

MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 1978

15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, January 16, 1978, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives, in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the PRESIDENT, JOHN WAYNE FOX, at 8:50 P.M., after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: The Rev. James Davis of the First United Methodist Church was unable to attend; therefore, there was no Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: President John Wayne Fox led the assemblage.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Diane Raymond took the Roll Call. 37 members present and 3 absent. The absent members were all excused: Gerald Rybnick and Jeremiah Livingston being ill; and Donald Sherer having a death in the family.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

- (1) THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - City Representative Lathon Wider, Sr. paid tribute to the many great contributions that Dr. King made both nation-wide and world-wide, whose good shall be eternal.
- (2) MR. JOSEPH RUSTICI - City Representative John Zelinski spoke of the many technological contributions and inventions the late Mr. Rustici made for the convenience of mankind, also of the splendid human being that he was and his great community spirit in Stamford.
- (3) UNITED STATES SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY (D) - City Representative Michael Morgan asked for a Moment of Silence and Prayer for the late Senator Humphrey who was one of our most distinguished public servants and whose contributions to humanity were innumerable and who will be sorely missed for he was a true statesman of great stature who served not only his native state, but the entire country.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: A check of the voting machine was conducted and it appeared to be in good working order; however, later in the evening, it failed to record the President's votes.

PAGES: MS. JACKIE MacMAHON) both of the 11th grade,
MS. ALEXIS ALLEN) Westhill High School.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

MR. MORGAN MOVED for the Acceptance of the Minutes of Dec. 12, 1977, May 2, 1977, and February 9, 1977 meeting all of which had been mailed to the Representatives.
SECONDED by MR. WIDER.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN objected and said she would like the Minutes taken one at a time.

MR. MORGAN agreed to re-phrase his MOTION and called for acceptance starting first with December 12, 1977. The Motion was SECONDED.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked for two corrections of her remarks. One was that when she asked for a Moment of Silence on behalf of the late Dr. Peter Goldmark, the fourth line should have read "through his New World Society". Also, on page 38, that Mr. Fox's comment stating "Mrs. Maihock has left" should be changed. She said she did not leave. She was momentarily absent on house business and remained throughout the meeting.

MR. FOX asked if Mrs. Maihock wished to make a Motion to Amend the Minutes to so reflect the changes mentioned and Mrs. Maihock said she did.

MR. BLUM: "On Page 12, a comment was made by myself in regard to the Lāwn Ave...if I remember, I made some other comments, and I'd like to ask a question whether this is a condensed version or a...there's something missing. In other words, I made a statement to the fact that I was not a Representative of that district. I'd like to know whether this is a condensed version; is this the type of minutes we are going to get?"

MR. FOX: "I'm told, Mr. Blum, it probably is a condensed version."

MR. ZELINSKI: "Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to have two things corrected in the Minutes. Pertaining to Page 32 of the Minutes, pertaining to the Labor Contract the one dealing with Item #1, it did not reflect at the end of the discussion in vote, what the actual vote was, so I would like to have that recorded for the record. The vote, which I believe on that particular item was, I believe that was 35 YES and 2 ABSTENTIONS."

MR. FOX: "Are you making a MOTION for that type of amendment?"

MR. ZELINSKI: "Yes, to have it read into the Record."

MR. FOX: "Is there a SECOND to that? MOVED and SECONDED."

MR. ZELINSKI: "Just a minute, it was just brought to my attention that it is on the bottom of the page. I'm withdrawing the Motion. Again, if I'm not corrected, on page 34, again, one of the contracts, again there was no vote, as far as the actual number on that, that is the Teachers' contract, and again I would make a Motion that it would read 33 YES, 1 NO and 3 ABSTENTIONS."

MR. FOX: "Is that a Motion to Amend the Minutes, Mr. Zelinski? Is there a Second?"

MR. ZELINSKI: "I'm taking this off the December 13 official modification to the members of the various unions, explaining the vote, that's where I get those figures from."

MR. FOX: "There has been a Motion made and it has been Seconded. Does that complete your proposals, Mr. Zelinski?"

MR. ZELINSKI: "I'm sorry, one final item and I will be done. On Page 34, pertaining to the contract, under my remarks, after Mr. Boccuzzi had mentioned 'I would hope in the future that we will make some arrangements with the Mayor that he does not sign these contracts at a time when we will be pressed for time at our regular meeting...' again, quoting from the Minutes I did receive, I agree with Mr. Boccuzzi's remarks; however, when I researched this, the Connecticut Statutes specify that we have a certain length of time within which to act on the contracts. My original remarks that were cut out, I'd like to have added, which continued 'or Fact Finders Report, and if we do not act on it in that length of time, unfortunately the contract for the Fact Finding Report then become law, and contracts...so unfortunately there is nothing we, or the Mayor's Office can do, it is up to the General Assembly, as I understand it.' I'd like to add that, Mr. President, and that would be it."

MR. FOX: "Is there a Second to that Motion? Moved and Seconded."

MR. SCHLECHTWEG: "Excuse me, not to bring up any controversy, but aren't we supposedly starting to condense the minutes?"

MR. FOX: "That is correct."

MR. SCHLECHTWEG: "All right, then is it necessary to put something in?"

MR. FOX: "It was not in effect at the time these minutes were done. There has been a new direction given to that."

MR. BLUM: "Well, you just stated when I asked you before in regard to my remark, you said the minutes are condensed, it will not be put into the minutes."

MR. FOX: "The minutes are going to be condensed much more than they have in the past. It's a question of degree, Mr. Blum."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "I would just like to take this opportunity to say that the minutes are very lengthy and they should be condensed. However, that does not preclude someone who feels that something which they said was important enough to be included in the minutes to ask, to have it included. I think it is a welcome change rather than the way we have been working these last few years when virtually everything is included in the minutes. That will make for a much more orderly procedure. Those few people who see something that they feel should be included could add it, and the rest of us who don't think every word should be immortalized, will keep our mouths closed."

MR. FOX: "We'll take these in the order in which they were made. There has been a Motion made by Mrs. Maihock to Amend the Minutes that has been Seconded. The Motion is CARRIED. Mr. Blum did not make a Motion; he just had some comments. Mr. Zelinski made two Motions which have been Seconded. The Motion is CARRIED. The second Motion made by Mr. Zelinski which he Moved to Amend the Minutes was Seconded. That Motion is CARRIED. Mr. Morgan's Motion to Adopt those Minutes was Moved, Seconded, and ADOPTED."

MR. MORGAN MOVED to adopt the Minutes for the meeting of May 2, 1977.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "I don't think we ought to consider May 2nd minutes. They're not on the Agenda. Many of us received them in the mail today and did not have time to go over them. Just by virtue of the fact they are not on the Agenda, I don't think they should be considered."

MR. MORGAN withdrew his Motion.

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MR. FOX: "I think that's a point well-taken. Mr. Morgan, are there any other Motions in respect to the Minutes?"

MR. MORGAN: "I do have one more and that is, I Move for the Acceptance of the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of February 9, 1977."

MR. FOX: "Is there a Second to that? MOVED and SECONDED. I expect that there will be some Abstentions on this. I would suggest that we take it by using the machine which will record an abstention."

MR. BLUM: "I wish to Abstain because I don't remember receiving it only today as to what I said February 9, 1977."

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: "At the beginning of the Minutes, and I think this goes along with the statement said before about condensing the Minutes. There are two or three pages that deal with some very petty bickering in relation to smoking and Suspending the Rules to smoke or not to smoke for that particular evening. This was really not substantive business and I don't think it should be included in the Minutes."

MR. FOX: "Let me just say that the procedure that we are using to record what goes on at the meeting has been changed. Mrs. McEvoy is taking shorthand notes; there is also a tape available for reference; and I think you will find the minutes in the future will be much more condensed than in the past. Again I would suggest that we make use of the machine as I expect there will be a number will want to abstain; therefore I will ask those who want to be in favor of adopting these minutes to vote up for yes and vote down for no, and if you want to abstain, you just leave your machine alone. There being 37 present, 16 voting in favor of adoption, no people voting against, the remaining abstaining, the Minutes are approved."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTSSTEERING COMMITTEE:

The Steering Committee met on Tuesday, January 3, 1978 at 8:03 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room and ended at 9:25 P.M. It was called to order by the President and Chairman, John Wayne Fox. There were 16 members present, and 2 absent. The absentees were Handy Dixon and Michael Feighan.

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

All of the names submitted by the Mayor were ordered ON THE AGENDA. Commissioner of Finance Dwight Hadley (second submission); 5 names for the Personnel Appeals Board held over from the Dec. 5th meeting; and 3 names to be re-confirmed for the Sewer Commission due to Charter changes.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

Of the eight (8) items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, six (6) were placed on the January 16th Agenda. The two ordered off the Agenda were \$8,000.00 for Board of Finance to pay Arthur Andersen & Co. for Job and Salary Evaluation Study of M.A.A.; and a resolution requested by Grants Officer Susan Brewster to file for a \$15,000.00 grant for a personnel study to be made of existing M.A.A. personnel (incumbents). Also added to the January 16th agenda were three fiscal items for the Parks Departments: \$6,000.00, \$12,900.00, and \$9,570.00. Also added was \$2,000.00 for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Div. of Building Inspection.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

All of the items ordered on the agenda appear on the attached January 16, 1978 agenda. Those items over \$2,000.00 were referred to a secondary committee.

(3) LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

The Tentative Agenda carried thirteen (13) Legislative and Rules items. six (6) were ordered on the Agenda for January 16, 1978. Six were ordered Held in Committee and one was removed from the Agenda.

For the Personnel Committee, three (3) items were ordered on the agenda for January 16, 1978; and three (3) were Held in Committee. Also held in committee was an additional item regarding M.A.A. personnel being paid while under suspension.

For the Planning and Zoning Committee, all items on the Tentative Agenda referred to acceptance as City Streets, and all were ordered on the Agenda for January 16, 1978 except one, Middle Ridge Road, which was held in Committee. Seven (7) streets were ordered on the Agenda.

For the Health and Protection Committee, the one item regarding mailbox vandalism was ordered Held in Committee.

For Parks and Recreation Committee, an item was added, that of a request for approval of marina fees, for the January 16th agenda.

For Education, Welfare and Government Committee, the one item was ordered on the Agenda, referring to statistical and financial report and statement regarding the food service program of the Board of Education.

For the Housing and Community Development Committee, the schedule of meetings for Community Development public hearings was ordered off the agenda, but notice thereof was taken.

For the Urban Renewal Committee, a new item was added for the January 16th agenda, that of the change in the Urban Redevelopment Plan in connection with the proposed new Champion International Building.

For the Environmental Protection Committee, it was ordered to Hold in Committee the matter of a study concerning dredged material containment sites in Long Island Sound.

For the Transportation Committee, all three (3) items on the Tentative Agenda were ordered Held in Committee. They related to dangerous traffic problems where North Stamford Road and High Ridge Road converge; irregular practices exercised by taxicab drivers employed by the Stamford Taxi Cab Co.; and problems enumerated by City Rep. Everett Pollard relating to parking facilities, inadequate streets, etc.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M. (The Leadership and several other members held another meeting until 10:30 p.m. in the Republican Caucus Room.)

JOHN WAYNE FOX
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE

HMM:MS

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON: The Appointments Committee met Thursday, January 12, 1978 in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Leo Carlucci, John Schlechtweg, John Boccuzzi, Vere Wiesley, Audrey Maihock, Everett Pollard, and myself, Handy Dixon. Also present were David Blum, Ralph Loomis, and for a while Michael Morgan and Wayne Fox. The Committee went through the entire list of appointees as they appear on the Agenda. Mr. Hadley was interviewed for a second time. The Committee took another vote and it was 2 in favor; 4 against; one abstention, thereby recommending denial of his confirmation, and I would now so MOVE.

MR. WIESLEY MOVED for the approval of Mr. Hadley. It was SECONDED. Mr. Wiesley spoke of the good fiscal practices during the past two years; that the new budget-making process is now underway; that the new payroll department is about to be implemented; the bond sale is about ready to go ahead; that many department heads supported Mr. Hadley and that the continuity of programs should be continued.

MR. MORGAN said that continuity is of no value if the person who is to provide the continuity lacks the genuine ability to perform the functions to which he is assigned. He said we have had two years to review Mr. Hadley's abilities and judge them as they are a matter of public record. He said the fact that his resume states he is a certified public accountant doesn't mean he'll perform ably as a Finance Commissioner. It is just like having a bachelor's degree in Education doesn't guarantee one being a good teacher. Mr. Morgan thinks merit should be the only issue and the public record speaks for itself and that Mr. Hadley has not performed his job in a professional manner and he hopes the Mayor will present the Board with a better-qualified name.

MR. HAYS said he feels Mr. Hadley can furnish much-needed continuity and has proven ability. He said problems were created by politicians and people with political motives.

MR. DeLUCA asked what would happen if the Mayor hadn't been re-elected. He said the department heads would have to provide the continuity, so continuity is a poor argument. He said his constituents were not impressed with Mr. Hadley's record.

MR. DARER spoke in favor of Mr. Hadley, saying Mr. Morgan, as a banker, should be aware that when the City is going into the market for \$16 million in bonds, that the difference in delay in getting a finance commissioner could represent a percentage point, or part of a percentage point; and that the Mayor should be able to choose his own cabinet and leadership.

MRS. MAIHOCK mentioned an item in the STAMFORD ADVOCATE written by a SNETCO Account Manager who stated the City would save money in its telephone account with CENTREX.

MR. ALFRED PERILLO made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. It was LOST by a vote of 17 yes; 17 NO. Mr. Fox said a two-thirds vote was needed for passage.

MR. BAXTER expressed regret that the Freedom-of-Information Act practically forced members to give reasons for voting against a prospective appointee, that it clouded the issue, produced acrimony and bad feelings. He said that the theory being that if a Mayor is to be accountable, he ought to be given the people he wants, but that is not the ONLY rule involved in this case. The system of checks-and-balances set forth in our Charter which provide for approval by the Board of Representatives, not only of appointees, but on Operating Budgets and Capital Budgets, and additional appropriations, was violated several times, one of them being CENTREX. Other matters that created doubts in his mind were the deficit which became a surplus, the business of the Board of Recreation. In this case he feels continuity is an absurd argument and he will vote against Mr. Hadley.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE MOVED THE QUESTION. It was SECONDED. MRS. PERILLO requested a Roll Call vote. Sufficient members raised their hands for a Roll Call vote. The Clerk called the Roll, with the following results:

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Term Expiring:

(1) MR. J. DWIGHT HADLEY (R)

DENIED

32 Hamilton Court

15 YES

Nov. 30, 1979

Stamford, Connecticut 06902

20 NO

(Second Submission)

2 ABSTENTIONS

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES VOTES (IN FAVOR) - 15:

NO VOTES (IN OPPOSITION) - 20:

Darer, Stanley P. (R-13)
 Maihock, Audrey (R-19)
 Festo, Charles F. (R-8)
 Ferrara, Richard (R-8)
 Hawe, Marie J. (R-1)
 Corbo, Fiorenzo (R-14)
 Loomis, Ralph (R-19)
 Wilmot, Charles (D-16)
 Ritchie, Mildred S. (R-10)
 Hays, George (R-20)
 Raymond, Diane (D-11)
 Markiewicz, Henry (D-3)
 Zelinski, John (D-11)
 Esposito, Paul (D-4)
 Wiesley, Vere (R-13)

Dixon, Handy (D-2)
 Tiani, Charles J. (R-15)
 Perillo, Alfred E. (D-9)
 Goldstein, Sandra L. (D-16)
 DeLuca, Robert C. (R-14)
 Pollard, Everett K. (R-17)
 Santy, Jeanne-Lois (R-18)
 Feighan, Michael P. (D-1)
 Wider, Lathon (D-3)
 Ventura, Joseph F. (R-17)
 McInerney, Barbara A. (R-20)
 Morgan, Michael G. (D-12)
 Baxter, George G. (D-7)
 Blum, David I. (D-12)
 Signore, S. A. (R-18)
 Boccuzzi, John J. (D-2)
 Carlucci, Leo J. (D-5)
 Perillo, Mildred J. (D-9)
 Robie, John (D-7)
 Fox, John Wayne (D-15)

ABSTENTIONS - 2:

Schlechtweg, John (D-6)
 Price, Margaret (D-6)

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Donald Sherer (R-10) excused due to a death in the family;
 Gerald Rybnick (D-4) and Jeremiah Livingston (D-5) excused, both due to illness.

MR. DIXON said he presumed all members received the resumes on all of the remaining appointees. He said that on the next five names for the newly-established Personnel Appeals Board, the first and foremost thought was to approve only those who qualified beyond reasonable doubt and to get the Board geared for full speed ahead. He said each of the individuals had excellent educational backgrounds and while their professions varied from business management to housewife, they had great responsibility and had through their years gained much knowledge and experience in working with people.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked for a POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, stating that the members owed it to Mr. Dixon to listen to his committee report on which so much time and energy was expended. He said if members needed anything, the pages could get it for them.

MR. FOX requested the Majority and Minority Leaders to get the members back on the floor and said Mr. Boccuzzi's point was well-taken.

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS:

Term Expires:

(2) MR. JAMES E. ROSECRANS (R)
55 Breezy Hill Road
Stamford, Conn. 06903

APPROVED

2 ABSTENTIONS:

Mildred Perillo
David Blum

Balance: YES

with a few members off the floor.

Dec. 1, 1982

MR. DIXON said his committee voted UNANIMOUSLY for Mr. Rosecrans' approval and he so MOVED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. BLUM: "I would like to make a comment on the entire Personnel Appeals Board. I intend to abstain from all the members of this Board because I feel that this Board will not be an impartial Board. I so stated at the Appointments Committee meeting for I feel, although some will be, one will be a housewife, one an engineer, two have excellent labor relations credentials, but they do not and will not represent the side of the employee. There is no one of these five who will represent the employee's side. I therefore feel this Personnel Appeals Board will not have a representative of all classes that might come before that Board, or be impartial."

MRS. PERILLO said she is ABSTAINING on all five as she did not interview these candidates.

MR. DIXON said Mr. Grebey is next and the Committee voted for his approval UNANIMOUSLY and he so MOVED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Term Expires:

(3) MR. CLARENCE R. GREBEY, JR.
(Unaffiliated)
20 Round Hill Drive
Stamford, Conn. 06903

APPROVED

2 ABSTENTIONS:

Mildred Perillo
David Blum

Balance: YES

with a few members off the floor

Dec. 1, 1981

MR. DIXON said Mr. Martinez is next on the Agenda. The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve Mr. Martinez and he so MOVED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

(4) MR. THOMAS A. MARTINEZ, SR. (R)
116 High Clear Drive
Stamford, Conn. 06905

APPROVED

2 ABSTENTIONS:

Mildred Perillo
David Blum

Balance: YES

with a few members off the floor

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1980

MR. DIXON said Mrs. Janet Garelik is next. She is a Democrat, residing in Stamford for six years and is a free-lance photographer. The Committee voted to approve her with 5 YES, 2 ABSTENTIONS and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN spoke in support of Mrs. Garelik stating she would bring a great deal of enthusiasm and ability to City Government and do an outstanding job.

MR. POLLARD said with all due respect to the honesty and integrity of this candidate he thought it was unfair to the employees of the City to have them evaluated by a Personnel Appeals Board that would have a person who in her entire life had worked for money for only two years and that being a number of years ago. He said he thought that the candidate would by her very nature have to evidence a lack of the emotion involved in the possibility of losing a job or being demoted or being penalized in some fashion.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said that impartiality does not go hand-in-hand with earning a living. That she, as a housewife, as well as many other things, takes strong exception to the denigration of the role of a housewife.

MR. FOX called for a voice vote; then a DIVISION by machine. Mrs. Garelik was approved by a vote of 24 yes, 8 No, 5 abstentions. (Machine tally sheet at end of minutes.

(5) <u>MS. JANET GARELIK</u> (D) 29 Falmouth Road Stamford, Conn. 06903	<u>APPROVED</u> 5 ABSTENTIONS 8 NO 24 YES	<u>Term Expires:</u> Dec. 1, 1979
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MR. DIXON said next is Mr. Philip Norgren, and the Committee approved him by a vote of 6 YES and 1 NO, and he so MOVES. SECONDED. APPROVED. (Machine tally sheet at end of minutes.

(6) <u>MR. PHILIP E. NORGREN</u> (D) 4 Interlaken Road Stamford, Conn. 06903	<u>APPROVED</u> 20 YES 13 NO 4 ABSTENTIONS	<u>Term Expires:</u> Dec. 1, 1978
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MR. DIXON said that the three remaining names are for the SEWER COMMISSION and are for re-confirmation for lesser terms, having each been originally selected for five-year terms. With Charter changes, they have been reduced to three-year terms, and Mr. Michael Reppucci, who original term was to expire Dec. 1, 1979 will now expire Dec. 1, 1978. The committee voted unanimously to approve him and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

SEWER COMMISSION:

(7) <u>MR. MICHAEL REPPUCCI</u> (R) 54 Vanech Drive Stamford, Conn. (Re-confirmation)	<u>APPROVED</u> UNANIMOUSLY, with a few members off the floor.	<u>Term Expires:</u> Dec. 1, 1978
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MR. DIXON said Mr. Irving Slifkin's original term would have expired in 1980, but now it will be Dec. 1, 1979. The committee approved unanimously and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

(8) <u>MR. IRVING SLIFKIN</u> (R) 211 Shelter Rock Road Stamford, Conn. (Re-confirmation)	<u>APPROVED</u> UNANIMOUSLY, with a few members off the floor.	Dec. 1, 1979
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MR. DIXON said Mr. Joseph Rinaldi is next and his original term was until 1981. His term will now expire Dec. 1, 1979. The Committee unanimously approved and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

(9) <u>MR. JOSEPH RINALDI</u> (R) 34 Donald Road Stamford, Conn.	<u>APPROVED</u> UNANIMOUSLY, with a few members off the floor.	Dec. 1, 1979
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MR. DIXON said this concluded his report.

MR. ZELINSKI requested a SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to bring up at this time the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S report on both the Teachers and the Administrators' contracts due to the presence of many people affected by these contracts, and he so MOVED. SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John Zelinski

MR. CARLUCCI asked that the record show that he will not be participating in any discussion or any voting on this item.

MR. ZELINSKI said his committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 1978. Present were Robert DeLuca, Joseph Ventura, Jeanne-Lois Santy, Charles Wilmot, and John Zelinski. Due to illness, absent were David Blum and Mildred Perillo. Among those attending were Elhanen Stone, Atty. Bieder, Mrs. Sessa and others. Mr. Zelinski said that at the last meeting of this Board, denial had to be recommended since the Charter now required the Board of Finance to submit an advisory opinion on the financial impact of the contract. This was not forthcoming, so Mr. Zelinski requested data from the Commissioner of Finance, which he received. The Committee voted 4 in favor, and 1 not voting due to a conflict, and he so MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MR. BAXTER asked Mr. Zelinski for some clarification on the tax impact and verified that the increment is up 1.1 mill more taxes, per year.

MR. WILMOT said that as Vice-Chairman of the Personnel Committee, he would like to make some comments on provisions which are especially favorable in this contract. One is that in each of the three years of the contract, the salary increases also include a fixed amount of benefits for insurance which is a fixed annual increment and is not linked to the nature of the insurance package that the teachers themselves select. This effectively puts a lid on our cost for their insurance. Also the teachers are giving up two nights of service or availability for conferences with parents. Another provisions the teachers gave in their negotiations for the salary and insurance combined increases was in the event of lay-offs of teachers in the future under the new contract, the Board of Education got the right to determine which teachers would be laid off, not by seniority but as to their importance or the merit of their job performance.

MR. DARER said this is the first contract we're being asked to vote upon under the new Charter provisions that the elected Board of Finance is to provide mill rate effect or fiscal impact and they are responsible to the voters. He asks if this Board should accept information from the Commissioner of Finance who is an appointed person, a member of the Mayor's cabinet, before we vote?

MR. ZELINSKI read the new Charter section pertaining to this matter. He also stated that when he did not get the information originally from the Board of Finance, he went to the Commissioner of Finance from whom he did secure some figures. However, Mr. Zelinski went on to say that this evening he did get some information from the Board of Finance which is identical to the figures he received from Mr. Hadley.

MR. DARER asked that that be made an official part of the record. He asked if it were an official letter, or just a communication, an official document, or what?

MR. ZELINSKI said it was a letter from the Board of Finance dated the 14th, or the 12th, and all the members received it on their desks tonight.

MR. FOX asked what section of the Charter was Mr. Zelinski referring to.

MR. ZELINSKI said it was Section 655 under "Powers".

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. WILMOT: "I would just like the record to show that part of the reason our committee felt that it was incumbent upon us to take action on this contract even though we had not received the official comments from the Board of Finance was that we had met on this contract a month ago and heard all the arguments pro and con, or favorable or unfavorable about the contracts. We met again this month and the Board of Finance to the best of our knowledge had all of the information necessary to them to make their decision. However, I would hope that we would not be put in the position in the future of having to act on any municipal contract prior to receiving the input of the Board of Finance; and I would hope that all committees who are put in the position of waiting for Board of Finance action will have more success in coordinating their efforts in getting word back from the Board of Finance prior to their meeting.

MR. ZELINSKI said the key is "advisory opinion" from the Board of Finance to the Board of Representatives, which means that any opinion we get from them is not binding on our final decision. Mr. Zelinski also quoted from Al Soltis, first vice president of the negotiating team for the teachers, that they do not have the same 100% insurance premium coverage that other City employees have.

MRS. SANTY asked that the record show that she will not vote on this issue because of a conflict.

MR. FOX said that there are 3 abstentions: Mr. Carlucci, Mrs. Santy, and Mr. Schlechtweg.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the Fiscal Committee concurs with Personnel; and that those of them who were present at the meeting were very impressed with the good faith bargaining that occurred, and with the fact that there are no hidden costs for insurance and pension payments in this contract.

MRS. RITCHIE said EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT concurs.

The MOTION was APPROVED by MAJORITY vote, with 3 ABSTENTIONS, and a few members off the floor, on Item 1 below.

- (1) LABOR CONTRACT BETWEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STAMFORD FEDERATION OF TEACHERS.
for 3 years from June, 1977 to June, 1980. 6.75%; 6.50%; 6.25%.

MR. ZELINSKI made a MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider Item 2 under PERSONNEL. SECONDED and CARRIED.

- (2) LABOR CONTRACT BETWEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION and STAMFORD ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.
for 2-year period from 7/1/77 - 6/30/79; 6.5%; 6.5%.

MR. ZELINKI said his committee met on January 10th with the members of the Administrative Unit. Present were Robert DeLuca, Joseph Ventura, Jeanne-Lois Santy, Charles Wilmot, John Zelinski. Due to illness, David Blum and Mildred Perillo were absent. The Committee voted 5 in favor and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal concurs with the same provisions as on the other contract.

MRS. RITCHIE said EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT also concurs.

MR. BAXTER asked MR. ZELINSKI through the CHAIR if they have an official communication from the Board of Finance regarding the mill rate and Mr. Zelinski said yes, it was identical to the one from the Finance Commissioner.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON said he wanted to attend the meeting but simply could not make it and wondered if Mr. Zelinski could answer a couple of questions for him. One referred to salary schedule in Appendix A, on page 24, the last page of the pamphlet, how many people are in each salary category and how many are on each step?

MR. ZELINSKI offered to let Mr. Dixon look Schedule A over which he received from Mr. Barney and would give him the information he needed.

MR. DIXON had another question whether or not any of these salaries are reimbursable.

MR. ZELINSKI said two are covered by Federal and State funds and the rest are all covered by City contract.

MR. DIXON asked by what per cent the reimbursement was.

MR. ZELINSKI said he believed it was approximately 50% but he could get the exact figure later.

MR. DIXON had one final question whether the money that has been reimbursed has been deducted before the package was submitted.

MR. ZELINSKI said he believed it was.

MR. WILMOT said that approximately 3 years ago this contract covered a total of 96 administrators whereas this present contract will cover 76 administrators of whom two will be partially funded, up to 50% by Federal funds.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Item #2 and it was APPROVED by majority vote with 3 ABSTENTIONS and a few members off the floor.

MR. ZELINSKI asked for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES for his last item, #3, and it was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

- (3) LETTER 12/27/77 FROM FINANCE BOARD CHAIRMAN LEONARD VIGNOLA, JR. RE IRS ruling re non-withholding of income tax from off-duty policemen engaged by third parties Greenwich requests us to join them in contesting this.

MR. ZELINSKI said his committee met on January 10th and spoke with the Finance Commissioner. He gave a report. He said no action is required by this Board of Representatives and the letter is for informational purposes only. Mr. Zelinski said that concluded his report.

MR. FOX said they would now return to the normal order of the Agenda and called upon the Fiscal Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, January 11, 1978. Present were Gerald Rybnick, Mildred Ritchie, George Hays, Paul Esposito, Marie Hawe, John Zelinski, Ralph Loomis, and Sandra Goldstein. Absent was Jeremiah Livingston. There are nine members on the Fiscal Committee and we ask many questions of the department heads that do come before us. However, we cannot think of everything, although we try to do our best. If anyone has a question, or particular concern on an item, I would find it particularly helpful if that Representative would call me, or a member of the Fiscal Committee, so we can ask of the department head that question; or the Representative is more than welcome to come to Fiscal and ask his or her own question.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX: Just one point. I think that is a fine idea, Mrs. Goldstein, and certainly in accordance with the direction in which we are attempting to go. The primary emphasis would be on committee meetings in particular for informational purposes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Item #1 for \$11,000 for the BOARD OF EDUCATION. Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE: EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT concurs.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if any of these funds were going into Salary Accounts?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN replied yes, they would be paying salaries for people who teach high school equivalency courses during the day at Rice School.

MR. BOCCUZZI wanted to know further whether these people are now employed by the Board of Education

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said they are now operating under the same Grant, and this is an addition to the grant under which they are operating. The grant comes in two parts, with \$11,000 coming after January 1st.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION was CARRIED with a few members off the floor, on Item #1 below.

(1) \$11,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - CODE 862.0000 -100% prepaid grant. (See Agenda attached for detail.)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor of this appropriation and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

(2) \$ 2,650.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Additional Appropriation for various sub-accounts under Code 201. and Code 297. (See Agenda attached for detail.)

The above item #2 was APPROVED by a vote of 29 YES; 5 NO; 2 ABSTENTIONS, and 1 member off the floor. (The 5 NO votes were A. Perillo, S. Signore, George Baxter, M. Perillo and John Boccuzzi. The 2 ABSTENTIONS were Lois Santy and David Blum. Vere Wiesley was off the floor.) At the end of these Minutes is the voting record sheet.

Below is discussion on Item 2 of Fiscal above.

MRS. RITCHIE said that EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT concurs.

MR. BAXTER expressed his concern and wonderment why the Mayor did not live within his budget and was operating in deficit. He said additional appropriations should be carefully scrutinized because they, in essence, subvert the budgetary process unless there is an excellent reason for them. He said it is not the \$1,650 but rather the question of the scrutiny this Board should give to additional appropriations. He said he could understand the \$1,000 for Conference of Mayors being an unprogram-mable expense.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN explained that the Mayor's Office had received substantial budgetary cuts and her committee felt these additional appropriation requests were justified.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER said he read in the paper today that another account of the Mayor's had an overdraft, or at least a suspension of an overdraft where \$5,000.00 was spent in relocating one of the personnel; that the Mayor spent money he didn't have. No question if there are receipts to show that photo-copies supplies have been used or will be used to require \$1,000, but he said that when the budget was before this Board, and cuts were made not only to the Mayor's Office Account but to many others, he expected these cuts would be adhered to, and he would like to know why they have not been in those cases where their restorations have been subsequently requested. He said also that this Board is going to have to face the question of the \$5,000 on the moving expense, whether or not we are going to pay that; and Mr. Baxter wanted to know on this, why hasn't the Mayor stayed within his budget.

MR. WIDER said he was a little bit concerned with the Fiscal Committee's report on this. He remembers vividly working on the budget and that the Mayor requested department heads to come in with budgets that could be cut 5%. He thought the Mayor did the same with his own budget. He said from what he could see here now, not only was the Mayor making department heads come in and tell him an untruth, but Mr. Wider is beginning to think we were given untruth to deal with. He said we just passed a budget six months ago and here are the additional appropriations coming in and he wonders what are we really talking about, and were we just wasting our time.

MR. LOOMIS supported Mrs. Goldstein's report, stating they spent at least 40 minutes with Mrs. Forman, the Mayor's Executive Aide, and went into each item requested specifically and in detail. He said they produce 14,000 copies a month. He took exception to Mr. Baxter's remarks, stating he, Mr. Loomis, felt the Mayor's Office had made every effort to live within their budget.

MR. BLUM: Through you, Mr. President, I'd like to make this remark to Mrs. Goldstein. If you remember during the budget time, we were talking about deficit-spending at that time. And we were cutting something awful, trying to find which way we could live within a reasonable budget so we wouldn't have to have a great tax increase. And then lo and behold, here we are with another additional appropriation, and from the Mayor's office at that!

MRS. MAIHOCK asked why is Public Works using the Mayor's copying facilities, is this a temporary situation, or will it continue, and what has Public Works done in the past for photo-copy facilities.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN replied the Mayor's Office and the Public Works Department have shared the copying machine since they are both on the fifth floor and it comes out of one account. Even if it came out of two accounts, it would be the same money, the taxpayers' money. She said the committee felt it was a legitimate expense in light of the heavy photo-copy work.

MR. ESPOSITO said this account was thoroughly studied and basically the budget was cut to an unrealistic point. He said the car allowance of \$3 per day of use by the Housing Relocation Officer was not adequate for the number of days the car was used.

MR. FOX tried to take a machine vote but experienced difficulty. Mr. Thomsen, who had been present up to that point, had left. The vote was taken by the members standing to indicate their votes. 29 YES; 5 NO; 2 ABSTENTIONS and Mr. Wiesley off the floor. The MOTION is APPROVED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (3) \$ 900.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Additional Appropriation Code 650.0103 SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME. (See Agenda attached for detail.)

The above item was APPROVED by a majority vote with a few members off the floor. Discussion follows.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

- (4) \$ 314.50 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Additional Appropriation - Code 663.1301 - INSURANCE ACCOUNT. (See Agenda attached for detail.)

The above item was APPROVED by a majority vote with a few members off the floor. Discussion follows.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: On Item #4 Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED and CARRIED.

- (5) \$ 3,225.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Additional Appropriation - Code 114 - (See Agenda attached for detail.)

The above item was APPROVED by a majority vote with a few members off the floor. Discussion follows.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE: EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT concurs.

- (6) \$10,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 410.5203 - TRAINING - Additional Appropriation. (See Agenda attached for detail.) Title II funding.

The above item was APPROVED by a majority vote with a few members off the floor. Discussion below.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: This is for the start of an on-going in-house program to train our own police officers. \$4,800.00 is to training 24 new recruits at \$200 per recruit. This is to set-up a library of books, films, tapes, to hire instructors such as sociologist, physiologist and criminologist. There will be lawyers and other professionals who will be donating their time to this new training program. \$2,400 is for Crisis Intervention Training for the entire uniformed division, for a city university professor to teach the uniformed division. We will, also, at the same time, be instructing about 10 top officers in Crisis Intervention Training so in the future there will be no need for such a large appropriation. \$2,500 is to send the training and the assistant training director to Northwestern University for a course in training as instructors, sometime in the Spring. \$300 is for Drivers' Education Training. Captain Ligi, who is in charge of the entire program expects the course to decrease next year as we will have built up a library of materials which are reuseable. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM: HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE concurs and wholeheartedly endorse this program. It is long-needed in Stamford.

- (7) \$6,000.00 - PARK DEPARTMENT - Code 610.0101 - SALARIES- Additional Appropriation.
LESS 1,100.00 (See Agenda attached for details). REDUCTION OF \$1,100.00 to change
\$4,900.00 starting date from Jan. 1st to Feb. 1, 1978. Annual Salary \$11,582.
APPROVED

The above item was APPROVED by a majority vote with a few members off the floor. Discussion follows.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Item #7 is to hire a Tree Inspector at an annual salary of \$11,582. He will be in charge of all administrative work necessary to handle the 300,000 trees this department has jurisdiction over. He will lay out the entire tree maintenance program. The Committee cut the request to \$4,900 to reflect a Feb. 1st hiring date instead of Jan. 1st hiring date. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. Seconded.

MR. HAYS: PARKS AND RECREATION concurs.

- (8) \$12,900.00 - PARK DEPARTMENT - Additional Appropriation various sub-codes 610.
Title II funding. (See Agenda attached for details.)

Above item APPROVED by voice vote, with 3 NO, a few off the floor; majority yes votes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN explained how the money was going to be allocated, as indicated on the Agenda, and her Committee voted 8-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. WIDER expressed concern that West Beach and Horseshoe Beach were mentioned to get seasonal employees for opening, but he didn't see anything here for Southfield.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said that perhaps an examination of the budget would indicate there might be funding for Southfield Beach.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that if part of this money was for police at the beaches, could he assume that Southfield would have a policeman.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she could not answer that as Southfield was not a part of this appropriation; that if it had been, they would have asked that question; but this is for attendants and police at West Beach and Horseshoe Beach.

MR. BOCCUZZI wanted to know if Southfield was going to get a policeman since it did not have any.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she would find out and contact Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. WIDER said he wants all beaches included, not just a few, in the planning which is now under way.

MR. VENTURA asked Mrs. Goldstein to give a little summation of the lawn mower acquisition, a little detail.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said they need 25 working lawnmowers but only have 6 that are in working condition and that they are trying to work their way up to their former level.

MR. PERILLO asked what happened to the other 19 and are they in store, to be seen.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said they are said to be in deplorable, unuseable condition, and she would determine if they could be inspected.

MR. VENTURA said this was not funny; that he had a figure about 3 weeks ago that last summer the inventory called for 38 lawn mowers and now they are asking for 6; that they have 6 in inventory. He said there has been a tremendous amount of "appropriage", and also if his figures are correct, and he thought he got them from a pretty good source, why is this 38 lawn mower inventory down to 6 inside of a few few months.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the point was well-taken by Mr. Ventura and she would contact the Commissioner tomorrow.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG would like some examples from Mr. Ventura if he has facts about "appropriage".

MR. VENTURA said specific facts were hand-saws, battery charger that was quite expensive, equipment that is non-functional because it hasn't been bothered with, and that he thinks it is a very serious problem that has cost the City a lot of money.

MR. BLUM: Being that there are so many discrepancies in regard to this amount, this additional appropriation, I would like to make a MOTION that this be put back into committee and more details secured.

MRS. MAIHOCK SECONDED Mr. Blum's MOTION to Return to Committee.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he wanted no misunderstanding; that he was not speaking against the appropriation, only that he wanted to see police protection considered for Southfield.

MR. HAYS spoke against sending this back to committee and said Steering could look into any questions.

MR. VENTURA asked that the Commissioner be summoned to a meeting to find out what happened to this equipment. He feels it is quite relevant that there are only 6 working lawn mowers in inventory.

MR. SIGNORE made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on Mr. Blum's MOTION to RE-COMMIT. A DIVISION was taken, by standing. MOTION was LOST.

(9)	\$ 9,570.00	-	<u>PARK DEPARTMENTS - TERRY CONNORS SKATING RINK</u>	-	Additional Appro-
LESS	1,368.00		ropriation - Title II funding. (See Agenda for details.)		Reduced
	\$ 8,202.00		by \$1,368.00 to reflect different starting dates as per discussion		
APPROVED			below.		

Above item APPROVED by majority vote, with a few members off the floor.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: This is an additional appropriation for positions which are essential to adequately operate the ice rink at a full-time level which is 120 hours a week. This money is for an Ice Rink Maintenance Supervisor who will begin March 15th, and an Ice Rink Operator to begin February 1st. The Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. The request number has been changed from \$9,570 to \$8,202 to reflect the new hiring dates. SECONDED.

MR. HAYS: PARKS AND RECREATION concurs.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if the salary accounts for the people to be hired, would they be Civil Service, or just are they to get the salary but no benefits. And if Civil Service, where does the money for the benefits come in?

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said they will be Civil Service and the money for the benefits would come from whatever source the money comes from for any other Civil Service employee. She said this is an annual salary for these two people of x number of dollars, and they are as entitled as any other full-time Civil Service servants are entitled to whatever fringes are part of their contract.

MR. BOCCUZZI: In other words, Mrs. Chairman, this is not 100% grant; if we have to put money into it, it is not 100% grant.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Well, the annual salaries will be 100% funded. I would have to agree with Mr. Boccuzzi that the fringe benefits if they started immediately upon hiring, would not be part of the 100% funding.

MR. DARER: Just this small point, in the event that Public Works Title II funding is ever cut off to the City, do we have any idea how much would be involved to maintain existing programs that have been begun under this type of funding?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You bring up an excellent, excellent point. Now this Public Works Title II funds are a God-send to us now because they are enabling us to hire people who the various Boards as well as the various department heads feel are crucial to the operation of this City. Now it will be up to us in the budget, during the budget process in April, and May, to see which of these 100% funded people we wish to retain.

MR. DeLUCA: So, in essence, say perchance we could no longer get Title II funds, the City has to provide this in the budget or relieve this fellow of his duties? Once again, sometimes it looks great to go out and get these Title II funds, but then if they're cut off from us, and here it is we're trying to cut back on hiring additional people, it would put a further burden on the taxpayer^{or} at the same time doing an injustice to this person just to hire him on a part-time basis. Sometimes I don't know if it is proper to go out and hire people just because we get Title II funds because they are available to us; maybe we can utilize this money elsewhere rather than hire somebody on a temporary basis?

MR. LOOMIS said he wasn't sure whether the question of Title II funds or City funds was terribly relevant; the relevant thing is the skating rink needs extra help and that, plus CETA people, has produced a 12% increase in income. He supports this appropriation.

MR. SIGNORE said he supports the skating rink and wants to see it working at its full capacity. He said, however, grants are not free; they are paid for by the taxpayers. What he does consider of great importance is the fact that grants do not seem to be monitored and no one can tell us how much money has been spent, how much is left, what happens when a grant comes to an end, etc. He wants a monitoring system set up.

MR. MORGAN said Title II is a Federal program designed to provide funds so municipal programs, like this one, can continue. They are not to be used to create new programs, but basically the Federal Government is providing salaries, supplemental funds, so people and programs that are currently in operation in the City can continue. He said last year at budget time when he was Fiscal Chairman, the committee made severe cuts in both Parks and Public Works budgets on the theory that Title II money and CETA money would be available for those two departments, and local property tax funds would not have to be used. Mr. Morgan urged that this request be approved.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX: Before we get too far afield, I think we're starting to get into an error which I think the 14th Board was guilty of. In particular, I think the best part of the discussion we have had is something which should have been ironed out in committee so if we could try to wrap it up....Mr. Darer, we haven't forgotten you, but you've already spoken once.

MR. WIDER: My only concern here is that can we, through you to Mrs. Goldstein, can we employ Civil Servants and then terminate the employment as we see fit? I'm aware that we worked on the budget last year, as Mr. Morgan says, and I'm a little concerned where we are going to take the additional employees on, based on the fact that we may or may not be funded next year. I would much rather see a non-civil service status, than civil service.

MR. WIESLEY: Very briefly, I just hope that we don't misconstrue what Title II funds are and what they do for us, and what our responsibility is there. There could be good years and there could be bad years on the availability of Title II funds; and if we've been fortunate enough to get quite a bit of this and put people on to do a lot of work, and we don't have the next year's funding, then we just have to take the responsibility of their services which the City will not get. That will come back to this Board and we will have an opportunity to say, "No, we are not going to increase our taxes. We are just not going to have that benefit that we had from it last year." It's something we can stop if we have to lay people off.

MR. BAXTER made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED and CARRIED.
The Main Motion for item #9 for \$8,202. was APPROVED.

- (10) \$2,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - DIVISION OF BUILDING INSPECTION - CODE 332.0501 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH -
(See Agenda for details.)

This item was DENIED. It was LOST by a vote of 23 YES; 8 NO; 4 ABSTENTIONS (there being a requirement of two-thirds, or 25 YES votes, for passage.. This was a machine vote; tally sheet attached.) Discussion follows. (* Mr. Darer also abstained, making it 5 ABSTENTIONS.)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Analysis of the Public Works Telephone Account, Bureau of Engineering, Division of Building Inspection, by Robert Ruszkowski, Internal Auditor, indicated that the amount of money allocated for telephone was incredibly inadequate. \$700 was requested by the Mayor in his budget; and \$6,000 more is projected by the Internal Auditor. Fiscal voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

MR.FOX: I don't think it had to be, but it wasreferred to Public Works.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works Committee met on January 12th. Present were Alfred Perillo, Margaret Price, John Robie, Fiorenzo Corbo, and Charles Tiani. I might add, Mr. President, because of so many activities going on in this building that same night, Public Works Committee actually had to meet in the Boys Room to conduct its business. That's right, even Margaret Price, she closed her eyes. With that, the Committee voted 4 YES, 1 ABSTENTION, for this request. We concur.

MR. BAXTER questioned the alleged improper allocation of the telephone budget to one department, saying there must be a corresponding improper allocation in some other department. He asked Mrs. Goldstein if she could shed any light on this.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this problem arose because in the past all the money for the telephone account was lumped in the Public Works Department telephone account. This year, with the advent of CENTREX, the Mayor felt each department should really get a ballpark figure and this was not a figure easily determined since all accounts were lumped together in the past. Some accounts therefore are having a short-fall, but not too many. Primarily, there will be further requests for additional appropriations to meet the expenses accrued by this new means of budgeting.

MR. BAXTER said perhaps out of \$80,000,000.00, \$2,000.00 isn't significant, but the procedure well may be significant. Where is the offsetting \$2,000.00 from other accounts? If the problem is that he just guessed wrong on CENTREX and it's just too little money and we need \$2,000.00 more, then that is another and more understandable thing. But if it's a mere mis-allocation, where is the off-setting figure and why don't we see that together.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she would send all Board members a copy of Mr. Ruszkowski's report. She said there are 11 accounts in deficit and 6 that are not in deficit and they don't balance out.

MR. BAXTER said at the risk of boring some people to death, he would like to explain to Mrs. Goldstein that while the Federal Government can operate that way, he would like to see the City operate the same way he operates his household, that is to say, there is a limited amount of money available and you keep your spending within those limits. He is concerned about additional appropriations and intends to continue to express his concern and ask for justification of all extra spending.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if he were correct in hearing that six were o.k. and eleven were in deficit.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said if that is what she said....

MR. BOCCUZZI said to Mr. Baxter that he didn't think he was going to find that \$2,000. Also that we're going to be short a lot more, and that the appropriation should have said that CENTREX is costing us more. Why fool around, we know what the story is; this administration is just trying to hide it.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the machine since it now seemed to be in working order again. Mrs. Maihock, Mrs. Price, Mr. Blum, and Mr. Hays are abstaining. There are 8 No votes and 23 YES votes.

MR. DARER asked that the CHAIR note that he is ABSTAINING as well.

The vote then would indicate 5 ABSTENTIONS instead of 4.

MR. FOX said that would be reflected in the machine, Mr. Darer's abstention. In order to be carried, the Motion required 25 votes, that being 2/3 of those present. Since there were only 23 YES votes, the MOTION is LOST. Mrs. Goldstein has another item to bring up, under SUSPENSION OF RULES.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules. It was SECONDED and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (11) RESOLUTION NO. 1140 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SIXTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND AND NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$16,553,099.00) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION COUPON BONDS OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO FINANCE CERTAIN OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1974-1975, AS AMENDED; 1975-1976, AS AMENDED; 1976-1977, AS AMENDED; and 1977-1978; TO BE FINANCED WITH FUNDS RAISED BY BORROWING.

This item was APPROVED with a few of the members being off the floor, by majority vote

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Committee voted 8-0 in favor of acting on this bond resolution and I so MOVE. SECONDED. CARRIED.

Mrs. Goldstein requested that the Administrative Assistant to include the resolution in the Minutes so she would not have to read it aloud since it is very long, and everyone received a copy. (Note: All Resolutions and Ordinances appear at the end of the Minutes.)

MRS. MAIHOCK said she does not believe she received it.

MR. BLUM wished to ask a question regarding Item #10 under Fiscal but Mr. Fox told him that item had already been voted on and it was too late for discussion, and ruled that the question would not be in order at this time.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

- (1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE 15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES: re Committees, page 4, item 9 (Delete present #9 and make substitutions listed) (See Agenda for details.)

This item was APPROVED with 33 YES votes; 2 NO votes, with the word "of" deleted and the word "is" added to item (b) (1)...."and prior to discussion (OF is deleted here) an item IS (IS is included here) reported out as being non-controversial".... (The full text is in the Agenda)

MR. FESTO: The Legislative and Rules Committee met Thursday, January 12, 1978 in the Republican Caucus Room. Present were Representatives Wilmot, Raymond, Markiewicz, McInerney, Darer, Sherer, and Festo. Also in attendance was Mr. Corbo. After discussion, it was decided that (b) (1) should read:

"If, during the Chairman's report at the meeting of the full Board, and prior to discussion, an item is reported out as being non-controversial, then the Chairman shall remove that item to the CONSENT AGENDA of the respective Committee."

With that amendment noted, the Committee voted 6-0 in favor, and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

MR. DIXON suggested that it might be a good idea to add the word "APPROVED" so that it would read "STEERING COMMITTEE shall refer all APPROVED items properly presented..."

MR. FOX responded that Rule 8 on Page 4 would take care of that point.

MR. SIGNORE expressed concern that some items might get buried in committee, or one of the procedures used as a tool for killing items that should properly come up before the Board, and he would like an explanation of those possibilities.

MR. FEIGHAN said they have not taken away the power of any member of the Board to make a Motion to move any item out of committee. He said that is within the Rules as they stand today.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE responded that is not a very easy thing to do, to vote to take it out of committee and bring it out on the floor; that's a very difficult thing to do once it gets bottled up in committee.

MR. FEIGHAN said he saw no problem with it, that it would be as easy to bury something in committee today as it is with the adoption of this Rule.

MR. MORGAN said this proposal does not represent an opportunity to play politics by giving committee chairmen or steering committee members or anybody else additional opportunity to bury items they want to. He said the thrust of this proposal is simply to expedite the regular Board meetings which drag on and on, just like this one is doing. He said there are many non-controversial items that could easily go on this kind of CONSENT AGENDA which are not controversial on which the vote would certainly be unanimous. In any case, just as a housekeeping matter, we could put them all in one place and act on them at one time. It is an innovative approach and properly used, should be very helpful to the workings of this Board and he will support it.

MR. MORGAN also said that if it does not work out, or if it is abused, or if it is just impractical for uses of the members of the Board, we could change it and go back to the old way, or some other way, but we should at this time try to make some changes to improve the current situation. It seems to him that there is sentiment on both sides of the aisle that Board meetings move too slowly and are often too concerned with non-germane items. This is an attempt to deal with that and it is a good effort.

MR. LOOMIS made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. The voice vote is in question. MR. FOX called for a DIVISION, using the machine, which worked except for Mr. Fox's light. Mr. Carlucci left. Mrs. Goldstein left. The MOTION is LOST.

MR. SIGNORE said he will go along with this item now after hearing Mr. Feighan and Mr. Morgan and he will watch the situation very carefully for a few months to see if it works properly. He does, however, disagree with Mr. Morgan on the length of the meetings because he is sitting there with a microphone in his hand and says "we're full of hot air and we love to hear ourselves talk. I'm being very honest about that."

MR. FOX said most of the talk should be done in committee and we wouldn't have to do it on the night of the meeting.

MR. SIGNORE said it isn't being done in committee. But he has another question about "d" about publicity releases being made only by the Chairman, or his appointee, of the Majority Report. If the Chairman doesn't agree with the Majority, does he still make the report.

MR. FEIGHAN said that the Chairman always reports out on the committee's action regardless of the outcome of the vote.

MR. BAXTER said he was upset by the last sentence of "d" and did not intend to hand-write every word that he spoke in giving his report.

MR. FOX said this was discussed last time and the intent was to get away from the requirement of a written report; that Mr. Dixon made a specific point of that.

MR. BAXTER then withdrew his comments.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLUM wanted clarification on the CONSENT AGENDA, asking about discussion of items that a chairman of a committee is putting on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MR. FOX said if there is discussion, it would not get on the CONSENT AGENDA. If there is any debate or any objections to it, it would not go on.

MR. HAYS made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a voice vote which was in doubt, so a DIVISION was taken, using the machine. He said two-thirds, or 23 affirmative votes were required. There were 33 YES votes and 2 NO votes. The MOTION was CARRIED.

- (2) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEASES AT 66 WEST MAIN ST., THE FORMER WEST MAIN COMMUNITY CENTER, BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND (A) COMMUNITY RETURN, INC.; and (B) THE BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CORP. (See Agenda for details)

This item was HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. FESTO: The committee voted 7-0 in favor to Hold in Committee in order that the Planning Board would meet on this matter and forward their recommendations.

- (3) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDING ARTICLE III, RENT CONTROL, (CHAPTER TEN) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. (See Agenda for details)

This item APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FESTO said this is to streamline the hearing process for claims of retaliatory action filed with the Fair Rent Commission and the Committee voted 7-0 in favor, and he so MOVED. SECONDED. MR. WIDER'S committee did not meet on this, HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the item was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

- (4) RESOLUTION NO. 1141 DESIGNATING LONG RIDGE VILLAGE AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT. (See Agenda for details. Resolution appears at end of Minutes.)

MR. FESTO said this is a proposed resolution to have Long Ridge Village designated as a historic district which would allow the creation of a committee to investigate the feasibility of this. The committee voted 5 in favor, one opposed, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and it was CARRIED with 1 NO vote (Mr. Markiewicz) and the rest YES votes.

- (5) ORDINANCE NO. 366 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FOR PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF STAMFORD - (See Agenda for details) (Ordinance appears at end of Minutes.) Publication waived and final adoption approved.

MR. FESTO made a MOTION to WAIVE PUBLICATION. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FESTO said tax exemption is retroactive to date of purchase by the church; that there have been no taxes paid so there is no reimbursement involved. There is no waiver of lien fees should there be any needed to record tax liens. The committee voted 7-0 in favor and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said that Fiscal did not act on this item.

MR. FOX called for a vote and final adoption was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

- (6) LETTER OF 12/29/77 SUBMITTING PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF M.A.A. FROM ATT
PAUL SHAPERO OF SHAPERO AND BINGHAM, ATTYS., requesting to be heard.

This item DEFEATED by a vote of 8 YES; 26 NO. (Personnel Committee unanimously recommended approval; Legislative & Rules Committee unanimously recommended denial.) Tally sheet attached at end of Minutes.

MR. FESTO said the administrators of the City are prohibited by State law from being members of their respective unions, that the point of this resolution would be to recognize legal existence of the association and to permit that association to seek recognition by the State Assembly. The committee voted none in favor, 7 opposed to approval of this resolution. The feeling of the committee was that it is of no benefit to the City to recognize the legal existence of this informal association at this time.

MR. FOX: So the committee was unanimously against it?

MR. FESTO: Correct.

MR. ZELINSKI: The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, January 10, 1978. Present were Representatives DeLuca, Ventura, Santy, Wilmot and Zelinski. Absent were David Blum and Mildred Perillo, due to illness. We met with Mr. Alan Ketchum who is President of the Municipal Administrators Assn., and their attorney, Mr. Bingham. After considerable discussion with the two gentlemen, we voted 5 in favor and none against for the following resolution: "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Stamford, acting herein by the Board of Representatives....."

MR. FOX: Just a moment, Mr. Zelinski, we have to be sure we're talking about the same resolution. This is the same one, is it not? This is not an amendment to it?

MR. ZELINSKI: No, it is the same one accompanying the letter that Mr. Festo's committee received..."its legislative body, hereby petitions the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut for the passage of a Special Act to the following effect: Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 7-467 to 7-477 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Municipal Administrators Association of the City of Stamford shall be recognized as a lawful 'employee organization' for the purposes of collective bargaining as set out in said Sections 7-467 to 7-477 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut."

Just for some information for my fellow colleagues, the M.A.A. is comprised of those Civil Service Servants in the Classified Service as defined in the Stamford Charter who are not members of any local civil servants' union, and who hold so-called supervisory or administrative positions with the City. Now, these jobs range from Shift Foreman and Administrative Assistant to Division and Bureau Heads.

There are approximately 96 persons eligible. They are employed in every branch of the City Government under Civil Service Regulations, except for the Police and Fire Departments, and the educational branch of the Education Dept. All Police Sergeants, Captains, Lieutenants, and Majors are members of a union. The Chief, being under contract, is the sole exception. The same is true of the Stamford Fire Dept., with Lieutenants, Captains, Deputy Chiefs, all members of the union. Scholastic administrators up to principal in the Board of Education have their bargaining unit. Only those in housekeeping positions and the MAA are denied collective bargaining. Now the purpose of this legislation is to enable the M.A.A.....

MR. FOX: Mr. Zelinski, I think we had all that. I don't know that it's necessary to go into that detail. We had the report from L&R. We've had the report from your committee. I think we've been favored with the paperwork surrounding it.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ZELINSKI: Well, if I may, I know it's late, but it does involve 96 people and I think, and I just had a few points which I received in a letter just this evening which the other members don't have. I'll make this as brief as I can, if I may continue? As I was saying, the purpose is to allow the association to act as a bargaining unit in dealing with the City. The legislation is necessary because of the vagueness of the state statute presently existing which excludes supervisory employees from becoming members or organizing as a bargaining unit in dealing with labor relations questions with municipal corporations. I'm going to pass over and just hit the high points. This will enable the State legis.....

MR. FOX: How many high points do we have, Mr. Zelinski? (laughter)

MR. ZELINSKI: I don't think it is a laughing matter....

MR. FOX: No, neither do I.

MR. ZELINSKI: It involves 96 people. Now I know it's late and I've listened to some other arguments regarding lawn-mowers....

MR. FOX: It is not a question of being late, Mr. Zelinski. We'll take the time we need. I think the point relates to whether it is necessary in conjunction with your report of your committee to go into that much detail. Your committee voted it out favorably. I think we've all had the opportunity to be part of your committee meeting and to hear the information which was presented. We've already had the report of Mr. Festo and I don't know that it is necessary, all of this letter. If there is additional information that we should have had but don't have, then maybe we should hold i

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K., then if I could just finish up; then I won't even quote this letter. I'll just say this. These are the only members of any group who are not covered by any bargaining, and when questioned, when I posed the question to Mr. Ketchum, I found out that, number one, the process now for these people, if they want a raise is to go to the Personnel Commission individually and get the raise, or not get the raise. The Stamford Board of Representatives does not play any part in this at all. If we approve this resolution, all we're doing is allowing the State Legislature to enable them to bargain collectively. We are not the sole answer here. But if they do get it, then they'll be in a position to come back to Stamford, to this Board, as other contracted groups do, such as we approved this evening, the teachers and so forth, and this will give the Board of Representatives a better input into their contracts and conditions. And I think this would be beneficial to them and to the City.

MR. FOX: Your committee is voting and reporting this out favorably?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes sir, it is.

MR. FOX: There has been the report of L&R which voted unanimously against it. Personnel voted unanimously in favor of it. I would suggest we deal with it in a positive fashion. There being a Motion to approve this resolution, is there a second? SECONDED. Discussion?

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FESTO: In light of the verbal deluge by Mr. Zelinski, I'd like to clarify the position, the reasons behind the L&R vote. These administrators have negotiated with the City in the past and the City has recognized this informal group. If we approve this resolution, we are giving them legal existence which they did not possess before, thereby creating a legal power which this group did not possess before. When specifically questioned by the committee as to the potential membership, true, there were 96 potential members, but when asked how many were actual members of the group, Mr. Ketchum was unable to give the committee a satisfactory answer. They also indicated that they have been satisfied in the past to accept the same terms that were negotiated with other bargaining units which the City has granted them. In the past, they have gotten similar contractual agreements as other unions. Therefore, I don't think, in light of the fact that they already get what they supposedly will be requesting, to grant them legal existence. I don't think it is in the best interest of the City at this time. And that was the feeling of the committee.

MR. SIGNORE: I've been informed that we are not giving them legal existence. What we'd be doing would be allowing them to present it to the State Legislature and that is all it is. I don't see what we're fighting, if they want the right to go to the State Legislature, why don't we give them that right and let them present it to the State Legislature.

MR. MORGAN: Through you, Mr. President, to Mr. Zelinski. Do I understand the basic thrust of this to be that not only will we have the workers of the City of Stamford organized into a union, the MEA, but we're going to create a management union made up of the administrators as well, so we'll have two organized groups - two legal entities two unions representing different constituencies within the City?

MR. ZELINSKI: That is correct.

MR. BLUM: Right now the State Municipal Labor Act does not allow middle management to form into a collective bargaining agency. All they're asking is for us to give them a go-ahead to go to the State. To go to the State to present their case. That's all they're asking. They're asking us to vote for them to go to the State to present their case. Whether they will have another union, that is up to them.

MR. BOCCUZZI: You say we want to give them permission to go to the State? If we give them permission to go to the State to be recognized as a legal bargaining unit, we're actually saying, yeah, go get permission that we're going to recognize you. You are giving them permission to do something that maybe you don't want them to do. And if they're getting the benefits all the other people are getting with contracts, why do they want to join the union? Is there something else involved that we don't know about? From what I can understand, we've given them raises and what-not, that the other municipal employees get. ^{always} ^{the}

MR. WILMOT: As a point of clarification, we were told, and it was our understanding in the Personnel Committee that these people are middle-management people and it might be in both terms of their numbers and their positions, in the administration they're analogous to the Stamford Administrative Unit, or the unit of the Teacher Administrator, the Principals, and Vice-Principals, on whose contract we earlier voted tonight. It was our opinion that since collective bargaining and the procedures therein are determined by the State, that this question in its ultimate resolution, should be allowed to be decided in Hartford and that it would be totally proper for us to petition Hartford to resolve this question one way or another.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER: I'd like to point out two things that strike me as making the recommendation of the Personnel Committee dangerous. The first is that it appears to be needless and that is to say I'm not yet aware, although I could be corrected, of any individual citizen needing the permission by resolution of this Board to go to its State Legislature and ask them to consider or re-consider any statute that exists on the books. As far as I know, one of the things that has been given to us by the Federal Constitution, as well as the State Constitution, is the ability to call up Serrani, or Abate, and ask them to do whatever we want them to do. And to hold them accountable at the polls if they don't, number one. So I just don't understand why anyone needs our permission to talk to the State, number one.

Number two, when you're asking for a group to be recognized as the collective bargaining agent for a whole mass of people, which we've been told tonight numbers 94, we don't know how many are in that group. What we're doing is saying to those people, 94 people, if you want to bargain, and if you can get somebody to, in the State, to agree, we're going to tell you who's going to do it. Not you 94, you can't sit together and vote and get the bargaining union that you may want to start up, or some other union, or this, or that. We're going to tell you who you are going to take. And we're going to do that without having any idea of how many people are now members of that union. When you start intruding into this type of area, and trying to be nice guys and to help a couple of people who come before you, you have to be careful, in my judgment, of what it is you're doing. And I strongly recommend that we follow the recommendation of the L&R Committee and overturn this. Thank you.

MRS. MCINERNEY: It's very hard to follow Mr. Baxter who says everything so simply and plainly. But in agreement with most of the speakers, by approving this resolution tonight, we are in fact asking Hartford to allow us under our Home Rule to let this group unionize. It's as simple as that. And I don't particularly feel that we are in a position to allow any more unions to start when they have been operating and functioning and getting raises in the past. There is no one there who has a grievance that is that tremendous, and I really think that we should reject this.

MR. VENTURA made a MOTION to MOVE THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a Voice Vote. He said the CHAIR is in doubt and called for a DIVISION, using the machine. Mr. Fox's light is not working and he votes no. The final tally is 8 YES; 26 NO; the MOTION is LOST.

- (7) RESOLUTION NO. 1142 CONCERNING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COVERING ALL EXISTING OR CONTEMPLATED PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS. (See Agenda for detail. Resolution is at end of Minutes)

Item #7 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Discussion follows.

MR. FESTO: Item 7 is for modification of the existing contract between the City and the Stamford Housing Authority. As set forth in a resolution which was in the package on everyone's desk tonight, the Board is being asked to acknowledge the existence of what is called a "Cooperation Agreement" between the City and the local housing authority. These agreements were executed back in 1939, and two in 1952; apparently the originals have been misplaced and HUD is requesting the City acknowledge the existence of these documents. And that is merely what we would be doing by approving this resolution. The committee voted 7 in favor to approve and I so MOVE. SECONDED.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE concurs.

MR. FOX: The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter and Leo Carlucci, Co-Chairmen

MR. BAXTER: Let me first say that the Planning and Zoning Committee met on January 12, 1978 at 7:15 P.M. Present were Messrs. Robie, Tiani and Carlucci, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

MR. FOX, MR. BAXTER, and MR. DARER discussed the merits of placing the first three items under Planning and Zoning, the acceptance of 3 streets: Heritage Lane, Jonathan Drive, and Buxton Farms Road, on the CONSENT AGENDA which had been adopted as part of the Rules of the Board this evening.

MR. BAXTER was concerned that the precise description of the City Engineer, William Sabia, be made a part of the record, and since it appears on the Agenda, he agreed to MOVE items 1, 2, and 3 to the CONSENT AGENDA.

- (1) ACCEPTANCE OF HERITAGE LANE as a CITY STREET - See regular Agenda and CONSENT AGENDA.
- (2) ACCEPTANCE OF JONATHAN DRIVE as a City Street - See regular Agenda and CONSENT AGENDA.
- (3) ACCEPTANCE OF BUXTON FARMS ROAD as a City Street - See regular Agenda and CONSENT AGENDA.

MR. PERILLO stated that Public Works Committee concurred with Planning and Zoning Committee for approval of items 1, 2, and 3.

- (4) REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BUTTERNUT LANE as a CITY STREET - (See regular Agenda for detail)

MR. BAXTER said the committee voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE since they had not received the City Engineer's certification.

- (5) REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MALIBU ROAD as a CITY STREET - (See Agenda for detail)

MR. BAXTER said they voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE awaiting the City Engineer's certification.

- (6) ACCEPTANCE OF LIBERTY PLACE as a CITY STREET - (See Agenda for detail)

MR. BAXTER said they voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE until Corporation Counsel can complete a title search of the land beneath the road.

- (7) ACCEPTANCE OF CATOONA LANE as a CITY STREET - (See Agenda for detail) RESOLUTION #1143.

MR. BAXTER said this road has been in existence for some time but needs to have engineering work to determine what it needs to bring it up to City standards under Section 640 of the City Charter. And just for those members who are new on the Board, this Charter section generally is used when a development has been made and the bond has either been forfeited or is gone or is no longer adequate to bring the road up to City standards, and the procedure set up by our Public Works Department to do preliminary engineering work to determine what extent and what kind of work and at what cost would be needed roughly to bring the street up to City standards. (RESOLUTION #1143 covering this item appears at the end of the Minutes.) MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. PERILLO said Public Works concurs.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DARER: My only comment regarding this, and it is nothing personal to Catoona Lane, is that I'm quite concerned that regarding the whole question of bonding builders and developers, the exposure of the taxpayers in the future to insufficient bonds and the lapsed bonds and other types of instruments, it may leave the City open to considerable financial risk in the future. And I would like to ask you, Mr. President, to, in some way, some form or another, through Steering, to assign to a proper committee an investigation of this whole exposure possibility in the future to see to it that we do have the proper ordinances that protect the City from this type of possible massive expenditure of taxpayers' money, whether it be by the individual homeowner on the street involved, or through general taxation funds.

MR. FOX: Mr. Darer, in accordance with the Rules of the Board, I would suggest that you submit to the Steering Committee in writing what you just said; and at that time I expect it will be assigned to the proper committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo

MR. PERILLO said there was no other report.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - David I. Blum

MR. BLUM⁷ said no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - George Hays

MR. HAYS: Our Committee met Wednesday, January 11, 1978. Present were Representative Rybnick, Perillo, Ventura, Hays; and Mr. Wider was excused because of a conflict with another meeting. The matter of Marina Fees for the forthcoming boating season was before the committee, and we acted upon a letter dated 1/4/78 submitted to us by Robert Cook, Supt. of Parks, wherein he requested various fees. I'll not outline these fees because I believe everybody received a copy of the letter. He presented his case but we felt we were short certain information and asked that it be provided prior to tonight in which case we'd not vote that evening, but would poll the committee tonight. We received the information and voted 3-1 to recommend the following:

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That the fees for the 16' moorings[^] be increased from \$60. to \$80 as he requested, but from \$60 to \$70;

That up to 16', not be increased from \$50 to \$70 as requested, but from \$50 to \$60;

That the Southfield moorings to go up \$10 as requested, from \$30 to \$40;

That the outside moorings go up to the requested amount of \$10 additional;

And all of the fees they requested be approved with the exception that there be no increase for any citizen owning a boat registered in the State of Connecticut who presents evidence of his or her age being 62 years or over.

And I would so MOVE. SECONDED.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked what do they get for the \$10.00 increase on the Southfield moorings?

MR. HAYS replied new lighting, decreasing pilferage, security. He said the Parks Dept. has contracted a total of \$52,000 of capital investment for the three marinas of which about \$25,000 will be for new lighting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BOCCUZZI said that the Southfield Marina has been a sore spot with them for a long time; that they have been promised things and don't get them. He personally would like to see a breakdown on what lighting is going where and exactly what benefit the people in Southfield would get for the increase in their fees. How much extra lighting, what type, and what other benefits. These people have been paying fees for a long time and for the money they have invested, they get nothing. They can't even put a boat in the water. He is strictly against raising fees without a specific expenditure to this particular marina - Southfield.

MR. HAYS said the type of lighting is the new, high-pressure, sodium lamps which give an illumination five times greater than the old type. This year for the first time salary breakdowns will be allocated to specific marinas based on time-sheet records rather than guesswork as in the past. Into consideration will have to be taken such things as the contractual increase of 6%, 10% on seasonal, materials, equipment, hardware, electricity. This does not include clerical expense or park police.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if it would be possible to hold it in committee for one month.

MR. HAYS agreed that it would pose no real problem.

The Motion made by Mr. Boccuzzi to HOLD IN COMMITTEE was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Mildred Ritchie

- (1) REPORT DATED 12/21/77 FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION ON FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.
(See Agenda for detail)

No action necessary. Report made by Chairperson Mildred Ritchie as follows:

MRS. RITCHIE: Mr. Markiewicz and I met with the Fiscal Committee. Mr. Livingston of our committee was absent that evening. Mr. B. R. Reed was there with two representatives of A.R.A. and the report they submitted was discussed. Their projected figure of profit was \$58,000 but as you can see the net total of \$1,138. This means that when they opened up, the equipment was so dilapidated after not being used for so many years that they had to replace a lot of equipment. We were denied the free food under the government program because we were not an on-going program then. Therefore, for a couple of months we received no allocation from FDA, but the Board of Ed and ARA are going to apply for these funds in the future. Another reason the profits were lower than expected was that all the schools were not open; the last satellite school just opened last week. Participation is growing larger and larger and many students are benefitting by this.

SEWER COMMITTEE - Charles Wilmot, Jr.

MR. WILMOT said he had no report.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Lathon Wider, Sr.

MR. WIDER reported that they met with the Community Development Program Staff for the past three weeks. Mrs. Hawe, Mr. Darer and Mr. Dixon also attended those meetings and he wishes to thank them on the record. He urged all Board members to attend as many of the upcoming meetings as possible: tomorrow, the 17th at Cloonan School; also January 26th; and February 7th.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BLUM asked if Mr. Wider could tell him whether he was correct in understanding that the Representatives will have some input into the budget, or input as to the allocation of the \$1.8 Million, into what projects this money would go.

MR. FOX said that question is not proper at this time since this is a report, and not an item on the Agenda, that perhaps Mr. Wider could clarify it after the meeting for him.

MR. FEIGHAN mentioned that tomorrow is the last day for submission of proposals for use of those funds so technically after tomorrow evening's meeting, there is nothing that can be done for funds.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - John Schlechtweg, II.

(1) CHANGE IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLANS IN CONNECTION WITH CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL'S PROPOSED BUILDING ON RE-USE PARCEL.

This item HELD IN COMMITTEE. Report made.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG: We won't be acting on this item tonight due to insufficient information to conduct a hearing. We're scheduling a hearing for February 1st. I have a brief report on our committee meeting held on Dec. 21, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Margaret Price, Charles Festo, Ralph Loomis, and myself. Absent was George Baxter. Also attending were Corbo Fiorenzio, Edith Sherman, James Hibben, Phil Holt. The purpose of the meeting was to bring both committee members and Board members up-to-date on the entire Urban Renewal Project and to explain the events that will be taking place during the next two years. Mr. Hibben and Mrs. Sherman outlined a series of important dates which should be noted by Board members concerning the regional garage. Regional garage plans should be ready for review by City departments mid-January.

Final plans for bidding will be ready mid-February. Bidding will take place mid-March. Bids to be opened in May.

Contracts to be awarded in June, and the starting date of construction will be June.

The package which the Board of Representatives will be asked to act upon consist of three items: (1) a plan change, an amendment to the 1968 contract with the developer (2) and a supplement to the 1968 parking agreement. This package will be ready in early March for approval at our April meeting. There will be a hearing in March on this. After Board approval, the Mayor and Commission can act.

Binding agreements, it might be noted that binding agreements with department stores will already have been executed at this time; so when we do act on these three documents, this all would have been past history. Just some dates I wanted to bring up-to-date.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ralph Loomis

MR. LOOMIS said there was no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock

MRS. MAIHOCK had no report.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston

MR. FOX said Mr. Livingston is not here.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Paul Esposito - No report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS

MR. SIGNORE: I have a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution which I am submitting on behalf of Mrs. Santy and myself concerning the elevation of the Rev. Joseph Heffernan to the rank of Monsignor in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport. (Mr. Signore read the resolution.)

MR. FOX asked Mr. Signore to submit the resolution to the staff so that we would have it for our records. It was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. A copy is attached at the end of the Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. BLUM: I would just like to make a remark under New Business. I may be shut with this but I just want to say under New Business we have passed today something on the CONSENT AGENDA that I feel has taken away some of our rights of expression on this Board.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I noticed this evening as I was coming to the Board meeting, and I make this as a suggestion, that the Christmas tree lights are still on - on the tree in back of the Old Town Hall. And if the City is paying for them, I suggest that maybe we'd better consider turning them off.

MR. FOX: I will suggest that possibly you get in touch with the Mayor (laughter). I'm not really sure who the proper official is. I suggest you start with Public Works.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I'd just like to ask, is it possible to have Committee signs made so that when a Committee is behind the door, that sign be put on the door so that the Committee doesn't get interrupted with people looking in for different committees, or asking stupid questions (laughter). If we had a sign out there, we could very well get a lot more work done without these unnecessary interruptions.

MR. FOX suggested that Mr. Boccuzzi take this up with the House Committee.

MR. SIGNORE said but they are open meetings, aren't they?

MR. FOX: I don't think he is saying that they can't go in.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I'm not saying you can't come in. All I'm saying -- for example, we had one lawyer who came in looking for a particular meeting, then decided to stay there with the door open and listened.

MR. FOX: Just a couple of points before we leave. Some members of the Board who have not received plaques should leave their name with the staff before you leave. The other point that has been brought to my attention is that there are wallet-sized cards being printed up which identify you as a member of this Board and those have not been received yet. They have been ordered and should be coming in shortly from the printer.

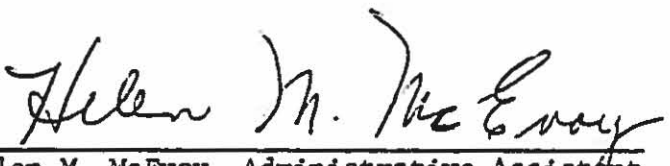
MR. ZELINSKI asked about the shields for the new Representatives.

MR. FOX said they have not been ordered as yet as the prices have gone up substantially and we want to clarify how many people actually need them.


MRS. MAIHOCK said she had a very interesting suggestion from someone this evening that perhaps we could get an estimate from Wright Technical School to make them up, and she would look into it.

MR. FOX: There being no further business, I would entertain a Motion to Adjourn. MOVED and SECONDED. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT AT 12:45 A.M.


Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:


John Wayne Fox, President
15th Board of Representatives

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