

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 197714th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESSTAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A "Special Regular" Monthly Meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, January 17, 1977 (having been postponed from the scheduled January 10, 1977 meeting due to inclement weather), in the Board of Representatives Legislative Chambers on the Second Floor of the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

After both political parties had met in caucus, the meeting was called to order by the PRESIDENT, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 9:07 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by the President, Frederick E. Miller, Jr., since Rev. Dr. Samuel L. White, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, who had been scheduled for the January 10th date, could not attend this postponed date of January 17th.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Frederick E. Miller, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mr. Miller asked that the Board observe a Moment of Silence out of respect for the memory of WALTER F. SEELEY, a former member of this Board, who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL: The Clerk, Linda D. Clark, took the Roll Call. There were 36 present and 4 absent. The four absent members were: Jeremiah Livingston, George Connors, Gerald Rybnick, and Christine Nizolek. (Mr. Rybnick was excused due to illness.)

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CALL OF THE MEETING

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

"I, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., PRESIDENT of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives for:

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1977

at 8:00 P.M.

Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives, Second Floor,
Municipal Office Building at 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Conn.

for the following purpose:

To consider all items on this Agenda. (Please refer to 7-pg. agenda)

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTMEETING HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1976

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, December 13, 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 8:10 P.M.

There were 11 members present:

Frederick E. Miller, Jr.	Julius Blois
Michael Morgan	S. A. Signore
John Wayne Fox	Vera Wiesley
George Baxter	Jeanne-Lois Santy
Alfred Perillo	James Loboza
Sandra Goldstein	

Absent were:

Linda Clark	Thomas D'Agostino
John Sandor	L. Morris Glucksmann
Handy Dixon	Audrey Cosentini
<u>Audrey Cosentini</u>	Jeremiah Livingston

Also present were: Lathon Wider, Lynn Lowden, David Blum, Kurt Zimble, and Mildred Ritchie.

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

(1) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

Item 1 on the Agenda was Held in Committee, that of \$151,000.00 for Public Works Department for Atlantic Street Alignment and Widening Project. Items 2 through 13 were placed on the regular agenda. Added was another item by Mr. Morgan, that of a resolution regarding ConRail's back taxes due the City.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Of the 17 items appearing under Legislative and Rules, eleven were held in Committee and six were ordered on the agenda, as follows:

(2) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING CONDEMNATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENT OF SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO LAND AND HOMEOWNERS PRIOR TO CONDEMNATION.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE in Legislative & Rules; also referred to Planning and Zoning Committee.

(3) PROPOSED ORDINANCE REQUIRING JOB APPLICANTS BE RESIDENTS OF CITY FOR SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO FILING APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE in Legislative & Rules; also referred to Personnel Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (11) PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FLOOD ENCROACHMENT LINES ALONG A PORTION OF THE RIPPOWAM RIVER BETWEEN CEDAR HEIGHTS ROAD AND TRAVIS AVENUE.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, also referred to Environmental Protection Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee.

- (12) PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FLOOD ENCROACHMENT LINES ALONG A PORTION OF THE RIPPOWAM RIVER BETWEEN CEDAR HEIGHTS ROAD AND PERNA LANE.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, also referred to Environmental Protection Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee.

- (13) REQUEST FROM MRS. PAMELA SETARO, 59 MITCHELL ST. TO PURCHASE CITY PROPERTY being an "abandoned" portion of Lindstrom Road running from Mitchell St. to the Hurricane Barrier.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, also referred to Public Works Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee.

- (14) PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT APARTMENT HOUSE/MULTIPLE DWELLING UNIT BOILERS BE INSPECTED EACH YEAR BEFORE COLD WEATHER SETS IN - TO APPLY TO ALL MULTIPLE DWELLING BUILDINGS OVER FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, LOCATED WITHIN CITY OF STAMFORD, etc.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, also referred to Health and Protection Committee.

- (15) REQUEST FROM ATTY. WM. F. HICKEY, JR. OF RYAN, RYAN & HICKEY, ATTYS., dated 12/8/76 for Board's approval of: (a) Tax Assessment Agreement and (b) resolution to fix tax assessment on real property.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA, also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee and Fiscal Committee.

- (16) ORDINANCE RE ELECTRIC SIGNS - requested by City Rep. Michael G. Morgan

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, also referred to Planning & Zoning Committee.

- (17) ORDINANCE REQUESTED BY CITY REP. HOFFMAN THAT ALL ROADS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, IF OPEN TO USE BY PUBLIC VEHICLES, EMERGENCY AND/OR OTHERWISE, OTHER THAN TENANTS OR RESIDENTS, BE KEPT IN A CONDITION APPROVED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, and also referred to Public Works Committee and Health and Protection Committee.

- (18) REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE AT STERLING FARMS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred also to Planning & Zoning Committee.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

- (19) LETTER FROM STAMFORD MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSN., INC. dated 11/5/76 (MEA) advising of resolution adopted by them 10/13/76 expressing opposition to non-civil service members participating in Classified Employees Pension Fund.

Above ordered REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA permanently.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

- (1) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FEES FOR ETHEL KWESKIN BARN THEATRE AND PADDLE TENNIS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT MATTERS

- (1) CITY REP. MILDRED PERILLO's request that questionnaires be looked into which children have been bringing home regarding health history, mother's pregnancy, and other related matters.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, also referred to Health and Protection Committee.

- (2) LETTER FROM CARL MARTINO, BOARD OF RECREATION, supporting new 3-year custodial contract which implements the stagger system.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, in PERSONNEL COMMITTEE; also referred to Fiscal.

- (3) CITY REP. SANDRA GOLDSTEIN's letter of 12/6/76 for support of State's attempt to condemn Stamford Railroad Station and adjacent property so extensive Federal funding may be applied for to build a modern and safe railroad facility.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, in Planning & Zoning Committee; also referred to Legislative and Rules Committee.

- (4) PETITION OF 151 NAMES FROM STAMFORD TAXPAYERS ASSN. REQUESTING A CESSATION of any additional appropriations of any nature, and a desire to have the City budgets appear on a public referendum to be voted on by the public.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, in Fiscal; also referred to Legislative and Rules Committee.

SEWER MATTERS

- (1) COMPLAINT FROM NORMAN KRUCKOW RE GARBAGE PICK-UPS AND DRAINAGE, ETC. SINCE Hope Street became sewered.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA, also referred to Public Works Committee.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MATTERS

- (1) MATTER OF ALTERATIONS TO VOTING EQUIPMENT SO VOTES WILL BE RECORDED AUTOMATICALLY. THOMSEN's AUDIO CO. WILL BE SENDING IN A PROPOSAL.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (2) REQUEST THAT POSSIBLY LOT ACROSS THE STREET COULD BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING; ALSO THAT GATE BE KEPT DOWN ON EVENINGS WHEN THIS BOARD MEETS.

Above ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Michael G. Morgan

- (1) \$ 66,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Additional Appropriation to implement Phase II of the Public Works Performance Audit to be done by the new firm of W. K. WILLIAMS AND CO., INC., as per Mayor Clapes' letter of 12/9/76; Public Works Commissioner Rotondo's letter of 12/9/76; 12/8/76 letter from Edward K. Scofield, Chairman of the Public Works Performance Audit Committee; letter of 11/22/76 from Wilbur K. Williams of W. K. Williams & Company, Inc. Approved by Board of Finance 12/9/76.

Code 301.0901 Special Professional Services	\$55,000.00
Code 301.0101 Salary (for new position of Planner- *Analyst in Public Works Dept.	11,000.00
	<u>\$66,000.00</u>

*Note: The \$11,000 is 100% reimbursable from Title II money the City has received under Public Works Employment Act of 1976, per Mayor Clapes' letter.

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee met on Thursday January 6th, because a quorum of the committee was not met, we also met on January 17th to vote on the items contained in our agenda. In conformity with the rules as I understand them, I'd like to move for SUSPENSION of the RULES in order to consider some of the items that are listed on tonight's agenda.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Morgan is moving for SUSPENSION of the RULES so that we might consider items on the agenda....I think the motion should be made for each item, so if you want to make a motion.

MR. MORGAN: Then I make it with respect to Item No. 1 - \$66,000 for the Public Works Performance.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. SIGNORE: I object to any transaction or any votes being taken on Fiscal items this evening. I will quote from Item 15 of the Rules of the Board under COMMITTEE which states: "There shall be no committee meetings on the night of any regular or special Board meeting, unless the committee that intends to meet has previously at an earlier date prior to the evening when the Board is meeting; in such a case the committee shall complete its business at 8:00 p.m. so as to eliminate unnecessary delays of the full Board." Now even though Mr. Morgan claims he had two previous meetings, he had no quorum present, however, even if he did meet that criteria he did not complete his business before 8:00 p.m. this evening and he did delay this meeting in starting.

MR. MILLER: The Chair will not accept a MOTION on any Fiscal items which was not voted on be a meeting with a quorum prior to this evening January 17th. There would have to be a MOTION to SUSPEND the RULES and that motion would have to be ADOPTED by two-thirds of the members present; in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Order under COMMITTEE. MOTION made and SECONDED to SUSPEND the RULES to consider Item No. I under Fiscal.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. CLARK: MOVE the QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: MOVED AND SECONDED. The question is on moving the previous question. The MOTION is CARRIED. We'll proceed to vote on Mr. Morgan's motion to SUSPEND the RULES so that we might consider Item No. 1 on the Fiscal Committee agenda and the basis for the MOTION to SUSPEND the RULES concerning Item No. 15 under COMMITTEES in the Board Rules of Order. Necessary for SUSPENSION is 24 members voting. The MOTION is CARRIED. Do you wish to have a division Mrs. Santy using the machine? The MOTION is CARRIED. There are 24 YES votes; 11 NO votes; and 1 ABSTENTION.

MR. MORGAN: On the first item is a request from the Public Works Dept. for an additional appropriation to implement Phase II of the Public Works Performance Audit. The Board of Finance approved this on December 9th and our committee voted 7-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works Committee met on this on January 6th, present were: Rep. Perillo, Blois, Sandor, Walsh, Lobozaq, Ritchie and Blum, by a vote of 6-1 we favor this issue.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel concurs.

MR. BLUM: I wish to go on record against this \$66,000 for the Phase II. In Phase I of the case study many municipal workers will be hurt upon the implementation of this study for the simply reason, in the study it shows where we don't need an Engineering Dept., a Surveyor Dept., a Collection of Garbage Dept. that's going to be all broken up. Now I feel if we had a gentleman by the name of Mr. Rotondo who was put in Public Works Dept. as a expert of Public Works who cannot follow this case study. In implementing the study himself I can see where we have to have a consultant. beside that there's \$11,000 that's going for another job called a System Analyst job another part of the Public Works Dept. We have in the Public Works right now a Commissioner; a Operation Officer; a Deputy Commissioner and many management type of personnel. Also in the case study they have take an attack on mangement itself, and why it can not implement certain things in that department. I say that we ought to give those who were hired and especially our Commissioner who suppose to be an expert in Public Works from Westport the opportunity to take the case study and do the same thing that the W.R. Williams and Co., Inc. That's why I'm against this \$66,000...let's save some money for the taxpayers.

MR. ZIMBLER: In part I agree with Mr. Blum, I too would like to save money for the taxpayer but talking about implementation of certain work rules within the Public Works Dept. specifically within the area of garbage collection, I don't feel the fault lies with mangement. The fault lies with the ranking file with their refusal to obey their work rules as specify within their City Charter and even to obey Eddie as set forth by their union. Not too long ago the Public Works Commissioner came forward with a new work schedule which would streamline the pick-up schedule for the garbage collector leaving them free one day a week to perform the very necessary task of yar and debris pick-up, snow plowing and various other taks as assigned by the commissio. This had the approval of their union, of their shop stewards. I came out publicly in print at that time commending the Public Works Commissioner for what I thought was an excellent public spirited move.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: It's a contract position Mrs. Perillo. It's anticipated that this person will be available to the Public Works Department to the life of this study and its implementation, but it's possible that if this audit proves to be successful in the Public Works Dept. the person who was hired could then be used in other City departments, in the event they would take similar studies so that means when the Public Works Performance Audit is completed in both its study and implementation, then perhaps the Recreation Dept. might decide to undertake a similar kind of study. The Planner Analysis would then be able to be transferred over and use his experience with Public Works in the Recreation Dept., but with respect to this job its technical characteristic it is not a regular civil service position. It is a contracted position with a term of three years.

MRS. PERILLO: My objection is every time we vote on something, something new comes up it ends up where there are new job openings and we stuck with them. I'm not against the study but against the new position; I think we have enough people in the City that can do this.

MR. MORGAN: Well I think that's the way this job is categorized in an attempt to meet that problem. Very frequently new jobs are created and the people just disappear into the civil service bureaucracy, but this isn't a civil service position. It is for a specific period of time, if after three years the City wants to continue the Planner Analysis that kind of a contract would have to be re-approved. So I feel we have a greater control here and it's a desirable way to keep a handle on these kind of things.

MRS. COSENTINI: I think this is one of those cases where we have to spend money to save money. I was impressed with the Williams presentation at the Fiscal Committee. If we read the major goals which is to increase productivity of the various components of the Department of Public Works, etc. to improve the management of the department through analysis and implementations of recommended modification, etc. and to support the City labor negotiations. We become aware of the importance of this particular grant and the vast implications that has not only in terms of designing new roots shall we say or in terms of getting more productivity at the level of picking up the garbage, but in terms of what goes into the contract in long range kind of kind of implication. The case company report is not going to be implemented verbatim, the Williams Company will re-access the findings and where they feel modifications have to be made they will suggest alternatives so we don't have to think of this as strictly as an implementation of the case half of the study but rather an extension of it and re-analysis a re-affirmation but it is definitely a situation where it is intended to save the taxpayers money. Mr. Rotondo may have certain kinds of expertise or he may not, but I think there is always justification for an outside analysis of a department. A view that is more objective, a person who is running a department is very often up to his ears getting the truck out in the road to plow and with the everyday things he has to do often cannot take the overview. So from all points of view, I think this is necessary and a valuable expenditure of money to save the taxpayers money in the long run and provide better services for all of us.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ZIMBLER: I am in full agreement with the two previous speakers. I don't know the man personally but I feel very sorry for him. He's a political football who gets kicked every quarter and I think it's high time that this thing should get resolved.

MR. MILLER: We'll proceed to a vote. We will have to take a DIVISION, it is not unanimous. The MOTION is CARRIED, by a vote of 31 YES; 1 NO (M. Perillo) 4 ABSTENTIONS (A. Perillo, Osuch, Wider, Sherer)

MRS. McINERNEY: Excuse me Mr. Chairman, may I through the Chair ask the Personnel Chairman if Mr. Weber is in fact a civil servant.

MR. MILLER: No, I don't think that's a appropriate question at this time Mrs. McInerney we have already disposed of this item. I don't think it's appropriate to go into that at this time.

- (3) \$---2,788.00 - COMMITTEE ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, INC. (CTE) - Code 792 -
\$ 55,758.00 Mayor Clapes' letter 12/6/76; letter 12/6/76 from John T. Brown, Jr., Executive Director of CTE. For Stamford Youth Services Bureau 1976-77 Proposal under guidelines of Connecticut Justice Commission as conduit for Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), a Federal funding source, in order for Stamford to maintain a Youth Services Bureau, the grant must be supported by State and Local cash match, as follows:

FEDERAL, LEAA	\$50,182.00 = 90% Federal Grant
State, CJC	2,788.00 = 5% State Cash
LOCAL, CITY OF STAMFORD	2,788.00 = 5% City Cash

The City's share will be appropriated as follows:

792.0120 Employee Benefits	\$1,770.00
792.0601 General Materials & Supplies	650.00
792.0501 Telephone	180.00
792.0466 Printed Matter	188.00
	<u>\$2,788.00</u>

Board of Finance approved 12/9/76 \$55,758.00.

MR. MORGAN: We would like to HOLD Item No. III.

MRS. SANTY: Health and Protection Committee voted 3 for and 1 against for this appropriation.

MR. MILLER: Are you agreeable to holding this, this evening?

MRS. SANTY: Yes I'll agree to that.

- (4) \$ 6,003.92 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 101.5104 - Additional Appropriation for ELECTION ACCOUNT for State and National Election Expense Nov. 2, 1976 and Recount on Nov. 8, 1976. Mayor's letter 11/30/76; and Nov. 29, 1976 breakdown of expenses in detail. Board of Finance approved 12/9/76.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE: That was not my statement. I did not criticize the Fiscal Committee, I said Fiscal items coming up this evening. I know there are many hard working people on the Fiscal Committee, however, you still have a problem getting a quorum and this Fiscal Committee is a very important committee.

MR. HAYS: I was not at that meeting, I was out of town on business and I only missed one other meeting. Let me tell you that committee met about 15 or 20 times just during Fiscal hearings in addition to numerous other times.... very loyal members on it.

MRS. CLARK: I could just speak for myself. Because I did not attend the last meeting primarily because I found out about the meeting at approximately 6:30 at night when the Advocate called me to find out what time the meeting was and I did not receive any notice since November of any meeting going on at the Board of Representatives.

MRS. COSENTINI: I would like to remind everyone that the reaction we are hearing now as a result of a second SUSPENSION of the RULES require not the first one which we all sort of go along with as soon as we saw the count on the first suspension; the Fiscal Committee items are being routinely suspended. We're now talking about a SUSPENSION of a second committee which did not meet at all. I do think that's going one step too far.

MR. BAXTER: With a great deal of affection to all people who spoke previously, I would like to MOVE the QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: I don't know if I should accept that, there was some discussion with that motion. MOVED and SECONDED. The motion is CARRIED. We'll now take a vote on the main motion, which was to SUSPEND the RULES to consider Item No. 6 because the Parks and Recreation Committee did not meet on this item and the item is over \$2,000. The motion is CARRIED. We have a request for a division. We voted to move the question, we then voted to SUSPEND the RULES. We are now taking a DIVISION on the question as to whether or not to SUSPEND the RULES. The motion is CARRIED. There are 27 YES votes; 6 NO votes; 3 ABSTENTIONS.

MR. MORGAN: I already made the motion to move this and it has been seconded by Mr. Sandor. We can proceed to a vote if there's no further discussion. I move we accept the \$4,800 for the Board of Recreation.

MR. MILLER: The motion is CARRIED. The record will indicate that Mr. Sherer is abstaining.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(7) \$ 92,581.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - REQUESTS FROM 29 DEPARTMENTS FOR .0802 CAR ALLOWANCE and/or .0801 TRANSPORTATION - for balance of fiscal year 1976/77. Mayor Clapes' letter 11/5/76; Comm. Hadley's letters 11/5/76; 10/18/76; and breakdown shown below.
(BOARD OF FINANCE on 11/10/76 APPROVED:
Codes .0802 Car Allowance \$89,762.00 (as requested)
Codes .0801 Transportation 2,819.00 (deferring \$3,550.00
(for Comm. on Aging)
(Orig. Request \$96,131.00) \$92,581.00
Board of Representatives held in committee 12/6/76.

Dept. Code	Department	Actual	9 Months' Estimate	0801 Car Allow. Total	0801 Transpn. Total
101	Registrar of Voters	314	475	789	-
103	Board of Finance	192	585	777	-
104	Planning Board	162	1,070	1,232	325
107	Zoning Board	3	27	30	-
108	Zoning Board of Appeals	18	108	126	-
110	Env. Protection Board	123	850	973	-
112	Sewer Commission	87	405	492	-
113	Human Rights Commission	270	1,053	1,323	100
114	Commission on Aging	297	1,750	2,047	550
115	Fair Rent Commission	33	756	789	109
201	Mayor's Office	201	603	804	-
210	Town & City Clerk	-	-	-	300
240	Comm. of Finance	15	85	100	-
244	Central Services	366	1,170	1,536	-
250	Assessor's Office	720	2,520	3,240	-
260	Tax Collector	267	873	1,140	20
301	Public Works Adm.	1,135	3,481	4,616	-
302	Weights & Measures	255	765	1,020	-
310	Bureau of Highways	2,707	8,100	10,807	-
330	Bureau of Engineering	4,603	13,808	18,411	200
332	Div. of Bldg. Inspection	2,396	7,188	9,584	250
340	Bureau of Sanitation	2,357	7,069	9,426	120
410	Police	987	2,916	3,903	-
550	Health	66	540	606	895
551	Code Enforcement Task Force	840	4,170	5,010	-
610	Parks	729	2,500	3,229	500
620	Terry Conners Rink	63	-	63	-
650	Bd. of Recreation	1,653	4,941	6,594	-
670	Brennan Golf Course	276	819	1,095	-
TOTALS		\$21,135	\$68,627	\$89,762	\$6,369

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Personnel concurs. Also I would like to add the presentation given to us at the Fiscal Committee meeting was an excellent one and clarifies many questions.

MR. MILLER: The Chair will note that Mr. Sherer will abstain on this item #9 under Fiscal.

MR. BLUM: I see on the report from the Finance Dept. a reference of the Stamford Ambulance Corp. -an ambulance has been driven by a seventeen year old where a serious accident was involved. I would like to have a little more report on this. What are seventeen year old boys doing driving ambulances? They are really a high risk aren't they?

MR. MORGAN: This young man could have been 57 years old because it wasn't his fault he was hit by some body else who ran an intersection. The problem with the City of Stamford is not the age of the driver necessarily, although you do wonder about a seventeen year old. In this instance the seventeen year old is a good driver, the problem is the City of Stamford has never bothered to collate traffic violations of those people who drive City automobiles. So there may be someone who has a history of traffic tickets and speeding tickets and the City has never bothered to check on that and they let him drive a City vehicle. A study is going to be undertaken and that should significantly improve our standings in terms of automobile insurance.

MR. MILLER: We will proceed to vote on this item. The motion is CARRIED UN-ANIMOUSLY with one abstention, Mr. Sherer is recorded as abstaining.

- (10) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER per letter of Comm. of Finance J. Dwight Hadley dated 11/16/76. Approved by Board of Finance 11/18/76. This Board HELD IN COMMITTEE 12/6/76.

TRANSFER position of PURCHASING EXPEDITER (S14E)

FROM: Public Works Department - Code 301 Administration \$ _____

TO: Bureau of Purchasing, Dept. of Finance - Code 243 \$ _____

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (11) THE MATTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS LUMPING TOGETHER INTO ONE BUDGET TWO UNITS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY SEPARATELY BUDGETED:

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER (Old Code 655)

GLENBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER (Old Code 646)

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (12) APPROVAL REQUESTED to change salary of PARK SUPERINTENDENT from Step 1 to Step 4 (no additional appropriation required as funds available in .0101 salary account.) Board of Finance approved 12/9/76.

From: A15A \$20,550.00 per annum

TO: A15D 23,620.00 per annum

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (13) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY FISCAL CHAIRMAN MICHAEL G. MORGAN THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO COLLECT MORE THAN \$70,000.00 OF BACK TAXES OWED TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD BY CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION (ConRail)

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE: To follow up Mr. President, can we make a definite date as to where the leadership could go over this situation?

MR. MILLER: The leadership I expect to will be meeting next Monday evening.

MR. SIGNORE: At the Steering Committee you're talking about?

MR. MILLER: That is the President, the Clerk, Majority Leader, Co-Minority Leaders, and the two Assistant Majority Leaders.

MR. SIGNORE: Well that's to discuss another matter, but can we include this also?

MR. MILLER: I would expect we can include this, let me state that the membership on committees is within control of the Chair; however, if there is a desire to change the size of the committees or eliminate or consolidate committees, that would have to come through a change in the RULES.

MRS. COSENTINI: POINT OF ORDER. Mr. Chairman the committees were delicately negotiated at the beginning of the session and I think that we have to respect each other in terms of getting the work of the Board done. And while the Chairman is the ultimate authority in appointing, certainly we expect to be given and we expect to demand, in fact, a full consideration of our needs on these committees, too.

MR. MORGAN: I don't want to talk about such big issues as Republican representation on the various committees, but I did want to make just two small points. One, something that Mr. Signore was talking about a little while ago when we were discussing who was attending, I attended these meetings as well and I was at the January 6th meeting and if I missed a meeting in the past year I can't think of it. I take my responsibilities as Chairman very seriously and I think with budget hearings coming up the whole idea of having a quorum present is doubly important. We are going to have a couple of weeks straight of long meetings and voting on important issues and in order to do that expediently we are going to need at least a quorum in attendance. The second thing is I know that Mrs. Clark didn't mean this, but written notice does go out from me. I generally send out something several weeks in advance. I talk to the members of the committee during the course of the month to find out their views about various things that they should be aware of at our meetings. We deal with millions of dollars of the City's money every month; that's pretty serious responsibility because it's taxpayers money.

MR. MILLER: The President is unaware of any general problems concerning notices of meetings, the Chair feels compelled to say at this time.

MR. SIGNORE: Through the Chair to Mr. Morgan, I feel badly that you took it personally, but Mr. Morgan you're the head of that committee and it's your responsibility to make sure your committee functions properly. I know you're a very conscientious young man but it's a very important committee.

MR. BAXTER: Could I commend to the consideration of the leadership in your meeting next Monday, that you give serious consideration to elaborate on what you said, Mr. Miller, to perhaps changing the number of committees on the Board?

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: It's an emergency, if we make it an emergency, Mrs. Cosentini.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: I would like to have this HELD in COMMITTEE for further study.

MR. MILLER: Vote against the WAIVER; if we don't get 27 votes for WAIVER then the most that can be done is PUBLICATION. If it's approved, it would permit the possibility of final adoption this evening, which takes 21 votes.

MR. SIGNORE: MOVE the question.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The motion is CARRIED. We are now voting on WAIVER, the question of WAIVER of PUBLICATION of this ordinance. The motion is LOST.

MR. FOX: I would like to thank the other individual for voting with me on that one. I think it might be appropriate at this time in spite of the overwhelming opinion of the Board to move for PUBLICATION of this ordinance.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works Committee moves to HOLD this item in committee pending further legal matters which we haven't received yet.

MR. MILLER: We had a motion to approve it for publication which has been seconded. I would accept at this time a motion which would put it back in committee, would you make that motion Mr. Perillo?

MR. PERILLO: So moved.

MR. MILLER: It is SECONDED by Mr. Loboza.

MR. FOX: Just one comment on the motion to put it back in committee. The motion I made was to publish the ordinance. I think it's still being held in committee for purposes of this evening's meeting, if we publish it we are simply accomplishing a step which is not final passage and we will be discussing this further in committee even if it is in fact published.

MR. LOBOZZA: This property has sat there for many years and I don't think waiting a few more months will hurt things. I would like to get more input on this because there's quite a bit of property involved. It's not just the strip, I'm very concerned about the zoning and drainage. There's a lot of things that should be disclosed before we even think of publishing an ordinance for this.

MR. SIGNORE was in full agreement with Mr. Loboza.

MRS. COSENTINI: I had some reservation on the merit of it. Originally, however, this has been kicked around in L & R substantially. I was quite satisfied with the L & R report in our caucus as to some of the ramifications of this. I have no objection to the publication. It might help the information to come out if this published and people could react to it, particularly in the Springdale area.

MR. MILLER: We'll proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED. The item is returned to committee. It can be taken up next month if the Steering Committee places it on the agenda.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)(5) REQUEST FROM ATTORNEY WILLIAM F. HICKEY, JR., OF RYAN, RYAN & HICKEY, ATTYS.
dated December 8, 1976 for the Board's approval of:

- (a) Tax Assessment Agreement between Stamford Square Associates of Greenwich, Conn. and the City of Stamford pertaining to real estate, improvements, etc., existing and to be built at property at Summer St. and Bedford St. intersection and vicinity, as per agreement submitted.
- (b) Proposed Resolution concerning application to fix tax assessment on real property owned by Stamford Square Associates pursuant to Section 12-65B, Conn. General Statutes (1975 Rev.), as per resolution submitted. Fix tax assessment requested for up to seven years. (Sec. 12-65B is entitled "Agreement Fixing Assessment on Air Space.")

MR. FOX: The committee had intended to discuss this at our January 4th meeting; on that day I received a letter from Mr. Hickey of formally withdrawing this application; consequently, there was nothing before us on which to act.

MR. BAXTER: Planning and Zoning, no report.

MR. MORGAN: Fiscal Committee, no report.

(6) REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR ETHEL KWESKIN THEATRE AT STERLING
FARMS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX - Letter from Bruno Giordano 11/19.

MR. FOX: A vote of 5-0 the committee approved the WAIVER of that building fee and I would so MOVE.

MR. BAXTER: Planning and Zoning, no report.

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

MR. FOX: This concludes the report. I just would like to make one comment on Item #1: I certainly respect the vote of this body to return this in committee. Our committee, not to mention other Boards of the City, in particular, the Planning Board has beaten this question to death. I would be happy to put it on our agenda and discuss it again. I would certainly hope that anyone involved and particular the members of this Board that if they have some information or opinions on it, I would appreciate it if they would attend that meeting so that we might hear from them.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

- (1) LETTER DATED 11/22/76 FROM FINANCE COMMISSIONER J. DWIGHT HADLEY addressed to Sandra Goldstein and Michael Morgan regarding pending increase in Major Medical and Dental Insurance effective 12/1/76; which will increase annual cost from approx. \$1.3 million to over \$1.7 million. Mr. Hadley encloses proposal to the City from EXECUTIVE CLAIMS SERVICE which recommends the City adopt a "Self-Insured/Stop-Loss Program". Mr. Hadley states "in light of the time frame for the rate increase plus the requirement for the City to give 30 days' notice of cancellation.....", he wishes PERSONNEL COMMITTEE and FISCAL COMMITTEE to work with him at once. (Held in Steering 11/22/76).

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

- (2) LETTER of 11/22/76 from City Rep. David I. Blum stating his investigation discloses that during the past seven months, three senior citizens lost their lives due to automobile accidents at some of our downtown intersections. He wishes this Committee to investigate, among other things, the lighting and timing sequence of the WALK signals and possibly provide a longer WALK signal.

MRS. SANTY: Hawley Oefinger, Superintendent of Communication carefully explained the lighting and timing of the walk signals without mentioning any specifics of these fatal accidents. He stated that he has always been opposed to concurrent walk-way system because it allows cars to make right-hand turns while the pedestrians are walking. He pointed out that pedestrians do have the right-of-way but he always favors exclusionary walk signals that stop all traffic. This item is HELD in COMMITTEE pending a recommendation. Since this meeting, Mr. Oefinger has mailed me many letters, one is informing the committee that a bill be introduced in the State Legislature this year making it legal to make a right-hand turn and stop at all red lights, except where it's posted. He moved that the committee and all the Board members write to their legislator if they're opposed to this and voice their opinions. This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. BAXTER: Planning and Zoning have nothing to add.

- (3) LETTER OF Dec. 8, 1976 from Recreation Supt. Bruno Giordano enclosing a specially-compiled vandalism report; also previous expression that something should be done about the perpetrators of all this damage, perhaps by contacting the judicial and prosecutorial authorities. (The latter held in Committee by Parks & Recreation 9/20, 10/6 and 11/8/76 and no report on 12/6/76)

MRS. SANTY: Recreation Superintendent Giordano attended the meeting. He would like a resolution from the committee, therefor this item is HELD for further study into the most effective way to stop this malicious damage. He gave a damage figure of \$35,000. This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. SANDOR: Nothing from Parks and Recreation.

- (4) SENSE-OF-BOARD RESOLUTION presented and signed by City Representatives Joseph DeRose, Leo Carlucci, John Wayne Fox, George Connors, Michael Morgan, and David Blum under date of 11/8/76 expressing their belief that the position of Police Chief should be filled by a qualified local resident.

MRS. SANTY: I will read it verbatim. I think it will be easier explained. The Committee voted 4 YES; 1 NO; 1 ABSTENTION; to approve it.

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

We, the following members of the 14th Board of Representatives, sincerely believe that every effort be made to fill the position of Police Chief in the City of Stamford with a qualified candidate. Under no circumstances should a qualified Stamford resident be discriminated against simply because he happens to reside within the City limits.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. LOBOZZA: I go against the amendment. I think that the Mayor and the committee that he has appointed and even some members of this Board want to dwell on the point that were made have missed the real problem and that's the appointment of anybody within the City of Stamford.

MR. LOOMIS: I am a little confused by some of the arguments. Mr. Morgan indicated that a good deal of criticism has been made of the department and by a jump of logic, consequently we should lean over backwards and be fair and try to look for someone within Stamford or within the department. I really think having said that, the issue here is whether discrimination should be made between an outsider or an insider or the relationship between a man's residence and his qualifications for a job. I would submit that a prospective Police Chief's qualifications should rest upon his training, experience, education and his potential for growth and leadership and least of all where he might happen to live at the time of his interview.

MR. WIDER: I have met with several groups on this proposal by the Mayor selecting a new Chief. As far as the amendment to the proposal, fine, but I am a little concerned with the process in which it is being done. We need to get a good man but I would like to feel that we have a good Police Commission too. I would like to have felt that the Mayor would have let his Police Commissioners submit the names and let us deal with them as they come to us.

MR. HOFFMAN: Through you to Mr. Morgan, I would like to ask him if he did suggest that it would be alright to hire an outsider someone who really wasn't a policeman. Would this person be alright as a Police Chief, did I hear that right Mr. Morgan?

MR. MORGAN: In a sense Mr. Hoffman that is really the Mayor's decision to make. But if I can give you some insight to my own thinking, the insider or outsider distinction that Mr. Loomis drew is one that I don't believe is properly drawn. I don't think that whether or not you hire a policeman who is working in another Police Dept. in another part of the country and move him to Stamford or whether you hire a policeman who works for the City of Stamford and promote him up to Chief. I don't think those are your choices. It just seems to me that the important point is that there is no local community input in the process. Mr. Wider is absolutely right, the Police Commission should be involved in this and they are not and it is to guarantee this local involvement that I support this resolution.

MR. CARLUCCI: I would like to speak against the proposed amendment to the resolution by Mr. Lowden. I think the deletion of the words "qualified Stamford resident" would seriously hamper its intent which to me is to just see that a local resident who might happen to be qualified would be fairly considered as a candidate. I think to pass the amendment would so water it down that it would satisfy Mr. Lowden's original intent that there would be no need for the resolution.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: MOVE the question.

MR. MILLER: Moved and SECONDED. The Chair is in doubt. We will take a DIVISION. The motion is CARRIED. There are 19 YES, 15 NO votes. We will now proceed to vote on Dr. Lowden's proposed amendment.

MR. FLANAGAN: It requires two-thirds to MOVE the question.

MR. MILLER: The CHAIR stands corrected.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

- (5) PETITION dated Dec. 4th and 5th, 1976 signed by 60 residents of Bertmor Drive, Club Road, Kerr Road and members of St. Cecelia's Faculty requesting that BETMOR DRIVE be designed a "DEAD END STREET" and be closed to thru traffic as their children and their homes are endangered.

MRS. SANTY: Ron Weber did a great deal of research on this problem with me and this street should have been completed as a Dead End Street with a turn area 22 years ago as stated on a November 30, 1954 City map. We cannot justify why this was not done. Mr. Weber referred this to City Engineer Sabia. I personally sent him a letter with a copy to Commissioner Rotundo urging completion as soon as possible before tragedy does occur. I have not heard from Mr. Sabia as of this meeting but I hope they complete this as soon as possible.

MR. BAXTER: Planning and Zoning had nothing to add.

MR. PERILLO: Health and Protection concurs.

- (6) RESIGNATIONS FROM HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Lois Santy and Linda Clark.

MRS. SANTY: Once again I have had to assume the responsibility as a Chairperson of this committee although in fact I've been its Chairperson. I sincerely feel -- that the Democratic leadership of this Board has shown its misplaced abuse of priorities and has placed partisan politics above the welfare of the community in naming a Democrat, not even a member of this committee, to its Chairmanship. I am sure every member here knows of my great affection for this committee. I regretfully submit my resignation as Vice-Chairperson and further as a member of the Health and Protection Committee.

MRS. CLARK: I have had the privilege to serve on the Health and Protection Committee for both of the terms of the Board of Representatives. I too now find that I must resign from this committee as I do not feel I can serve on a committee which is now Chaired by someone who does not know what the meaning of respect for his fellow colleagues is.

MR. MILLER: Mrs. Clark, the Chair would have to state that is a very strong statement directed toward a fellow Board member. The Chair is not sure it is in order and if there is any disciplinary proceedings to be taken there might be a time and place for that but the Chair would have to say that it is the Chair's hope that those types of remarks would not be made at a regular Board meeting.

MR. SIGNORE: This is another time when the Democratic leadership and you in particular, I don't mean this in disrespect, I know you are a Democrat, you would like to see Democrats supporting committee chairmanships. I think from the very beginning, the Republican party has been shortchanged as far as chairmanships go. When it comes time to appoint a new chairman you go back into your own ranks and pick someone who has nothing to do with the committee. You know partners and politics is one thing but common decency is another.

MR. MILLER: The Chair takes exception to those remarks, Mr. Signore. Common decency has nothing to do with it. It is the Chair's prerogative to appoint committee chairman and members of committees and the Chair determined that Mr. Blum should be Chairman of that committee, it's a legal appointment.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLUM: Gee, I was glad that I became a Chairman and all of a sudden I become a very targeted person. One from my own party, the Clark. I would like to ask her what she has that I have done that insulted her.

MR. MILLER: I don't think this is the place to discuss that Mr. Blum. If you have a statement I will take it but I am not going to listen to any criss-cross comments of that type.

MR. SIGNORE: I have a letter here from one of my constituents that has to do with Sterling Farms.

MR. MILLER: You may bring it up and refer it to the Steering Committee.

MRS. SANTY: I also have a petition circulated by a constituent in the 18th District.

MR. MILLER: We will refer those to the Steering Committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - John Sandor

(1) SUPT. BRUNO GIORDANO OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT letter dated 11/22/76 requesting approval of fees for Ethel Kveskin Sterling Barn Theatre and Paddle Tennis.

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(2) Letter of Dec. 13, 1976 from City Rep. Kurt Zimbler (R-16) regarding complaints from homeowners near City-owned Finch/Levine property on Long Ridge Road where Norwalk Community College students are conducting archeological digs.

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. SANDOR: We are going to hold the two items on the agenda because we are going to have a meeting on the 24th.

DR. LOWDEN: Environmental Protection Committee - no meeting on that.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Vere Wiesley - NoneSEWER COMMITTEE - Thomas D'Agostino

(1) LETTER of Nov. 9, 1976 from NORMAN KRUCKKOW to Mr. D'Agostino with several complaints such as now that he is sewerred, garbage pick-up is once a week; and when Hope St. was sewerred, the drain inlet, street curbs, etc., are most unsatisfactory (Held in Committee 12/6/76 due to lack of quorum)

MR. D'AGOSTINO: I met with Mr. Kruckkow and the private garbage collectors and we resolved that part of his complaint. I haven't had time to hold a sewer meeting but I will soon and resolve the second part of his complaint.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works concurs.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston

NO REPORT

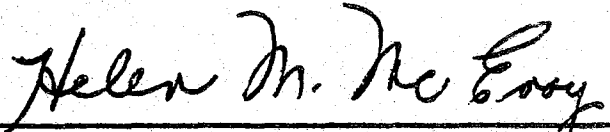
URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - L. Morris Glucksman

NO REPORT

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. MILLER: We do have a Special Meeting next Monday evening at 8:00 P.M. and the Chair would like to see Mr. Morgan and Mr. Fox immediately.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.



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