, that, well, I think the point is clear Mr. Grinnell, I think it's quite obvious that Mr. Grinnell did not do well with the committee, but we have a MOTION and I accept that motion. Is there a SECOND to that motion? MOVED and SECONDED."

MR. SIGNORE: "Point of Order, Mr. Chairman. The vote went 7-0 against the man and Mr. Dixon was one of the people that voted against Mr. Grinnell in committee. He says I put his name up for approval now. It doesn't....."

MR. MILLER: "Well, well, I think it was quite obvious to the full Board what the result of the committee's vote was, 7 members of the committee voted, and they all voted negative as far as recommending that the full Board confirm Mr. Grinnell as a member of the Zoning Board, so I think that's clear. And I think the Chair is making it clear although the name is out here before us, it is the unanimous recommendation of the 7 members of the committee voting, that Mr. Grinnell not be confirmed by the full Board."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued):

MR. FLANAGAN: "Just to reinforce what you've said and what the chairman of the appointments committee, and also in the past, in fiscal, if you don't make it a YES for the man and NO against the man; you...then voting YES means NO, and NO means YES every time you come out with a contrary report from the committee. In the past five years that I've been on the Board, the committee chairmen have always come out with an affirmative motion, even though the committee has reported against it; that's Fiscal, L&R, Appointments, or what-not. It's always been done this way. I don't know why people are having trouble with it tonight,"

MR. BAXTER: "I would like to compliment Mr. Dixon in his wisdom in setting forth the votes this way to ensure a lack of confusion, so that we know a YES means to confirm and a NO means to deny. Thank you."

MR. MILLER: "Is there any further discussion on this appointment? If not, we'll proceed to a vote on Charles Grinnell. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. Mr. LOOMIS is ABSTAINING. Mr. Grinnell has NOT BEEN confirmed. There are 11 YES votes; 23 NO votes; and Mr. Loomis is being recorded as an Abstention. There are 35 members present since Mr. Connors left.

(A) ZONING BOARD

MR. CHARLES GRINNELL (R)  
83 Wire Mill Road  
(Held in Committee)

DENIED  
11 YES  
23 NO  
1 ABSTENTION

Term Expires:  
Dec. 1, 1980

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (11 YES VOTES):

Hays, George V. (R-20)	Rybnick, Gerald J. (D-4)
Osuch, Adam E. (R-14)	McInerney, Barbara A. (R-20)
Wiesley, Vere (R-13)	DeRor, Joseph R. (D-15)
Hawe, Marie J. (R-1)	Cosentini, Audrey M. (R-13)
Flanagan, William H. (R-19)	Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D-3)
Lowden, Lynn M. (D-1)	

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (23 NO VOTES):

Perillo, Mildred J. (D-9)	Rose, Matthew A. (D-3)
Morgan, Michael G. (D-12)	D'Agostino, Thomas J. (D-17)
Zimble, Kurt A. (R-16)	Livingston, Jeremiah (D-5)
Dixon, Handy (D-2)	Baxter, George G. (D-7)
Perillo, Alfred E. (D-9)	Nizolek, Christine M. (D-2)
Signore, S. A. (R-18)	Goldstein, Sandra D. (D-16)
Lobozza, James D. (R-17)	Sherer, Donald B. (R-10)
Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R-18)	Costello, Robert H. (D-6)
Fox, John Wayne (D-15)	Carlucci, Leo J. (D-5)
Ritchie, Mildred S. (R-10)	Blum, David I. (D-12)
Glucksman, L. Morris (D-11)	Walsh, Peter J. (D-7)
Clark, Linda D. (D-6)	

ABSTENTION - 1 - Ralph Loomis (R-19)

MR. DIXON: "Next is the name of Carl Becker as an Alternate to the Zoning Board. The Committee conducted an extensive interview with Mr. Becker and have endorsed him by voting 7 YES; 1 NO; and 1 Abstention, and I MOVE for his approval.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: "SECONDED by Mrs. McInerney. If there's no discussion, we'll proceed to a vote. Just wait a second. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. Let Mrs. Cosentini be recorded as a YES vote. Mr. Becker has been CONFIRMED with 29 YES votes; 6 NO votes."

ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE

(9) MR. CARL BECKER (R)  
41 Red Fox Road  
(Held in Committee)

APPROVED  
29 YES  
6 NO

Term Expires:  
Dec. 1, 1980

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (29 YES):

Perillo, Mildred J. (D-9)	D'Agostino, Thomas J. (D-17)
Morgan, Michael G. (D-12)	McInerney, Barbara A. (R-20)
Zimblar, Kurt A. (R-16)	DeRose, Joseph R. (D-15)
Dixon, Handy (D-2)	Livingston, Jeremiah (D-5)
Hays, George V. (R-20)	Baxter, George G. (D-7)
Loomis, Ralph C. (R-19)	Nizolek, Christine M. (D-2)
Wiesley, Vere (R-13)	Goldstein, Sandra D. (D-16)
Hawe, Marie J. (R-1)	Sherer, Donald B. (R-10)
Fox, John Wayne (D-15)	Costello, Robert H. (D-6)
Ritchie, Mildred B. (W-10)	Carlucci, Leo J. (D-5)
Flanagan, Wm. H. (R-19)	Blum, David I. (D-12)
Clark, Linda D. (D-6)	Walsh, Peter J. (D-7)
Lowden, Lynn M. (D-1)	Cosentini, Audrey M. (R-13)
Rose, Matthew A. (D-3)	Miller, Frederick E., Jr. (D-3)
Rybnick Gerald J. (D-4)	

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (6 NO):

Perillo, Alfred E. (D-9)	Lobozza, James D. (R-17)
Osuch, Adam E. (R-14)	Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R-18)
Signore, S. A. (R-18)	Glucksman, L. Morris (D-11)

MR. DIXON: "That ends my report, Mr. President."

MR. SIGNORE: "Mr. President, because of the lateness of the hour, and actually a good break-off point in our Agenda, I MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT until Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m."

MR. MILLER: "A MOTION has been made and SECONDED to ADJOURN the meeting to Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. This isn't really debatable."

MR. SIGNORE: "You can change that date to whatever would be more convenient to everyone, but the Republicans have a Thursday Convention and Friday and Saturday."

MR. MILLER: "The Democrats, well, we have a Congressional Convention Tuesday of next week."

MR. BAXTER: "Point of Order, Mr. President, is the MOTION made by the Co-Minority Leader severable; that is, the MOTION to ADJOURN is not debatable, but isn't the second part of it, that is, the date...."

MR. MILLER: "Well, I think, to be practicable, we've got to have some discussion about the date, yes."

MR. BAXTER: "The date is under discussion. Whatever day you know, make it convenient for everyone."



MR. MILLER: "Wednesday, I think, seems to be all right. Mr. Morgan?"

MR. MORGAN: "Since the Republicans have conventions this weekend, and the Democrats have conventions this week and next week, I would suggest that Thursday, July 22nd is the first day that all of us would not have some kind of a conflict."

MR. MILLER: "Well, I'm not...we,well, that motion is not acceptable right now. Mr. Blum? I would have to say that we have a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting to Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. of this week, which would be July 14th, and that MOTION was made and SECONDED. Is there a question?"

MR. HAYS: "I MOVE THE QUESTION."

MRS. PERILLO: "Mr. Miller, is there any possibility we could meet tomorrow night to finish this?"

MR. MILLER: "Well, I think there's a conflict with a lot of our people who are deeply engaged in politics. So to be fair, I don't think tomorrow night is good for a large number of people."

MRS. PERILLO: "The Democrats have something going Wednesday night also."

MR. MILLER: "The question has been called. Let's vote on MOVING THE QUESTION. The MOTION is CARRIED. We'll now vote on the MOTION TO ADJOURN to Wednesday evening. The CHAIR is in doubt. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. The MOTION is LOST. The vote is 17 to 17 (laughter)."

MR. LOBOZZA: "I make a MOTION that we ADJOURN to TOMORROW NIGHT at 8 o'clock."


MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED. The CHAIR is in doubt. We'll use the machine."

MR. RYBNICK: "I'll pass now."

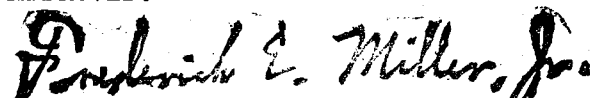
MR. MILLER: "We'll take a count (end of Tape side #5). The MOTION to ADJOURN to the following Monday, July 19th, is CARRIED. It had been SECONDED by Mr. Rybnick."

"The STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting can be held at the end of the regular adjourned meeting next Monday."

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m., after voting to meet on Monday next, July 19, 1976 at 8:00 P.M.

  
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant  
(and Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:



Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President  
14th Board of Representatives

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

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MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF JULY 19, 197614th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

An Adjourned Meeting, being adjourned from the Regular Monthly Meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, July 19, 1976, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, in order to complete the unfinished business still pending from the previous meeting of July 12, 1976.

The meeting was called to order by the PRESIDENT, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 8:25 P.M., preceded by a short caucus of both parties.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Mr. Miller called for a Moment of Silence "in memory of a lady, Mrs. Helen (Walter) Betz of 35 Arnold Drive. She passed away this evening at 5:25 p.m. Mrs. Betz was a regular attender of Board meetings for many, many years. She hadn't been able to get out recently. Thank you."

MR. SIGNORE: "May I say something about Mrs. Betz. She was long a Republican worker and was a very dedicated Republican, and she's from my district. I've known her for a few years now and the Party has lost a real, real worker, a real person, and I think we should send a letter to Mr. Betz. Thank you."

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

MR. MILLER, in the absence of the Clerk, Linda D. Clark, appointed MRS. MILDRED RITCHIE to be ACTING CLERK OF THE BOARD for this evening. He then asked her to Call the Roll. (There was a brief RECESS lasting from 8:34 p.m. to 8:48 p.m.)

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by Acting Clerk Mildred Ritchie. There were 29 members present and 11 absent. However, two members came in between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m., with a resulting attendance of 31 present and 9 absent. The nine members absent were: Leo Carlucci, Linda Clark, Joseph DeRose, Leonard Hoffman, Michael Morgan (excused), Adam Osuch, John Sandor, and Jeanne-Lois Santy, and George Ravallese. (Mr. Glucksman came in at 9:35 and Mr. Livingston at 9:52).

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

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

MR. MILLER: "For our purposes this evening, Mrs. RITCHIE will be assigned No. 20 as far as the voting machine goes, so Mrs. Ritchie will be No. 20 rather than Mrs. Clark. Mrs. McEvoy is going to take care of the recording. Thank you.

"In the absence of Mr. Morgan, the Fiscal Committee Report will be given by Mr. Rybnick, the Vice-Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Vice-Chairman

MR. RYBNICK: The Fiscal Committee met July 7, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. The following 8 members were present: Chairman Michael Morgan, Vice-Chairman Gerald Rybnick, Sandy Goldstein, Linda Clark, Jeremiah Livingston, Audrey Cosentini, Ralph Loomis, and Mildred Ritchie. Absent were Christine Nizolek and George Hays and they were excused. The Committee held this request last month pending further study; and at the July 7th meeting voted 8 in favor and I so MOVE."

MR. PERILLO: "The Public Works Committee met on this. Present were Perillo, Loboza, Ravallase, Zimblar, Osuch and Walsh. And we concurred with a vote of 6-0 in favor of this appropriation."

- (1) \$ 86,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 616.0000 Street Lighting -  
Needed to complete the fiscal year 1975-1976 (DPW Commissioner Rotondo's letter 5/7/76; Mayor Clapes' letter 5/10/76; Approved by Board of Finance 5/13/76.) Held in Committee June 14, 1976.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. RYBNICK: This is a proposed resolution to the 1976/77 Capital Projects Budget for the Glenbrook Road Elderly Housing Project. This appropriation essentially represents a guarantee by the City to pay for some unforeseen expense that might arise during the course of construction. Any such unforeseen expense might be later paid for by the Federal Government upon application. This project is 100% financed by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority with HUD mortgage insurance of the amount. Total cost of the project is \$1,128,000. Our Committee on July 7th voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

- (2) \$ 60,000.00 - STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY - PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1976-1977 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING A NEW PROJECT ENTITLED "GLENBROOK ROAD ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT" IN A SUM NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) - required per Mayor's letter 5/13/76; 5/13/76 letter from Housing Authority Pres. A.J. Marrucco; 5/19/76 letter from S.J. Bernstein, Chairman Pro Tem of Planning Board; Approved by Board of Finance 5/20/76. (Held in Committee 6/14/76).

MR. MILLER asked for a report from Mr. Livingston's committee, and since he is not present, inquired if there were a report on behalf of that committee.

MRS. McINERNEY: We had a quorum of committee members meet with Fiscal. I don't believe that Mr. Livingston actually did take a vote of those members; however, I think that we did get the information that we were asked for last month,

MR. MILLER: NO, it should be considered.

MRS. McINERNEY: Then there would be no report if Mr. Livingston didn't take a vote.

MR. MILLER: Well, I'm going to have to ask for a MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES because we do have this requirement that items over \$2,000.00 go to a second committee and would somebody make that Motion. All right, we'll take a recess so Mrs. McInerney can meet with the committee. We'll have a brief recess."

RECESS lasted from 9:34 p.m. to 9:41 p.m.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: "Would you please take your seats. The CHAIR would advise the members present tonight that the NO SMOKING signs are posted and smoking is illegal, and I would hope that we would all observe that rule. It's not just a rule of the Board. It's STATE LAW and Sheriff Blois is willing to enforce the law, if it becomes necessary. (laughter). Do we have a report from the Public Housing and General Relocation Committee, Mrs. McInerney?"

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, thank you. The Housing Committee met in quorum about five or ten minutes ago, and based on all the information we received in the joint meeting of Fiscal and Housing, 4 members were present and 4 members voted in favor of this, so we are in agreement with Fiscal.

MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. SIGNORE: I wanted to go on record I am in favor of Senior Citizen Housing whatever. However, I think that once this project has been completed, it should be required that the Stamford Housing Authority maintain and operate the Glenbrook Elderly Housing as it does other Senior Citizen facilities. If not, it would set a dangerous precedent..

MR. MILLER called for a vote on the main MOTION and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1055-A

AMENDING THE 1976-1977 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING A NEW PROJECT ENTITLED "GLENBROOK ROAD ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT" IN A SUM NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) TO SERVE AS SECURITY IN THE EVENT OF UNFORESEEN DEFICITS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut in accordance with the City Charter:

1. To adopt an amendment to the 1976-1977 Capital Projects Budget by adding a project in a sum not to exceed SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) to be known as "GLENBROOK ROAD ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT".
  2. Said funding to serve as security or guaranty in the event of unforeseen deficits in the initiation and completion of the proposed project; and is to be used only as a contingency fund to cover unforeseen problems.
  3. This project is to consist of 44 units to be built under a non-profit mortgagor corporation known as "Glenbrook Road Elderly Housing", No. 017-35073-NP-WAM-L8, and to be financed by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) and HUD'S Mortgage Credit Branch.
  3. That the Stamford Housing Authority shall, if they experience any "extras" in the course of construction, seek a mortgage increase from HUD and CHFA to cover such added costs.
  4. The Mayor of Stamford is authorized to advise HUD of the City's willingness to back this project in a sum not to exceed SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
  5. This resolution shall take effect upon enactment.
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FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (3) \$ 1,932.66 - REQUEST TO TRANSFER ADDITIONAL SUM FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER - Transfer from "SUNDRIES" Code 998.0000 to "PERFORMING ARTS" Code 720.5805 (Pink Tent) - (\$6,000.00 was transferred on this Board's approval 6/14/76) - Additional sum required as follows: (Board of Finance approved 6/17/76)
- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Fire Prevention | \$ 1,578.88        |
| Printing        | 154.00             |
|                 | <u>\$ 1,932.66</u> |

MR. RYBNICK: Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 and I so MOVE.

MR. BLOIS: PARKS and RECREATION Committee concurs, Sir.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (4) \$ 6,510.00 - REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER - To pay salary of Traffic Director, Ronald Weber, for first three months of fiscal year 1976-1977 (Mayor's letter 6/7/76 enclosing Samuel Bernstein (Planning Board) letter of 6/7/76 enclosing letter of 6/2/76 from Task Force on Traffic members (5):
- |                       |                                 |             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>TRANSFER FROM:</u> | 410.0101 Police Department..... | \$ 6,510.00 |
| <u>TRANSFER TO:</u>   | 104.0101 Planning Board.....    | \$ 6,510.00 |
- Board of Finance approved 6/17/76, after reducing amount requested from \$8,984.00 to \$6,510.00 (from 4 months' salary to 3 months' salary) with STIPULATION that further funding will be refused unless significant action as outlined in Mr. Fox's letter is taken to resolve the fundamental issues involved.

MR. RYBNICK: This is another request to transfer funds from one department to another. In this case from the Police Department to the Planning Board in order to pay the salary of the Traffic Director for a period of three months. The Committee in our July 7th meeting voted 8-0 to hold this, but tonight after a request from the Planning Board, Mr. Bernstein, we polled the Committee and they voted 5 yes 3 no to hold and I so MOVE to bring it out.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: A similar thing happened with my committee last week, too. Last week we voted 4 to hold, 2 to abstain, because we had not met personally with the Planning Board, nor had we received the letter and had sufficient time to read it and perhaps then ask some questions. However, in the interim, the letter was received and we did have time to speak with Mr. Bernstein and so we met briefly right before the meeting and the Committee voted 5 to bring it out of committee and 1 to hold.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. LOBOZZA: I'd just like to speak a little on this. I think everyone is aware of Mr. Weber and I think you also know that he has already saved the City, maybe about \$1,800.00 shy what they're asking for his salary, and I'd like to go on record as supporting this and....."

MR. LOOMIS: The Fiscal Committee met as Jerry Rybnick indicated here. Ample opportunity was given to the Planning Board people to appear before us to discuss this item and there were a number of legitimate questions regarding the whole matter of setting up this new arrangement; not only were they not there, but they had really indicated to several people not a great interest in appearing before the Fiscal Com-

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. LOOMIS (Continuing)...mittee. In the meantime after we had voted to hold by a margin of 8-0, all of a sudden, all these calls started coming. Now I would have liked to have had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Bernstein, but I was at the convention with several other members of that committee in Hartford this weekend, so I know as little now as I did then, and I will therefore vote to hold this item and I think it's a matter that should concern the entire Board of Representatives because we do work with committees and the committee should have an opportunity to meet together with the members as a whole to discuss these items thoroughly, especially when you have an item as important as this, and for piecemeal person to talk to this one, to that one, and some people were visiting individually with other members of other boards, I don't think the answer to this question this way is the proper way for the matter to come before the Board.

MR. LOWDEN: Thank you. I received a letter and I believe the other Board members did, too, concerning the willingness of Mr. Bernstein to appear this past week, not necessarily before the last meeting, or the first half of this meeting, but this past week since we did have a week to spare. I believe that Mr. Bernstein suggested that they would be able to get together with the committee on Thursday or Friday. I don't have the letter in front of me but I believe that was correct and I guess the Fiscal Committee wasn't able to meet at those times. He did express a willingness and I disagree with Mr. Loomis in saying that they did not seem to be willing to meet with them on this issue. They originally, I guess, said that they asked him to appear before this particular meeting which he could not do, but he did express a willingness to appear either Thursday or Friday, or perhaps on the weekend, if they were able to, and I don't think that shows an reticence on his part. I don't believe it should be held against him.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, there are a few questions about the procedures that were used here. Without trying to fix culpability on any one individual, it was probably a very poor procedure all the way around. We had people who were willing or unable at one time and other people who were willing and unable at different times, and the upshot of it was an extremely poor procedure where individuals were called individually. An attempt was made to respond to questions in that manner which is a poor procedure, probably incorrect, except that the committee business is not official but certainly not in the spirit of open meetings where everyone could feed off of each other's thinking and it puts us in a peculiar position of if you come out because you don't like the way it was handled, you know it's mis-interpreted as to the merits of whether or not the gentleman in question should be in his position. I voted also in committee to hold because of the procedure. I felt there were several questions that were not answered. However, as long as it is on the floor, I will probably vote in favor of it. I strongly urge that we never have a repetition of that procedure again, though, because I just think it was just very poor business.

MR. BLUM: I think this whole procedure, if we go all the way back to the Fiscal (Finance) Board was irregular in putting a man out of his job. Whatever happened here, they were trying to put a man who knew about traffic back into a job that was badly needed. Sometimes I think we have to overlook formalities in order to put something that was done wrong back on course. I think that we ought to go and vote today and let's stop the nonsense of what's going here.

FISCAL COMMITTEE ( continued)

MR. BAXTER: I wonder if I could ask a question of one of the two committees that reported this, if they could tell me what if any adverse things would happen if we failed to act positively on this today, noting that we have a meeting in two weeks; for instance, would he not be paid?

MR. RYBNICK: I don't think he'll be paid because I don't think there's any funds in the Planning Board to allow for the Traffic Director and unless we vote again tonight...."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, if we don't vote these funds this evening, then Mr. Weber won't be paid for the month of July, and in two weeks he would have the opportunity of course to bring this out again. In addition, if the Board does not vote favorably on this period, I understand that Mr. Weber...the Planning Board needs Mr. Weber's expertise for the updating of the Master Plan, and that there he has been working on this right now and that this is part of the reason that they're quite anxious to have him working with them now. I would also like to add that as far as Personnel is concerned, we look at this totally as an interim measure. We really expect that at the end of ninety days, the Traffic Advisory Commission will be set up and that we really have some kind of positive realistic traffic plan for the City, and perhaps a proper place, so to speak, in the City for whoever the Traffic Director will be...Mr. Weber, or whoever. These interim measures can be very disquieting and of course Mrs. Cosentini and Mr. Loomis were quite right in voicing their misgivings about the procedural haziness in this whole area. It was most upsetting to both committees, really.

MR. ZIMBLER: Between Mr. Blum and Mrs. Goldstein, I think they covered most of what I wanted to say. I did, however, want to stress again that this may be a situation where agreed, there may be some loose ends to tie up, but the end more than justifies the means; the City needs a Traffic Director and currently has no Traffic Director. And in speaking with members of the Planning Board, I was told the same thing, that the services of the Traffic Director are desperately needed to help the Planning Board up-date the Master Plan so once again the end justifies the means. I think the time has come now to pass these funds and get on with the business.

MRS. HAWE: I, too, wanted to say much of what Mrs. Goldstein said, but I just want to go on record of being in favor of transferring these funds. I agree that more information probably should have been given to the committees and the procedures could have been better, but I feel that it's so important to keep the Traffic Director on for this interim period while a long-range solution is being found, that I'd just like to go on record in favor of transferring these funds.

MR. LOBOZZA: "I'd like to MOVE THE QUESTION."

MR. MILLER: We'll vote on Moving the Question. The MOTION is CARRIED, by a vote of 27 YES and 2 ABSTENTIONS. The two abstentions being Mildred Perillo and George Connors. (This was a voice vote with the abstainers identifying themselves.)



## FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (5) \$ 514.61 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Additional Appropriations as follows:  
(Mayor's letters 6/1/76 and 5/28/76); Nancy Tatano's letter  
5/13/76) Board of Finance approved 6/17/76.

Code 102.5107 Primary Expense.....	\$ 314.61
Code 102.0501 Telephone Account.....	\$ 200.00
	<u>\$ 514.61</u>

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (6) \$208,320.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - WIC PROGRAM - Additional Appropriation  
for W.I.C. Program for interim fiscal period 7/1/76 through  
9/30/76. GRANT from U.S. Department of Agriculture through the  
Connecticut State Dept. of Health. Mayor Clapes' letter 6/4/76;  
Dr. Gofstein's letter 6/1/76 and supporting data. Board of  
Finance approved 6/17/76.

MR. RYBNICK: This is a 100% reimbursable Federal Grant for the Women, Infants  
and Children's Program. It would fund the W.I.C. Program during the three months  
interim of July, August and September presently occurring while the Federal Govern-  
ment changes the fiscal year from June 30th to September 30th. The Committee voted  
8-0 in favor of this request and I so MOVE.

MR. ROSE: Yes, Mr. President, Health and Protection concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Is there  
something else to be brought up now from Dr. Gofstein? Is there a resolution,  
Mr. Rybnick?

MR. PERILLO: Mr. President, I think that issue was meant to be presented to  
Steering Committee for the August meeting.

MR. MILLER: Oh no, it wasn't. There was something Dr. Gofstein wanted brought  
up under SUSPENSION OF RULES tonight. I think what we'll do is go through the  
Fiscal Committee agenda and then if we have to take a recess and Mr. Rybnick can  
determine whether he wants to bring this up under Suspension of the Rules...but  
I think we can proceed with the regular Fiscal agenda. (The Resolution appears  
immediately after Fiscal Item No. 20 in these Minutes. It is Resolution #1056)

- (7) \$ 32,881.53 - STAMFORD DAY CARE CENTERS - Additional Appropriation requested.  
to be TOTALLY REIMBURSED by STATE; Mayor's letter 6/4/76; J.  
Ellis' letter 6/1/76; Approved by Board of Finance 6/17/76.

Code 450.1301 Insurance. . . . .	\$ 3,750.00
Code 450.6003 Food . . . . .	24,705.00
Code 453.0101 Salaries . . . . .	1,386.85
Code 453.0101 Salaries . . . . .	1,899.80
Code 458.0101 Salaries . . . . .	<u>1,139.88</u>
	\$ 32,881.53

MR. RYBNICK: This is 100% reimbursable State Grant and the committee voted 8-0  
in favor and I so MOVE.

MR. ROSE: Health and Protection concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. the Motion is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (8) \$27,565.75 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - BOND EXPENSE - Code 230.0000 - Additional Appropriation for Bond Issue expenses, per Mayor's letter 6/7/76; Comm. Hadley's letter 6/4/76 and recap. Board of Finance approved 6/17/76.

MR. RYBNICK: This is an additional appropriation to cover the balance of the required payments due in connection with the recent bond sale. The Committee voted 8-0 and I so MOVE.

MR. WIESLEY: Education, Welfare and Government concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. LOBOZZA: One question. I'm just curious on why we didn't know about these expenses prior to now?"

MR. RYBNICK: No, I can't answer that question. I don't have it before me, but I believe it probably was an estimated cost that was unforeseen. This is all I can say.

MR. LOOMIS: I have a memorandum before me which we reviewed in our deliberation to the Fiscal Committee and it explains that Mr. Hadley had to comply to an entirely new set of guidelines in terms of preparing these reports, and the original appropriation did not cover, was not sufficient to cover the cost of preparing all the materials needed to meet these new sets of guidelines, and consequently we had this extra appropriation that was needed. I have a detailed breakdown in front of me here of the services, expenses which I'd be glad to share with Mr. Loboza to explain why these additional monies are needed.

MR. MILLER: WE'll proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (9) \$ 39,323.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - LEAD PAINT POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM - Code 570. Mayor's letter 6/15/76; Dr. Gofstein's letter 6/9/76 - additional appropriation TOTALLY REIMBURSABLE BY FEDERAL FUNDS - period 7/1/76 through 12/31/76. Board of Finance approved 6/17/76.

Code 570.0101 Salaries. . . . .	\$ 28,377.00
Code 570.0120 Employee Benefits (FICA, etc.) . . . . .	7,045.00
Code 570.0301 Postage, Priting, Stationery. . . . .	750.00
Code 570.0501 Telephone . . . . .	300.00
Code 570.0602 Lab Supplies. . . . .	136.00
Code 570.0801 Transportation. . . . .	2,515.00
Code 570.2101 Conferences . . . . .	200.00
	<u>\$ 39,323.00</u>

MR. RYBNICK: This is totally reimbursable Federal Grant for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this and I so MOVE.

MR. ROSE: Yes, in meeting with Health Department in charge of Housing, I found that a number of housing that's still in the City that has lead poison condition and Health and Protection Cpmmittee concurs with this item.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (10) \$ 3,520.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Additional appropriation requested for 1976-77 Summer Vocational Work/Study Program - "FEDERAL GRANT represents 80% of required project funding, with 20% balance (\$880.00) being provided from local funds already budgeted" per letter of 6/23/76 from B.R.Reed, Asst. Supt./Business Education.

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FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(10) continued... Board of Finance had not acted on this item at time of agenda being printed, but did APPROVE it on July 8, 1976.

MR. RYBNICK: This grant provides 11 Stamford public school high school students with the opportunity to spend the summer in different City departments. The amount represents 80% of the total cost of \$4,400; 20%, or \$880.00 has already been budgeted previously. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

MR. WIESLEY: EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE concurs.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Mr. President, taking \$3,520.00, 20% of that, a total of \$704 of City contribution, where'd they get that \$880? This is Board of Education..."

MR. MILLER: Any further discussion on this matter? We can proceed to a vote. MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(11) \$12,450.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request for Additional Appropriation to be effected by TRANSFER between CAPITAL PROJECTS as follows: (Letter of 6/23/76 from B.R.Reed, Asst. Supt.Business Educ.)

TRANSFER FROM:

Project #193-1969 Taxes -Maintenance & Services Bldg...\$12,450.00

TRANSFER TO:

Project #296-1975/76 Bonds-Riverbank Media Center,

Appropriated. . . . . \$20,000.00

Bid Came in. . . . . \$29,450.00

+ Architect Fees, etc. . . . 3,000.00 \$32,450.00

SHORT \$12,450.00

NOTE: Board of Finance has not acted on this yet, so approval would be contingent upon their action. ALSO letter dated 6/30/76 from Finance Comm. Hadley indicates this request returned, and to be re-submitted as a regular capital projects item, per Section 618.

MR. RYBNICK; This is a request to transfer funds from one capital projects account to another; in this case from taxes-maintenance services building to Riverbank Media Center. However, Mr. Hadley has written to the Board of Education indicating that this request is not acceptable in its present form because it represents a transfer from one capital account to another. Since this is to be resubmitted as a regular capital project, the committee voted 8-0 to hold this item in committee, and I so MOVE.

MR. WIESLEY We concur to hold.

(12) \$1,315,894.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO THE 1975-76 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET ADDING TO THE "MULTI-PURPOSE INCINERATOR" the additional sum of \$1,315,894.00 for complete rehabilitation including all State and Federally-mandated air pollution controls. (Mayor's letter 5/10/76 and Vincent Rotondo's letter 5/7/76) Board of Finance approved 6/17/76. To be bonded.

MR. RYBNICK: By adding this amount to the Multi-Purpose Incinerator, it will result in the complete rehabilitation of the incinerator and will bring it in compliance with the State and Federal air pollution regulations. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this and I so MOVE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Public Works Committee voted 5 in favor and 1 abstention. I'd like to note that the true figure of that operation is \$1,917,297.00. They do have some monies in capital projects of 75-76 that they'll transfer to this, bringing it to the total with the \$1,315,000, to \$1,917,000.

MR. LOBOZZA: I think you know I'm the one abstention on the Public Works Committee on this and I realize we need this facility, but I think one thing we also need besides the facility is we need a guarantee, I think, from the Public Works Commissioner, or that specific department, that we won't build this facility and have it last only six years as did the last one. It cost us I think somewhere in the vicinity of \$1,500,000 and we had somewhere around \$400,000 in Federal assistance with it. This time we're paying the freight ourselves. I would like to see some sort of guarantee that whether it be our fault not allocating enough money for maintenance, or whether it would be individuals in charge of the facilities; but I would like to see some sort of a guarantee before this project is started that it just won't last another six years only.

MR. BLUM: I took a visit down to the public works to this multi-purpose treatment plant and there was quite a study there to find out that they don't have preventative maintenance there at all. Evidently they don't even have enough tradesmen to do the job of doing preventative maintenance. I'm just wondering if we're going to maintain this facility as Mr. Loboza says, just for six years? I think we need...I'm just wondering if there's enough funds to maintain the sewage treatment plant, the multi-purpose incinerator, and that entire plant down there.

MR. LOOMIS: Yes, I have before me the minutes of both the Planning Board and the Board of Finance which reviewed this item before passing along to us, and I think if you read through them, they bring up the very questions that Mr. Blum and Mr. Loboza have just mentioned; and in order to perhaps have a tighter control of what's going on there, the Board of Finance specifically asked the Commissioner to report on a regular basis of what's going on with the construction of this new incinerator and particularly what kind of personnel will be manning and servicing the incinerator; and so these reports will be sent and delivered to them. I suspect they will be made available to the public on a regular basis and very detailed accounting, on a quarterly basis, so I think these issues have been brought up and there are those in City Government who are aware of them and I think will be getting a careful accounting of what happens assuming we approved the construction monies for this new incinerator. If we don't, I think we're going to be facing some problems because I have in another letter here from the Department of Environmental Protection, which is threatening fines of up to a thousand dollars or over per week, if we do not construct a new incinerator because the one we have now is the largest polluter in Southwestern Connecticut, and according to the accounts which were given to us at our Fiscal Committee meeting by some of those from the Public Works Department down there, there are those engineers who have looked at it and indeed believe that perhaps it's in danger of actually falling down in the near future, so I think we're running some kind of risk if we do not appropriate the monies, but I think Mr. Loboza and Mr. Blum have brought up excellent points which I think we should be well aware of assuming that these monies are appropriated and this incinerator is constructed.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER: I'd like to ask one of the previous speakers, or perhaps the committee chairman, who are reporting on this, if whether or not, in their opinion, it would be appropriate to require of a Public Works Commissioner, or a department that's submitting a large capital project, like we have here, to also indicate what the anticipated maintenance budget would be? In other words, not only the periodic reports as it's happening, that Mr. Loomis described, but also in advance what the estimated maintenance costs are going to be, and then those committees can compare that estimate in the beginning with the budget request, the annual budget request?

MR. BLUM: The time that I went down to the incinerator and had a talk there, come to find out there that where they should have about six maintenance men, there are only three working, and they're unable to do a full what they call a full preventative maintenance program there and is it a wonder to find this multiple-purpose incinerator in this condition? How long has it been going on?

MR. PERILLO: In talking to the Commissioner, he feels they will be needing approximately \$20,000.00 for maintenance of personnel for that one operation down there, and unless they can get these monies, we're going to run into problems; no tickaa, no washee!

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. We will proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1055-B.

AMENDING THE 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING  
THERETO THE SUM OF ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND  
EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,315,894.00) TO THE  
PROJECT KNOWN AS "THE MULTI-PURPOSE INCINERATOR".

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY The 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with the City Charter:

1. To adopt an amendment to the 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET by adding an additional sum of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,315,894.00) to the PROJECT entitled "MULTI-PURPOSE INCINERATOR" of the Public Works Department, for the purpose of complete rehabilitation including all State and Federally-mandated air pollution controls.
2. To authorize the financing of said project by the issuance of bonds.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect upon enactment.

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(13) \$152,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET A NEW PROJECT ENTITLED "ATLANTIC STREET ALIGNMENT AND WIDENING PROJECT" to be financed by the issuance of bonds. Per letter of Mayor Clapes 5/4/76 and enclosures of Frederic R. Harris, Inc., engineering estimate. Approved by Board of Finance June 17, 1976.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted 8-0 to Hold this in committee, pending a meeting with the URC.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works Committee also moved to hold.

Item No. 13 was HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (14) \$ 2,250.00 - GLENBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET, AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$2,250.00 for Alarm Equipment required at Central Fire Station for dispatching; to be financed by bonds. Mayor Clapes' letter 5/10/76. Approved by Board of Finance June 17, 1976.

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted 7-0, with Mrs. Clark abstaining, in favor of this request, and I so MOVE.

MR. ROSE: Health and Protection concur.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1055-C.

AMENDING THE 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THERETO AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS TO A PROJECT KNOWN AS "THE CENTRAL FIRE HOUSE" FOR ALARM EQUIPMENT, STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in accordance with the City Charter:

1. To adopt an amendment to the 1975-1976 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET by adding an additional sum of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$2,250.00) to the project entitled "Central Fire House" to be used for Alarm Equipment, Stamford Fire Department.
  2. To authorize the financing of said project by the issuance of bonds.
  3. That this Resolution shall take effect upon enactment.
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- (15) \$ 14,099.76 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.0501 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH - Additional Appropriation needed for 1975-1976 for telephone communications system, per Mayor's letter 5/6/76; Chief Vittti's letter 5/4/76; Hawley Oefinger's letter 4/13/76; SNETCO's letter 4/6/76. Board of Finance approved 6/17/76.

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

MR. ROSE: Health and Protection concur.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (16) \$ 845.28 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.0306 - Fire Commission Account - Expenses incurred in recent hearings into charges involving certain members of Fire Fighters Local 786, per Mayor's letter 5/3/76; Chief Vitti's letter 4/6/76 and supporting invoices and vouchers. Board of Finance approved 6/17/76.

MR. RYBNICK: The Committee voted 8=0 in favor and I so MOVE.

Mr. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (17) \$ 6,160.00 = DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE - Code 270.0101 - \$18,641.00 was appropriated in 76-77 budget for position of new Personnel Director. Salary is \$24,801 (Step 5 of A-15). \$6,160.00 is needed, per Mayor's letter 5/7/76; Personnel Commission Chairman Austin Rinella's letter 5/7/76.

MR. RYBNICK: This request is for an additional appropriation for the salary account of the new personnel director; although \$18,641 was originally appropriated, the salary range for the position goes up to \$24,801. The new director was hired at the higher salary and so the appropriation has been requested to bring the salary account into line. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request and I so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel concurs, Mr. President, and would also like to add that when Mr. Rinella spoke to us, he spoke really very highly of the new Personnel Director and he is a very talented man. He comes with marvelous credentials and we're looking forward to some very positive changes in the Civil Service System here. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (18) \$ 8,480.52 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Additional Appropriation to reimburse for Education and for compensation to Supervisors. Board of Finance approved 6/17/76.

Code 720.5203	Education (for 3)	\$ 1,255.75
Code 720.0103	Overtime	5,446.32
Code 720.0110	Holiday Pay	465.72
Code 720.0111	5% Shift Differential	759.99
Code 720.0114	10% Shift Differential	552.74
		<u>\$ 8,480.52</u>

MR. RYBNICK: This is a request for an additional appropriation to reimburse recreation supervisors for educational expenses and for overtime, holiday, and related compensation. The Committee voted 8-0 and I so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel concurs, Mr. President.

MR. BLOIS: PARKS and Recreation concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (19) \$ 536,071.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 605.0000 - SNOW REMOVAL AND FLOOD EMERGENCY. Approved by Board of Finance 6/17/76.

Code 605.0101	Salaries - Overtime	\$132,710.00
Code 605.0601	General Materials & Supplies	11,747.00
Code 605.0621	Rock, Salt and Sand	217,334.00
Code 605.0927	Private Contractors	157,225.00
Code 605.1809	Sander & Plow Repair & Maint.	17,055.00
		<u>\$536,071.00</u>

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(19) continued .... Mr. Rotondo's letter 5/7/76 with substantiating data for this sum for fiscal 75/76. Original appropriation of \$25,000. was used for Rock Salt account, plus three additional Snow Removal accounts were covered by transfers.

MR. RYBNICK: This is a request for an additional appropriation to pay for snow removal and flood emergency expenses incurred by the Public Works Department. The snow removal account for 75/76 was only funded by a token \$25,000 appropriation. Mayor's letter dated 5/10/76. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request and I so MOVE.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Public Works Committee voted 6-0 to concur with Fiscal.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(20) \$ 90,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 624.1216 - DIVISION OF COLLECTION - Maintenance of Disposal Areas. Approved by Board of Finance 6/17/76. Mayor's letter 5/10/76. Reduced by Board of Finance from \$100,000 to \$90,000.

MR. RYBNICK: This is to cover the cost of hauling material out of the Magee Avenue Disposal Site. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Mr. President, the Finance Board moved to cut this down to \$90,000.00, and we concur.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to have a little explanation on what this is all about. I mean money must have been appropriated at one time to remove this garbage from the ..... uh, garbage; do we need some more money; when does it stop?"

MR. LOBOZZA: Yes, I have some questions. I believe this money going to MST Trucking. Number 1, No. Number 2, No. I think we're faced with another appropriation for more money on this. I haven't heard anything. I would like an explanation on this. I must have missed this one here on the money. What it's for? If it was overtime, or just above and beyond the original contract? Or what, if somebody can answer those questions.

MR. RYBNICK: I don't have a full explanation to this, but perhaps some other member might have a full explanation.

MR. MILLER: Well, Mr. Walsh wanted to speak and then I'll get to Mr. Loomis and Mr. Perillo.

MR. WALSH: If I can remember correctly, in Public Works Committee, Commissioner Rotondo stated that they gave MST a lot of overtime since they were getting them at such a low price. Before their contract ran out, they had them working all kinds of overtime to get rid of the garbage before the new rate came in.

MR. LOOMIS: I was just going to say what Mr. Walsh did, and it's to finish out the present, or rather the past fiscal year. We're in July now, clean up Hanover site, so that's all I can recall from my notes.

MR. PERILLO: They both said what I was going to say!



FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: I think we can go to a vote then. We have a request for a DIVISION. We'll take a Division, using the machine. Mrs. Ritchie is using No. 20. The Motion is...."

MR. LOBOZZA: Will this be recorded by individual voter? O.K. Fine. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Mrs. McEvoy is recording it. 27 YES votes; 1 NO vote; 1 ABSTENTION; and 11 absent. I would just like to bring up one point. There was some discussion at the last meeting as to the meaning of the failure to vote by a member who is present; that is, a member who is present. He is not voting on the machine. That is, just not voting, or an abstention, and I would refer the members to No. 10 under "Machine Voting" on Page 7 of the Rules of the Board and really that Section 10 takes care of that problem. A NO light is an abstention, so we have YES (GREEN) or NO (RED), so if you don't vote, then you are recorded as present, and then it's an ABSTENTION.

Below is the vote of each individual on Fiscal Item No. 20:

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR (27 = YES):

Perillo, Mildred J.  
Zimlar, Kurt A.  
Dixon, Handy  
Hays, George V.  
Loomis, Ralph C.  
Perillo, Alfred E.  
Signore, S. A.  
Wiesley, Vere  
Hawe, Marie J.  
Lobozza, James D.  
Fox, John Wayne  
Flanagan, William H.  
Clark, Linda D.  
Blois, Julius J.

Lowden, Lynn M.  
Rose, Matthew A.  
Rybnick, Gerald J.  
McInerney, Barbara A.  
Baxter, George G.  
Nizolek, Christine M.  
Goldstein, Sandra D.  
Sherer, Donald B.  
Costello, Robert H.  
Connors, George V.  
Walsh, Peter J.  
Cosentini, Audrey M.  
Miller, Frederick E., Jr.

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION (1) = David I. BlumTHOSE ABSTAINING (1) = Thomas J. D'Agostino

MR. LOWDEN: Just a Point of Information, Mr. Miller, I think we went into this last year some time, but according to Webster's and all other definitions that I read, there's no difference between an "abstention" and a "no vote". An abstention is a failure to vote and I think if I had the definition in front of me, it would show that; and on certain occasions we have to vote and get say 2/3 of the vote on something, of those present and voting, and that makes a difference in that case. Can we finally resolve that somehow perhaps off the floor? I don't want to make an issue of it here.

MR. MILLER: No, I don't think there's any problem. We take the roll at the beginning of the meeting. We record the members present. Take a division, using the machine, and a person who has been recorded as present, does not vote, that person's action on that particular vote is to be recorded as an abstention.

DR. LOWDEN: There was, at one time, which is a non-vote and therefore if you need 2/3 of those present and voting, then you only count YESES vs. NOS and get a 2/3 majority.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: That's right.

DR. LOWDEN: O.K., it hasn't been done sometime in the past. Thank you.

MRS. COSENTINI: I just wanted to ask, Mr. President, in other words, there is no accounting for someone leaving the floor as not being present for a vote then?

MR. MILLER: No, there isn't. The CHAIR would note that Mrs. Santy is now present, and also Mr. Glucksman is now present, so we now have 31 members present. And the last Motion carried by 27 YES votes and I don't believe you have anything else, Mr. Rybnick. But I'm going to call a brief recess so I can discuss with the Acting Chairman of the Fiscal Committee this Resolution from Dr. Gofstein. Did you have something Mr. Loomis? O.K., we'll have a brief recess.

RECESS lasted from 9:34 p.m. until 9:41 p.m.

MR. MILLER: We will come to order and proceed with the Fiscal Committee report. Mr. Rybnick will finish his report.

MR. RYBNICK made a MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES in order to consider a Resolution proposed for the W.I.C. Program. Every member has a copy and Mr. Rybnick will read the proposed resolution. MOVED and SECONDED to Suspend the Rules. MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MRS. PERILLO: I'll say "No", because I don't have a copy of that. I'm sorry.

Mr. Rybnick read the proposed resolution and it appears below as Resolution No. 1056, after it has been APPROVED.

MOVED and SECONDED by Mr. Baxter.

MRS. PERILLO: On that W.I.C. Program, I believe others, other than low-income families, do receive that now, is that not true?

MR. MILLER: Can anybody give us any information on the W.I.C. Program. In other words, people who are not supposed to be getting this program are participating in the program, is that the question?

MRS. MCINERNEY: Yes, I'm trying to remember. I asked a similar question last year and I called the Health Department and they did tell me at that point, they had had some problem with residents who were not qualified to receive this W.I.C. program, and they related back to when they first started. It was very hard to inform people and they just were giving it to some people who really weren't eligible, but they informed me that they were going out and doing a house-to-house check to make sure that everyone was eligible, but I would like to speak in favor of this resolution now, because I think we're putting the horse in back of the cart, so to speak. We've already allocated \$208,320.00 for this program and we need this resolution to make sure that we get it reimbursed.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, I'd like to ask the lawyers on the Board to tell me what it means in the very last resolve, that the said Mayor of the City of Stamford and the said director, etc., etc., are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such contracts or agreements. What kinds of contracts or agreements will be required in order to effectuate the receipt of the aforesaid fund; I'm not sure what those are all about; does anybody know what kind of contract or agreement would be necessary before the funds could be received?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER: They say "fools rush in where angels fear to tread". I don't know because I'm not familiar with that part of the program, but I would imagine that if would merely be an agreement to expend the funds in accordance with the guidelines of the grant, nothing more than that, they would agree to abide by the guidelines of the grant.

MR. MILLER: Well, we have a MOTION on the floor to approve this resolution. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1056

ENABLING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOWING THE CITY OF STAMFORD, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO OPERATE A SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN, ENTIRELY FINANCED BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS, there is a grant available for a supplemental food program for low-income women, infants and children, under the regulations established by the United States Department of Agriculture, and administered by the State of Connecticut, which grant entirely finances the said program or project for which the grant is awarded.

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford is eligible and the Department of Health of the City of Stamford is desirous of applying to the State of Connecticut for the aforesaid grant; and

WHEREAS, such grant is finally awarded only after the applicant attests that the funds of the grant will be used solely for the execution of the grant program or project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in order to enable the Department of Health of the City of Stamford to obtain such grant, does hereby consent and authorize the Mayor of the City of Stamford, Louis A. Clapes, and the Department of Health of the City of Stamford, acting through its duly authorized Director, RALPH M. GOLFSTEIN, to make the necessary attestations to the Connecticut State Department of Health that the grant will be used for the purposes for which granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt by the City of Stamford of said grant funds, the Board of Representatives will appropriate said funds to the Department of Health of the City of Stamford for the execution of the aforesaid program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Mayor of the City of Stamford and the said Director of Health of the City of Stamford are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such contracts or agreements as may be required in order to effectuate the receipt of the aforesaid funds and to execute such other documents as may be required and to execute any amendments, renewals, recisions, extensions, and revisions thereto and to act as the duly authorized representative of the City of Stamford.

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Mr. RYBNICK: Mr. President, that completes my report.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox

MR. FOX: The Legislative and Rules Committee met on June 29th at which time seven members were present; we met again on July 6th with Senator Sneller in connection with the City and Town Development Act, at which time five members were present. We met again on July 8th which was a Public Hearing in connection with the proposed anti-obscenity statute at which time eight members were present.

- (1) LETTER FROM COURTLAND TERRACE ASSOCIATION, Mrs. Betty Conti, President, dated 5/20/76 requesting property owners whose land and/or buildings face possible condemnation be notified well in advance, preferably at the planning stage. (Held in Committee 6/14/76, pending consultation with Law Dept.)

MR. FOX: We have met with Assistant Corporation Counsel Ted Godlin. We will be meeting again this Thursday night hopefully with the representative of the Sewer Commission and the Public Works Department. The Committee voted to HOLD THIS IN COMMITTEE for the time being until we have additional information.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Livingston is not present to give his committee's report.

MR. BAXTER: Planning and Zoning concurs.

- (2) PROPOSED OBSCENITY ORDINANCE - For final adoption.

MR. FOX: A public hearing was held on this July 7th at which time we received a great deal of in-put from various members of the public. Until we've had an opportunity to digest, that item will also be HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (3) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES NO. 18-68 RAIL OR FENCE AND RED LIGHTS TO BE MAINTAINED.

MR. FOX: You should have received by this time a copy of the proposed ordinance. The L&R Committee voted 7-0 for the PUBLICATION of this ordinance, and I do want to make clear that we are not at this time moving for passage, but only for publication. In light of the vote of the committee, I would MOVE for its publication.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works concurs.

MR. ROSE: I have no report on that item, Mr. President.

MR. HAYS: Yes, Mr. President, through you to Mr. Fox, I am a little concerned of the description of the light in the ordinance as red. I presume that has to do with warning lights and they do take on other colors and I think we would be trapped if the ordinance limited itself to red lights.

MR. FOX: Before final adoption, Mr. Hays, we'll be having another meeting on this. We'll be happy to hear your color scheme.

MR. MILLER: Any further discussion? We'll proceed to a vote on publication. MOVED and SECONDED. Yes, fine, do you want to read it, please, Mr. Fox? It is requested that you read the ordinance, the proposed ordinance, before we vote.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL (FOR PUBLICATION)  
CONCERNING SAFETY AROUND EXCAVATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. Section 18-68 of the Code of Ordinance is repealed and the following is adopted:
2. When any manhole, flush tank, conduit or hole is opened, or any opening or excavation made in any street or sidewalk in the City, the person opening or making the same or causing the same to be opened or made, shall cause a sufficient rail or fence to be placed and fixed so as to completely enclose such opening or excavation and any objects or materials taken therefrom or used in connection therewith and left in such street or sidewalk, so that such street or sidewalk shall be safe for public travel. Such rail or fence shall be continued in place as long as such opening or excavation remains open, as long as such objects or materials remain in such street or sidewalk and until such street or sidewalk is safe for public travel without such rail or fence. Such person shall also cause to be fixed one or more lighting fixtures as approved to be sufficient to render such street or sidewalk safe for public travel at night, to some part of such rail or fence, or in some other proper position over or near such enclosure and shall keep such lighting fixtures properly burning from the beginning of twilight in the evening through the whole night until broad daylight in the morning during every evening and night that such fence or rail is required to be maintained as aforesaid. Said person shall also take all proper additional precautions that may be necessary to prevent such opening, excavation, objects or materials as aforesaid from rendering such street or sidewalk unsafe for public travel.
3. Should the contractor fail to satisfactorily perform any of the work required under this section, the City may perform or arrange for others to perform such work. In such cases, the City will deduct from money due, or to become due, the contractor, all expenses connected therewith.
4. It shall be the duty of the City Engineer to enforce this ordinance.
5. This ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

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MR. MILLER: Thank you. Mr. Livingston is now present and there are 32 members of the Board present. We'll proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item No. 4 was taken care of earlier, on July 12, 1976. Is there anything else?

MR. FOX: No, there is not, Mr. President. This completes my report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Personnel Committee met on July 7th. Present were Mr. Connors, Mr. Wiesley, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Santy, Mr. Osuch, Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. Blum and Mr. Livingston.

Last month, at our last month's Board meeting, our committee sent to the Personnel Director a letter expressing its concern about the large amounts of overtime that is currently being paid to supervisory personnel. At that time we urged the Personnel Dept. to re-evaluate the salary scale of supervisors and in relation to those they supervise. On July 12th I met with Mr. Bernstein, the new Personnel Director, and he assured me that such a re-evaluation is imminent. Bids for the classification, compensation and performance evaluation study of the MAA, which was initiated by the Board of Finance was received by the City on July 15th and the Board of Finance is now choosing the company with low bid. The target date for completion of this study would be in OCTOBER, 1976; thereafter, they will be able to realign salaries and possibly change the plan that they have; the procedures that they now use to compensate supervisory personnel now. In the interim, Mr. Bernstein said that he plans by August 1st, I should say thereabouts, to propose an interim measure that would deal with the compensation, overtime compensation for supervisory personnel, so that we will have to wait until then to see what Mr. Bernstein proposes to the Personnel Commission. I would also like to add that Mr. Bernstein will be coming to the Personnel Committee Meeting on July 27th to tell the Committee what his plans for the Personnel Department are. He has some very interesting ideas in relation to the Civil Service regulations and it should be an interesting meeting; and certainly everyone is welcome to come.

- (1) THE MATTER OF CHARTER AND CONTRACTUAL OVER-TIME FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AND FOR COMPENSATORY TIME (MAA).

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter

- (1) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING 47 HILLCREST AVENUE insofar as the minimum housing code regulations and zoning regulations are concerned.

MR. BAXTER: The one item is the matter of complaints regarding 47 Hillcrest Ave. Letters were sent containing the petition, the allegations, and the complaints in the petition to Mr. James Sotire, the Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. And also to Dr. Ralph Gofstein, our Health Director, asking both of them to investigate and report to committee. Hillcrest Avenue is in the 12th District and Mr. David Blum, one of the Reps from that district, is on our committee, and is in charge of monitoring the progress on this. Now you all have gotten, in your materials last Monday, a copy of the inspection report made by people in the Health Dept., which found a number of health violations and also seemed to substantiate part of the complaints, that it was possible that there were four apartments in this building, which is against the Zoning Laws. Dr. Gofstein forwarded this inspection report also to Mr. Sotire asking him in addition to our asking him, to investigate the potential zoning violations. We should have heard from Mr. Sotire on the 15th of this month which was Thursday. I have not heard from him yet, and hope to have a full report by our next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo

- (1) LETTER FROM CITY REP. CHRISTINE NIZOLEK AND REP. HANDY DIXON dated 5/24/76 regarding trucking, traffic and noise problems in vicinity of West Avenue, Outlook Street, and Winsted Street; also alleged violations of zoning, etc.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, regarding this matter, I've given most of this information on this issue at last month's meeting. After going through all department heads for more in-put, I still got the same answers. Public Works Dept. is not responsible for these streets. If the neighbors want the City to accept these streets, they must sign a petition bringing the streets up to City standards at their own expense for the approval of this Board. Unless they conform with these requirements, the Public Works Dept. can take no action.

MR. ROSE: Health and Protection. I did go and look at it as of last meeting, but I haven't been able to get anything done so far in my committee and I don't know where I can go now. I can only say as Public Works has given a report, I think that's about all I can do now. I will keep working on it. I don't know what the Health Dept. can do about the trucks that are going in there and the condition of the roads and the dust and noise. It's a situation that my committee doesn't exactly know where we can get any results from.

MR. MILLER: Is there a report from the Planning & Zoning Committee? No report.

MR. DIXON: I would just like to inquire of Mr. Perillo perhaps as to whether or not he has found any indication, any place of any illegal operation on the part of the trucking outfit.

MR. PERILLO: None whatsoever. They do travel 24 hours a day and they have a right to, they have a permit to operate out of that area.

MR. DIXON: Well, now, 24 hours a day must include at least 10 to 12 hours of night travel, and this travel is being done right by bedroom windows in order to have access to this building; and I think that if the City of Stamford would sit by now ...what you're saying is that they're operating and causing a great disturbance to a number of people justly really, and what you're saying there is nothing that can be done about it. I think that this kind of operation can continue in the City of Stamford and bring about such great disturbance to even one person in the middle of the night while he is perhaps asleep and trying to get his rest in the middle of the night and have a big trailer truck roll right by his bedroom window, then I think it's a darn shame and a disgrace on this city to allow such a thing as that to happen. Now we're talking about senior citizens who need their rest even during the daytime hours and this little Outlook, etc. is a very narrow street. Those who have been there and have seen, know what kind of a street it is, and the trucks must use that street in order to get to the building and when these trucks are passing, a considerable amount of dust is accumulated and goes right on in through the windows. The people have to keep their windows closed on hot summer nights and I think it's a disgrace for a report to come to this Board stating that there's nothing that the City can do about a situation like that.

MISS NIZOLEK: Yes, I appreciate Mr. Perillo's investigation. However, it was to no avail, as we've worked over the last two years in utter frustration to actually make this public and by bringing it before the Board, we had thought that some action would be taken. To my utter amazement, not one person concerned with the City departments has contacted me and I don't know if they've contacted Mr. Dixon, but it's just absolutely amazing that no one would contact the two representatives involved. Mr. Dixon brought up the emotional issues which I agree with 100%, but the fact of the matter is, this operation doesn't have a Certificate of Occupancy and why doesn't it?

MR. PERILLO: If we can go back a few years when Mr. Hamilton intended putting up a building there, he had to go to the Building Department. He had to go to the Zoning Department for a variance; everybody in that area within 100 ft. of the building was informed of its intention. Nobody went before the Zoning Board to oppose this permit. Now, O.K. he goes back to the permit per se. The Building Dept. is holding the C.O. (certificate of occupancy) upstairs to work in conjunction with the Engineering Dept. because they want him to put in some sanitary sewers, storm drains and catch basins and he's now in the process of doing that, so he's there legally, no matter what you do.....

MR. BLUM: I'd like to tell Handy and Christine, I guess you have to go out and do some legwork of your own, because that's the only way I found out to get anything done in this City.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I can very well understand the frustrations of Mr. Dixon and Miss Nizolek, but it would seem to me that perhaps new legislation may be called for in order to handle this problem; and would it be possible for L&R to look into this with Mr. Dixon and Chris?

MR. MILLER: It's possible if somebody makes the proposal at the Steering Committee meeting. Mr. Fox is waiting for the proposal.

MR. DIXON: Aside from the fact that this is in my district and we're talking about my constituents, I'm concerned also about the rights of people and it just seems to me that the City is neglecting these people because I've always been of the feeling that the City had to in some kind of a way, provide protection to its citizens, and if the City allows this kind of thing to happen and a trucking outfit just move in and over-run the people who live in that district, I mean on that street for a number of years and can force them to either move out or sell out, I think it's a pretty ridiculous thing and I believe that the City owes it to the people who are taxpayers, some kind of protection which they're not giving.

MR. PERILLO: Again, the issue is Mr. Hamilton who owns the building. He went in for a permit for the building; he did not go in for a trucking outfit; now he couldn't lease the building out to anything else, and the trucking outfit came along and he leased it out to them. He didn't put up the building specifically for the trucking company, he just put up a building period. Then the trucking outfit leased the property from him and that's where it all took place.

MISS NIZOLEK: I really think the facts are a little bit out of order because a building like that could be nothing but a trucking outfit. The facts are out of order and really I am at a loss to know what the next turn will be. We just simply can't rely on getting a petition from the neighbors. Certainly we can get petition and signatures and all that other stuff. When the trucking outfit came in, there again there may have been a zoning meeting, but you know people overlook these things. They don't attend meetings. Many people are unaware of these happenings and the burden shouldn't be on the people. The mess and the burden should not be on the people. If there are City restrictions for this type of an operation, and I guess we'll have to propose a resolution through the L&R committee during the Steering Committee for next time.

MR. MILLER: I guess we'll have to move on with the Agenda. Is there anything else for Public Works?

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, I would like to address Mr. Perillo. I was very distressed to read an article in the STAMFORD ADVOCATE on July 9th asking the Public Works Committee to consider re-opening the Scofieldtown Dump. The residents of my district suffered for 30 years with polluted air from burning, and now we have



Smith House East, and an addition to Smith House, but I would like your committee to...I'd like to invite all of you to come up and meet with me some Saturday or Sunday at Scofieldtown Park. It became a park in 1974 and I'd like you to see just what a viable, beautiful park it is and how many children in the area enjoy it, and what a real asset it is to the Stamford community.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, Mrs. McInerney, I, too, invited you down to the Public Works Department, to the incinerator, and you didn't come down and see what we live like.

MRS. McInerney: Thank you, Mr. Perillo, like I said before, I don't know if you have even been up to the area.

MR. PERILLO: I have been; I have been.

MR. ZIMBLER: At the risk of beating a dead horse on the issue of the Scofieldtown Horse, yeh, that's a dead horse on that issue, I think probably somewhere along the way, if a common meeting ground could be found, the people who live in the north and grant it didn't want a dump right in their own neighborhood, but I wonder how many of them since there has not been a City pick-up of yard debris or any other type of debris...(end of Tape Side 3) .....I don't think he was talking necessarily about the previous site of the dump, but just simply as some sort of a landfill site located somewhere other than in the extreme downtown part of the City and as such, I think it might have some merit.

MR. COSTELLO: Now, with the City incinerator down in Magee Avenue, the whole East Side gets soot over the cars and on their clothes and clotheslines and you know you're just pushing from one area to another. You're not solving anything.

MR. DIXON: Mr. President, is this on the agenda? (laughter) What are we really going with this meeting?

MR. MILLER: We started with the Scofieldtown Park and then we moved on to the East Side, so I don't know where we'll go next, but I think we should get on with the Agenda, and go on to Health and Protection.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Matthew Rose

MR. ROSE: I would like to just make one statement before I go into my Committee report. It's frustrating when you try to fact out our City Departments, and when you face them and expect them to give you an answer, a lot of times you don't receive any report, or you just, they just say that they can't do anything more; and even when groups or individuals write them, they don't seem to give them an answer, or answer their letters. Let's say we are only a committee and we have no powers to force anyone to do anything. I think some of our City departments don't cooperate enough with the people. I don't care if you don't cooperate with me, but I think they should cooperate with the taxpayers and the people that are complaining in their area; at least give them an answer, or sit down and talk with them about the problems that they have and try to solve them.

(1) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS OF UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF ROAMING DOGS - Creating serious problems in many sections of the City.

MR. ROSE: I'll ask Mrs. Santy, the Co-Chairman to give a report on this first item.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

— MRS. SANTY: The House and Protection Committee held an open meeting on Wednesday, June 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Board of Reps meeting room. It was held to discuss the dog leashing law and roaming dogs. Attending from the committee were Chairman Matthew Rose and Vice-Chairman Jeanne-Lois Santy; also attending were Police Commissioners Canio Santora, Anthony Walsh and Mort Lowenthal; Dog Warden Spezzano, and Lt. D'Agostino representing Chief Kinsella. Unfortunately no one else attended and no meeting was held. Mr. Spezzano did discuss some of his duties with Mr. Rose and myself. The Dog Pound is open seven days a week. On 4 days there are 2 men on duty; on 2 days there are 3 men on duty; on Sunday, there is one man on duty. There are approximately 10,000 dogs in Stamford and about 7,500 are licensed. Last year 3,000 phone calls were made to the Dog Warden and 1,650 were completed and investigated. 600 dogs were destroyed and \$8,300.00 was turned over to the City from fines. The fees are set up by the State, and when a dog is claimed by its owner, he must pay a \$10.00 fee, plus \$3.00 per day that the dog was kept in the pound. An invitation was extended to all the Board members by Mr. Spezzano to tour the facility and he will gladly discuss any problems of roaming dogs with any Reps. that they might have in their districts.

MR. ZIMBLER: I'm a member of Health and Protection. I don't know exactly how or why or when or where, but I know I wasn't notified of that particular meeting and hearing the report now, that no other committee members outside of Mr. Rose and Mrs. Santy were present, I assume that somewhere along the way the other 5 members weren't notified of this either. Frankly, I'm disturbed over the ball having dropped somewhere along the way. I had at least six people in my district who are very concerned about the roaming dog problem who were ready to come down as soon as we had a definite date for this meeting; who were ready to come down and speak to the committee and speak to the dog warden; and they'd called me on a number of occasions and I said I'm on the committee. As soon as I'm notified for sure that the meeting is coming off, I will let you know. Now this is a problem. I think the fact that, as Mrs. Santy stated in her report, that 3,000 calls were made complaining about roaming dogs, this indicates the scope of the problem in this town. We have on the books now, we have a leash law on the books and we're not enforcing it. Probably manpower is a large factor in this lack of enforcement and possibly our answer might lie in civilian volunteers to help out the office of the dog warden to check out these complaints and to be empowered to issue summons if necessary. I hope that we're not letting this matter drop because the figures that Mrs. Santy quoted I think indicate the severity of the problem.

MRS. SANTY: Mr. Zimble, I told you the meeting date, and then Linda Clark in person told you. Do you remember? And then Mrs. Clark was to notify all the committee members and several of them were notified by telephone.

MR. ZIMBLER: Mrs. Santy, I recall that you told me we are going to plan the meeting for the 30th and you will be notified when it is for sure. I was never notified after that.

MR. ROSE: Thank you, Mr. President. We had intended to drop it out of the committee. I mean we have a report. The dog warden has invited anyone down to talk with him, or to see the facilities, and I think now it's a problem we're always going to have with our present set-up. We're going to always have a problem with dogs, so we still have it in committee. I guess it's other people that still want to hold this in committee, or have another hearing with the Committee, but I would hope that we would get better communication next time and have it brought out properly.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

- (2) LETTER FROM C.O.W.'S signed by Mrs. Longo, petition, re their problem.  
(Citizens of Waterside).

MR. ROSE: The Citizens of Waterside are still complaining about their condition down there. They had a contractor come in to do some work on Milton St., that is, making the driveways, and these people, this organization wrote letters to the Mayor, to Public Works, and to Mr. Sotire and I don't think they have received any answers as of their last meeting and I was hoping that maybe my committee can get the Public Works Commissioner to send someone down to look at their condition. - I think we would still HOLD THIS IN COMMITTEE and work on this.

MR. BLUM: I heard Mr. Matthew Rose's remarks on answering of letters. I'm a great letter writer, I guess, and that's one thing we don't get is cooperation of return of letters. We sent letters to various departments. I think we have a right to represent our constituents. I think we have a right to send letters to the various heads of departments and I think there should be a return of mail; at least they received the mail; they received the complaint; it doesn't happen here in this City of Stamford for some reason. You send a letter to Mr. Rotondo. I finally have to embarrass him. He finally answered my letter. Now is this the way our City runs, and you get that complaint from your constituents. Who do you notify around here. I call this one, and I call that one, and I get a runaround. The same old story. I think that at least if a chairman of a committee sends a letter to one of the department heads, the least he can do is return the letter, a letter that he received his complaint. That's the least he can do. In this City, let's at least act like City officials. They say that's what we are.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Julius Blois

MR. BLOIS: No report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT - Vera Wiesley

- (1) LETTER FROM COURTLAND TERRACE ASSOCIATION, Mrs. Frances Adams, Education  
Chairman, re balances in Board of Education accounts as of end of fiscal year.

MR. WIESLEY: We have a report on this letter from Courtland Terrace relating to the Board of Ed balance and I'd like to ask you to bear with the chronology on this report. At our June board meeting, each received a copy of the City of Stamford Appropriation Trial Balance print-out which showed Dept. 302 of the Board of Ed with an unencumbered balance of 7.6 million dollars as of May 31, 1976. No one present was familiar enough with the print-out to explain it, so doubts arose in many minds as to why such a large balance appeared so late in the school year. On the 22nd of June, Mrs. Frances Adams of Courtland Terrace Assn. wrote letters to Fred Miller commending the Board of Reps on their expression of indignation on the supposed surplus and to Ben Reed of the Bd. of Ed asking for an explanation of such a balance. On June 15th, Mr. Reed wrote to Comm. Hadley expressing extreme concern over such misleading and inaccurate information being generated by the City's Data Processing Center. He expressed greater concern over the fact that for the same date, 5/31/76, that is, the Stamford public schools financial print-out showed an unencumbered balance of \$4,468 Million dollars. Mr. Reed called Mr. Buchanan for an explanation of the difference in the two balances and he, Mr. Buchanan, at that time could not reconcile the difference. Mr. Reed ended his letter to Commissioner Hadley with his statement "since you are responsible for the Data Processing Center, over all City financial records, I request on behalf of the Board of Ed and the administration of the Stamford Public Schools that you investigate this matter and advise as soon as possible, as to what changes can be made and

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MR. WIESLEY (continuing)....and when they will be accomplished so that records supplied to the Board of Ed and to the City will reflect up-to-date and accurate and proper information without the need for manual adjustment of balances. Your assistance will be sincerely appreciated". Next on the same date, that is, June the 15th, Mr. Reed answers the letter from Mrs. Frances Adams of Courtland Terrace. A copy of his letter to Commissioner Hadley was enclosed and he expressed his feelings that according to his school financial balance showing \$4,468,000 as of the 31st of May, the June payrolls would account for 4 million dollars, leaving a balance of about \$468,000.00 to cover all June and end of the year expenses other than salary. A copy of this print-out was given to Mrs. Adams on July 12th. Mr. Hadley answered Mr. Reed's letter and I quote as follows: "The City Appropriation Register Trial Balance is distributed each month to the Board of Reps and the Board of Finance. In addition, individual department recaps are distributed to each department, including the Board of Ed, as has been the case for the past ten years. The financial expenditures of the Board of Ed for any specific month are always reflected in the City's trial balance one month in arrears. Expenditures are not posted until verified with the Board of Ed. accounting department, and included only cash disbursements, thus the \$7,689,000.00 unencumbered balance reflected on May 31st. Department recap represents only expenditures submitted by the Board of Ed thru April 30, 1976; unencumbered items have never appeared on the City Trial Balance. The Board of Ed has its own encumbered system and has never processed these items through the City's encumbering system. As a result, the City's Appropriation Register Trial Balance has never shown any encumbrances for the Board of Ed. This one-month delay in recording expenditures, plus the lack of use of the City's encumbrance system accounts for the apparent discrepancy between the City's Trial Balance and the Board of Ed financial statements which showed an unencumbered balance of \$4,468,000.00 I understand in a phone conversation to Mr. Buchanan late Tuesday, June 15th, he said he would check into the problem on Wed., June 16th. He returned your call and explained the apparent discrepancy as stated above; as you know, under Charter Section 482, the Controller is responsible to arrange that the Board of Ed keep such records as are necessary to account properly for its disbursements, to establish an encumbrance system, to maintain necessary records for complete and accurate accounting, and to prepare monthly reports of their respective account balances.

A copy of this memorandum, and in light of the Controller's responsibility, I'm asking Mr. Buchanan to immediately arrange a meeting with you to formulate written plans and recommendations for the actions necessary to correct this problem. I know you will extend every degree of cooperation necessary to meet this particular goal. Basically, this is what we found. Our June information was actually April 30th information, rather than May 31st; 30 days old. Second, the City Trial Balance never shows encumbrances on the Board of Ed print-out. Third, through this correspondence you can see that the two principals involved, the Board of Ed in the form of Mr. Reed, and the Commissioner's office in the form of Mr. Buchanan, have already agreed to get together to prevent such incomplete information from being distributed or released.

MR. SIGNORE: I want to say that's a very fine report by Mr. Wiesley. However, may I say to Mr. Wiesley through the CHAIR, would it be feasible for him to give each Board of Rep member a copy of the correspondence and the figures involved in this report?

MR. WIESLEY: I'll be happy to do that. I go back to work tomorrow and I'll have it duplicated and send you all copies.

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MR. BLUM: I would like to make a few remarks in regard to the Trial Register Balance department recaps, seeing that I made the newspapers July 9, 1976 and I think I take a great offense to that fact that I'm sitting here on the Board of Reps and the Board of Ed took a rap at this Board for voting down a particular item and it went on to so state about Mr. Blum and Mr. Morgan and I have in front of me, which I'd like to talk about. I'm glad I brought this forth. I'm glad that now something is going to be done about this. I didn't get the last letter but I'd like to have a copy of that letter, Mr. Wiesley. I'm glad that maybe now the City, the City Commissioner of Finance and Mr. Benjamin Reed and the Board of Ed are going to get together and we're going to know now the encumbered funds possibly and we find out for sure. We're passing on information that is one month old that the Board of Ed...I haven't heard yet, I came in here looking for the June report. I wonder if it's here yet. No? I get the shake of No. Still haven't made that possible yet to computer read-out and they're one month behind and something is going to be done about it. I'm sort of glad that I informed the 40 Board members that something now is going to be done where the finances of the Board of Ed will come out with a true statement that at the end of the month, we'll know what the encumbered funds and the unencumbered funds are; yes, I admit now that I hear that \$7.689 million, but I did hear also a figure at the end of the month, they had \$400 and some odd thousand dollars left; and it all started on account of Belltown School. They haven't got \$90,000.00. They can't find it. Well, can't you find it in that \$400 and some odd thousand dollars. Is it still there, I'd like to know that. Thank you.

MR. WIESLEY: The main reason that they're unable to give you a figure as of the 30th of June is that it happens to be the end of the year and it takes considerably longer for the year-end report is ready and I can't tell you exactly when but it should be forthcoming very shortly. The \$468,000 figure that Mr. Blum has referred to, it isn't identified as a figure that will be there, or an amount that will be there at the end of June. The statement that was given in this letter of Mr. Reed's and Mr. Hadley's, that correspondence indicated that \$468,000 would be the money that would cover other expenditures for the month of June, that would not relate to salaries.

MR. HAYS: I just wanted to say that I'm not glad. I'm sorry that the meeting some months ago when those print-outs were on our desks, that nobody was around to explain them.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, I think that Mr. Blum is correct in that I think something positive has come out of the misuse of that incorrect information and that is that we will correct a procedure on the City level for showing accurate accounting procedures. I would like to clear up, though, that the Board of Ed has had its own encumbrance system available to the public at any time. It is not a question that the information was not available. The information was available but only at the Board offices, not at the City level, and I do think it is a positive step Mr. Blum, that although it came about in an unfortunate way and that it was an incorrect set of figures and so forth and so on, but there is I think going to be a positive outcome nevertheless, and that is that the City numbers for all of the Boards, not only for the Board of Ed will now be checked over so that the information is not two separate kinds of information, depending on where you look at it.

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MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I also would like to add I am pleased that something positive did come out of this unfortunate incident, but in relation to disseminating information to the whole Board, which might have the answer to which might have been given with a call to the Board of Ed, I feel it is rather unfortunate that since the people on this Board did not know where that Nine Million Dollars unencumbered funds came from, and what the actual meaning of that number was, that one of the contributory factors to voting down the insurance money for Westhill School was this very misleading piece of information, and now we're being sued by the company; and that is what I feel is unfortunate. Certainly something positive has come out of this but a simple call could have given us the information to that number, and some grievance...a lot of grievances in terms of that law suit would have been cleared up.

MR. BLUM: I also found out some information about this law suit. If you want to call it a law suit. This job was done away back in 1974. We happen to be in 1976. You mean to tell me that the Board of Ed's not paying their bills?

MR. BAXTER: Some of the people talking have referred to the incident of the disclosure of this data which we now find to be incorrect as an unfortunate incident and I am frankly puzzled why it was unfortunate if people knew what the story was, then it would have voted correctly. The thing is that people didn't know, and I don't know unless the Board is divided into two camps, one of which is disposed reflexively to believe anything the Board of Ed tells and so vote; the other of which is disposed reflexively not to believe it and vote against anything; unless that's what we're reduced to, then this incident wasn't unfortunate. It was a large mistake. It was a large amount of money which we couldn't account for, and by God, we should have known about it; and we should have been able to answer it, and the situation we're just told went on for ten years, and nobody here knew. Now I don't find that incident unfortunate at all. I find it, as a group, all 40 of us, as an indictment somewhat, and I also think, and I'm glad Mr. Wiesley says that it's going to change; that unless all the rest of the City is on a one-month delay, then we ought to get together so that our enormous budget is on the...if everyone is on a one-month delay, fine, but if everyone else can be on time, then we ought to try and break our back to get and help to get the Board of Ed on time so that we have an enormous budget under control. That's No. 1.

No. 2, I can understand very easily why Mrs. Goldstein talked about it being solved by a phone call, and in my short time on this Board, I've observed that a number of details that are important to our decisions are solved by phone calls, and that's that same reflexive thing; either we sit here and exercise an independent judgment based on some facts, or we call up somebody that we know, or don't know, listen to a ten-minute explanation on the phone from the person, say to ourselves. You know that sounds honest, and I didn't hear any external inconsistencies; therefore it must be the scoop. We either do that, or we have some other independent method of verifying it; for instance, the financial reports that we get from the City; and lastly, I'd like to say that you know you can't have your cake and eat it, too. I don't think the Board of Ed has, by right of statute, the opportunity to have a budget over which we do not have line control. Now a lot of us have felt that we ought to and that's really a waste of time, because we don't; and we will not have line control. On the other hand if the Board of Ed contracts for services and doesn't pay for them, that's their fault, that's not a problem; and has a law suit as a result of it, that can't be blamed because the Board of Reps failed to appropriate money two years later. They have line control. They can pay their bills by taking money from some other account because we can't stop them and that's what they're responsible for. Something else may suffer and they come back to us and that's

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MR. BAXTER (continuing),....why we have to view it, but we certainly can't be, unless it's just rhetoric, by people who are wishing to throw blame here and there, we certainly can't intelligently be blamed for a lawsuit for the failure of a city organization to pay its bills when it has the control over its budget the Board of Ed has.

MR. MILLER: I think we can move on this....

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I'm sorry. I would just like to reply to that. In relation to that piece of paper that was sent to, well, I should say put on everyone's desk, this has nothing to do with reflective, non-reflective Board of Ed thinking. The implication that paper brought out was that there was Nine Million Dollars' worth ....Seven Million Dollars worth, whatever the figure was, of money floating around unencumbered at the Board of Ed in June. Now that's pretty heavy stuff. When I say a phone call, certainly the person who saw this could have called the Board of Ed and discussed this and then would have discovered that there was a serious, a really important thing wrong in our Data Processing Program and that brought this piece of paper...(end of Tape side #4).....Board of Education, Nine Million Dollars floating around doing nothing, and here we are appropriating millions of dollars in the budget and there are serious implications in putting before a Board unsubstantiated material.

MR. MILLER: IT is twenty minutes to eleven. We haven't completed the agenda and we still have a Steering Committee Meeting after this meeting.

MR. SIGNORE: I MOVE THE QUESTION. I MOVE it, whatever it is.

MR. MILLER: Is there a report from the Fiscal Committee on this item of EW&G?

MRS. COSENTINI: No report. We did discuss this item though. Mr. Rybnick, in Committee and we had access to the same kind of data that Mr. Wiesley, so that we were aware of his report and I don't remember that we had it as anything to vote on, but we did discuss it and we were satisfied.

MR. WIESLEY: I have to agree with Mrs. Cosentini because I was there and made the report. We didn't have the letter from Mr. Hadley at that particular time, but it was forthcoming which was supposed to clarify the situation.

MR. SIGNORE: I feel that when Mr. Wiesley gives each Board member a copy of the correspondence and the figures, and I'm certain that Mrs. Adams has received the same information, I think this will clear it up for everyone here.

MR. MILLER: Item #2 was already taken care of...

SEWER COMMITTEE - Thomas D'Agostino

MR. D'AGOSTINO: The meeting was held July 6th, a letter was sent to Mr. Roloff to attend the meeting, and I spoke to Mr. Roloff and he said he would not attend because he does not get gas allowance (laughter) and he travels from Westport and says he will not come down; and I'm scheduling another meeting for the 29th and I will send Mr. Sabia a letter to see if he has gas allowance.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask a question of Mr. D'Agostino and that is, is this going to be the excuse now of various department heads, that they don't receive a gas allowance, so therefore, they don't attend committee hearings. Is that the question now?

MR. MILLER: Well, this is the first time I've seen this issue come up, Mr. Blum.

MR. BLUM: What do you intend to do about it? (laughter)

MR. MILLER: There's no way I can compel Mr. Roloff, or any other City employee, to attend a committee meeting. We do have subpoena powers, of course, if the Board votes subpoena power, but otherwise, I can't compel these people to attend a meeting.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: You'll find this is going to be a problem in all departments. Engineering is having trouble also with gas allowance.

MR. BAXTER: Would you review for us in view of this possible problem of our City in cooperating with its legislative body, what the requirements for the subpoena power are?

MR. MILLER: You have to have a two-thirds vote and you can give that power to either a standing committee of the Board or a special committee.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, I would suggest that possibly one way to address this problem is in Steering tonight, have someone put in writing a request that the Personnel Committee investigate this possibility of department heads of coming or not coming and that way we'd have some kind of direction as how to proceed for the next meeting or the committee meeting.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston

MR. LIVINGSTON: I believe we already took care of the other item that was referred to the Committee, along with the L&R Committee. I wasn't here. It was under the L&R. A meeting was called on July 9th. We did not have a quorum and I will have to set another date for a meeting to handle this item that's on the Agenda.

(1) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY - Mrs. Nancy McAfee, Chairman, MITAC.

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MR. HAYS: I'm just curious, Mr. President, how many meetings has this committee had with a quorum?

MR. LIVINGSTON: Well, we've had countless meetings with a quorum. This is the first meeting that was called and we did not have a quorum.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - L. Morris Glucksman

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I have a very short report tonight. First of all, I have one thing which may or may not solve one of the needs for the obscenity statute we're trying to pass, that is the Plaza Theatre has now been closed. The URC decided to reject the request for a time extension and by now it should no longer be there. Now, the second thing, I think this is very important. I wish you'd all keep this in mind. Attorney Paul Shapero, who has been commissioned by the Urban Renewal to outline his view on the steps to be taken to update the 1968 disposition contract and to conform it to 1973 approved plan. He was authorized to confer with the New Urban Corp.'s attorney, so that they can discuss and begin to see what significant



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MR. GLUCKSMAN (continuing).....conditions were needed to be resolved for this ultimate contract. I think we should all keep this in mind. This will be something that will be coming before the Board in the very near future. Also at this time I'd like to take this opportunity to urge Mayor Clapes to do all in his power to appoint a new member to the Urban Renewal Commission. I have a great fear that we may see some of the same problems that you had at the beginning of this administration, that being the lack of quorum. I would hate to see the Mayor's failure to name a replacement resulting in any unnecessary delays while the senior citizens of Stamford have to sit by and watch this again. Another thing I'd like to say is I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Sherman in having been elected the vice chairman of the URC. She replaced Mr. Burmester who had resigned in May. That's all.

MR. BAXTER: I'd like to ask Mr. Glucksman, through the CHAIR, if he thinks it would be appropriate to have a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution to the Mayor regarding his point.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I wouldn't think that would be necessary. I think the Mayor is... I would hope he would be responsible enough to see the need and act on such need.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Lynn M. Lowden

MR. LOWDEN: I have no report but while I have the floor, Mr. Miller, and while all my committee members appear to be present tonight, I'd like to meet for a short time after this meeting in order to set up some sort of a regular meeting schedule with them, if they would.

MR. MILLER: Special Committees?

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick - No report.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Linda Clark. No report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

MR. MILLER: There are none, although the Mayor did tell me this evening, orally, he plans to withdraw the complaint lodged with the Freedom-of-Information Commission against the Board of Representatives. Hurrah!

PETITIONS - None

RESOLUTIONS

MR. FOX: Yes, I would like to ask for a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to introduce a Resolution congratulating Samuel Coppola for initiating the first 13-15 yr. old Babe Ruth League in Stamford.

MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The MOTION to adopt the Resolution is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford hereby congratulates SAMUEL COPPOLA of Stanton Road, Stamford, Connecticut, for the work that he has done in initiating the first A.I.A. (13-15) Babe Ruth League in Stamford; and

WHEREAS this has given ninety boys the opportunity to play baseball on a regular, team basis; and

WHEREAS these boys have participated in a program of physical fitness, fair play, good sportsmanship, and community spirit; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SAMUEL COPPOLA has the gratitude of the community for this public-spirited effort in which he is engaged.

(The above resolution was sponsored by City Rep. Thomas D'Agostino)

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MRS. RITCHIE: I have a proposed resolution here, Mr. Miller, concerning our national birthday celebration. Do I have to ask for the Suspension of the Rules, also?

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on SUSPENSION OF RULES. MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Chair would just like to comment that Mr. Pia, I believe, is Chairman of the Patriotic and Special Events Commission. We also had a separate Bi-Centennial Committee, Mr. Thomas Hume was Chairman of that Committee.

MRS. COSENTINI: I had discussed this with Mrs. Ritchie and I feel it's a bad resolution from the point of view that it is ordaining the City to have a party every year whether we can afford it or not. Or whether we want it or not, and I think that this is not a correct resolution. In a sense, I think that there's a lot of ramifications and I would rather that this went to a committee, Parks and Recreation, Legislative and Rules, some such, but I do think it is not correct to legislate a mandatory party every year.

MR. MILLER: Of course, we're not really legislating anything.

MR. SIGNORE: I, too, would like to compliment Mr. Alphonse Pia, Mr. Hume, and the committees involved that gave us that wonderful weekend. And I found especially the Block Party gave us a warm feeling downtown as the people were friendly people and they were talking to one another and laughing and kidding and having a bang-up time, and I, too, would like to see this done every year, if possible.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, I'd like to speak to the resolution and I would like to say that the Block Party was indeed a wonderful thing. However, the reality of the problem is that the Stamford Police Department spent most of its over-time budget providing protection for the party, and I don't really think the City can afford to have such a celebration each and every year. I think a Bi-Centennial year was something that none of us will ever see again and I think we should consider those things before we vote in favor of it.

MR. MILLER: Well, we'll wait another hundred years...(laughter).

MR. SHERER: I think we're all going a little over-board on criticizing the resolution. I think we're in the spirit of the thing. It's typically a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution and I don't think we're trying to mandate or determine any sort of priority and I think we should either go along with the Sense-of-the-Board, or not, but we're going a little over-board at this point.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: We spend money so foolishly in this town. I think to spend some money for a little warmth, a little togetherness. I think it's worth it.

MR. ZIMBLER: Once again, I have been scooped from the other side of the aisle because Mr. D'Agostino almost read my thoughts, that so much money is spent on so many relatively hair-brain schemes, anything that's going to bring out a little warmth in the community and perhaps rekindle the fires of patriotism, corny as that may sound, I'm all for it. Thanks, Millie.

MR. LOOMIS: I'd like to ask Mrs. Ritchie if she would have any objections to Mrs. Cosentini's proposal of submitting this resolution perhaps to L&R, or some other appropriate committee for them to take a look at it and if she didn't object to that, perhaps maybe we could resolve this matter by moving in that direction.

MRS. RITCHIE: No, I certainly don't resent it, Mr. Loomis. I just don't want it to get lost in committee, and I feel that it really is up to the committee each year they're going to put on something, it's up to them to hold the lines on the money that they're going to spend.

MR. LOOMIS: I think it's a great idea and we all agree with the spirit of the Motion. Maybe just a few technical problems in terms of mandating the City to do something every year so....

MR. BAXTER: Thru you, Mr. President, to Mrs. Ritchie, perhaps I wasn't listening closely, and I apologize if that was the case, but I thought it was a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution and not anything mandating what the City had to do. Was that... did I hear right?

MRS. RITCHIE: That's exactly what it was, but I believe Mrs. Cosentini is concerned with the word "be resolved".

MR. BAXTER: Can I ask you from your resolution, who would be the agency or commission that would set up the party and decide whether it would be a Block Party or where it would be held and who...does your resolution speak to that?

MRS. RITCHIE: I'd say Patriotic and Special Events...

MR. BAXTER: Does your resolution speak to that, though?

MRS. RITCHIE: I just said Alphonse Pia and his committee, and I believe he's the chairman of that committee. I could be wrong, but I'm almost sure that he's the chairman of that committee, Patriotic and Special Events.

MR. BAXTER: For the future, right, o.k., thank you.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Livingston has left. Mr. Dixon also has left. There are now 30 members present.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: If we find we are running short of money, we could always sell a piece of the rock. (laughter)

MR. MILLER: Well, we have a MOTION MADE and SECONDED. It's on the floor. We'll proceed to a vote on Mrs. Ritchie's MOTION. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. The MOTION is CARRIED with 20 YES; 6 NO; 4 ABSTENTIONS.

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We, the members of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford in this Bi-Centennial Year of 1976, have felt "the old patriotic stir again in our hearts" due to the great work of Alphonse Pia and his committee. Especially noting the great Block Party where black, yellow, and white ethnic groups mingled together, savored the various ethnic foods and drinks, and danced to two bands to the music of the 40's and 50's, along with the current preferences. Where the finest parade ever assembled in Stamford happened and where a Grand Birthday Ball was held. Where the biggest birthday cake was made.

It was such a great slam-bang week-end that everyone was proud to say "This is my town - Stamford - look at us" ---so to continue on this warm, patriotic feeling, I, therefore, propose that:

IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

An Annual National Birthday Celebration be held in Stamford with the special Block Party to be held downtown on the Friday preceding the July 4th Holiday.

(Submitted by City Representative Mildred Ritchie)

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MR. MILLER: Well, I have something on the agenda here. I'll have to call on Mr. Loomis first.

MR. LOOMIS: Yes, I circulated a proposed resolution which does no more than congratulate NANCY TATANO on her election as President of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut. She's been congratulated by a number of state-wide figures, including Gloria Schaefer and others, and I thought it might be appropriate if we, likewise, sent our congratulations to her.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on this resolution congratulating Mrs. Tatano.

MR. SIGNORE: I, too, would like to congratulate Mrs. Tatano on her election as president of the organization. I have known Mrs. Tatano since I was a youngster and I know she wouldn't like that statement very much, but I found it to be a privilege to have known her all these years.

MRS. RITCHIE: I also would like to congratulate Mrs. Tatano. She's the first woman who has been President of the Connecticut Registrars Association, and she's in Don Sherer's and my district, the 10th, and we're very proud to have her with us.

MR. COSTELLO: I'd like to have at least one Democrat going on record congratulating Mrs. Tatano, too (laughter).

MR. MILLER: Mr. Baxter also...Mr. Blum also...Mrs. Perilo also...everybody, the question is on this resolution. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, NANCY TATANO, Registrar of Voters of the City of Stamford, has been elected President of the Connecticut Registrars Association; and

WHEREAS, MRS. TATANO, a life-time resident of Stamford, has served her community and its citizens faithfully for fifteen years as a municipal servant; and

WHEREAS, MRS. TATANO has been responsible for introducing improvements and innovations to the operations of the Registrar's Office; and

WHEREAS, MRS. TATANO has worked successfully to bring about reforms in Connecticut voting laws; and

WHEREAS, MRS. TATANO has unselfishly offered assistance to municipal officials in many Connecticut communities; and

WHEREAS, MRS. TATANO has been honored by being the first woman elected as President of the Registrars Association; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the members of the Fourteenth Board of Representatives offer their congratulations and best wishes to the New President of the Connecticut Registrars Association, NANCY TATANO.

(Above submitted by Ralph Loomis)

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MR. BAXTER: Our next regular meeting will be in August and I had heard rumors of a picnic or something, some such for the Board of Representatives. I was wondering if that, where that is?

MR. MILLER: Well, Mrs. Clark is not present to give a report. Maybe Mrs. Santy could give a report.

MRS. SANTY: Well, a brief report. The Committee really hasn't met officially, but it will be late September; we're having a problem getting a meeting place, picnic place. It will probably be one of the parks, but you will be notified.

MR. BAXTER: Does the Freedom-of-Information Act require a filing of minutes for this... (laughter).

MR. SHERER: Thank you, Mr. President, I'm not going to ask for the Suspension of Rules. It's a similar type of a ... I wouldn't even go as far as to say a resolution, but just perhaps if it would not be improper, a letter of congratulations from the Office of the Board of Representatives to a Mr. Joel Littaker, also a member of the Republican Town Committee, who recently as a matter of fact, two weeks ago at the National JayCee Convention in Indianapolis, was chosen one of the top 10 JayCees in the United States, and I think for a citizen of Stamford, it is quite a high honor. There has to be a couple of million JayCees in the country and it is an honor.

MR. MILLER: I think, maybe, you should make a MOTION to that effect, Mr. Sherer, under SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. SHERER: I'd like to MOVE that the Board of Reps send a letter of congratulations to Joel Littaker for being chosen one of the top 10 JayCaes in the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

MR. MILLER: SECONDED by Mrs. Santy.

MR. SIGNORE: I want to also say it. It is a pleasure having a fine young man like Mr. Littaker in our midst. I also think that he was quite, did quite a bit of work with the Aid to the Retarded. I guess, the Olympics. The Special they had and I think he did a wonderful job with that, too. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: We'll take a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. BLUM: I was just wondering, everyone's got a resolution and everything. This meeting is a delayed meeting. We got a meeting, a Steering Committee meeting that's supposed to come up at some time and then we're supposed to have committee meetings on top of that. I was just wondering if we can postpone the August meeting to the following month, to the following week.

MR. MILLER: We could if the Board wanted to vote to do that. The Board could.

MR. BLUM: To the second week. You're going to have to change the September meeting because the first Monday is Labor Day. You change the first, you change your meeting on July because of the 4th of July. Your committee meetings are going to be all bunched up. I think that ought to call for a change of one week.

MR. MILLER: Well, the Chair would simply note that we are holding the Steering Committee tonight so we're two weeks away from the regular meeting, which is the usual procedure and it does really seem to be a very short agenda for that August meeting; and I do think the general public and the members sort of plan on that first Monday of the month; and I would hate to depart from that except in those cases when it's necessary, but it's up to this Board to vote whatever it wants.

MR. FLANAGAN: I'd like to speak against changing the meeting date. The August meeting date; of course Labor Day is always changed; Christmas and New Year's create a change, too. And 4th of July, but August, many people on this Board arrange their trips and vacations to coincide or to allow them to be here on the first Monday of the month. I know, in my own case, I have arranged everything for 4½ years to be available at the regular meeting date and I would not like to see it changed in August.

MR. MILLER: Well, no MOTION has been made, so I think we...there's no further business.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Signore made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Done so at 11:07 P.M.

MR. MILLER said he would like to see the members and alternate members of the PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS before they leave as there is a hearing on Wednesday night. He also stated there is a meeting now to be held in the Democratic Caucus Room of the STEERING COMMITTEE, which started at 11:15 p.m. and lasted until 11:50 p.m.

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