

MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1978 MEETING

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, April 3, 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 8:55 P.M., after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: No clergyman available.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: President John Wayne Fox led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: CLERK DIANE RAYMOND took the Roll Call. There were 34 members present and 6 absent. The absent members were: Stanley Darer, Handy Dixon, Barbara McInerney, Jeremiah Livingston, Leo Carlucci, and John Robie. Mr. FOX noted, for the record, that Mr. Darer, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Carlucci, and Mr. Livingston asked to be excused.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

PAGE: STEPHEN SCHARPER, a senior at Stamford High School.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MRS. RITCHIE: I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to the memory of the late PETER CHIRIMBES. Peter was a good man and a good Republican. He was tragically killed in an accident in Florida. He made himself aware of all the local political situations and attended meetings faithfully. And he tried to make peace wherever needed. Many times he helped to make a long meeting seem short by his witticisms. He will be deeply missed at the Republican Town Committee meetings and also in the gallery section here at the Board of Representatives. He was a member of the 9th, 10th, and 11th Boards of Representatives, serving on the Personnel, Health and Protection, Public Housing and General Relocation, Legislative and Rules, Parks and Recreation, Urban Renewal, Education, Welfare and Government; Peter was an Alternate Teller; and he was Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee and was held in high regard by the general public in this particular capacity, due to his exemplary handling of matters that came to his committee. He was a fine citizen and will be sorely missed.

MR. FOX asked the assemblage to rise for a Moment of Silence in honor of the late PETER CHIRIMBES.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The machine was tested and Mr. Fox said it was working properly with the vote reflected properly.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

March 6, 1978 Regular Meeting - ACCEPTED
 Feb. 7, 1977 Regular Meeting - ACCEPTED (Held from last meeting for clarification)
 Oct. 24, 1977 SPECIAL Meeting - HELD as one member did not have time to read.
 Oct. 11, 1977 SPECIAL Meeting - HELD.
 Sept. 20, 1977 SPECIAL Meeting - HELD.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTSSTEERING COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox, Chairman

MR. MORGAN MOVED to WAIVE the reading of the Steering Committee Report. It was SECONDED and CARRIED.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Steering Committee met on Monday, March 20, 1978 at 8:10 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room. JOHN WAYNE FOX, the Chairman and President called the meeting to order.

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

There were no names submitted by the Mayor for the April 3, 1978 Agenda.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION(FISCAL ITEMS):

There were 18 items on the Tentative Steering Agenda. All were ordered ON THE AGENDA, with the Chairperson requesting that #1 and #2 be combined into one item of \$5,700 for the Collector of Taxes.

(3) LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

Five items on the Tentative Steering Agenda under L&R were ordered ON THE AGENDA PLUS one additional item which was moved up from Planning and Zoning to L&R, being a matter of the waiver of a building permit fee re Glenbrook Road Elderly Housing. One item was moved to the Urban Renewal Committee, being a proposed ordinance re exchange of land between URD and the Stamford Savings Bank. Five items were ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE: (a) Article published by Ralph Loomis in New York Times re revision of City's Code of Ordinances; (b) proposed ordinance re auxiliary police and special police powers and regulations; (c) ordinance requested re parking of trailers (actually stored along roadways on west side); (d) amendment requested to Health Housing Code, Sec. 10-21, Roach Infestation; (e) proposed ordinance covering Commission on Aging Staff to replace Ord. 303.

For the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, all three items were ordered ON THE AGENDA.

For the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE, the one item was moved to Legislative and Rules Committee.

For the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, one item was order to be put ON THE AGENDA, that of re-naming the Shippan Landfill site after Whitey Czesick.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

For the URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE, two items were ordered ON THE AGENDA: one being item #2 from L&R, re exchange of land between the URC and the Stamford Savings Bank; and the other being report of status on Regional Shopping Center and Garage.

For the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE, one item was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, the Coastal Management Report; and one item was ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, being the matter of repairing the Pulaski Street Bridge and possibly others.

For the DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE, one new item was brought up and was ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE, being a letter from Mrs. Robinson about the disease of alcohol, dated 3/6/78 - the Alcohol Crisis Intervention Center.

For the TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, the item of Mr. Schlechtweg's request for bus shelters was ORDERED off the agenda, and the same disposition was made re State Rep. Serrani's letter for proper funding of new Dept. of Traffic and Parking. One item was ordered ON THE AGENDA, being what happened to the Greenwich and Selleck St. traffic light.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:30 P.M.

JOHN WAYNE FOX, Chairman
Steering Committee

HMM:MS

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Mrs. Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the Fiscal Committee met twice this month. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, March 22, 1978 and was a public hearing in relation to the recreational development of Lawn Avenue Park as per a resolution passed in December. Present were: Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Esposito, Mrs. Ritchie, and Mrs. Goldstein. Also present were City Reps. Ferrara (8th District) and Corbo (14th District). The second meeting took place on Wednesday, March 29, 1978 and they met in conjunction with Public Works Committee. Present were Mr. Rybnick, Mrs. Hawe, Mr. Hays, Mr. Zelinski and Mrs. Goldstein. She said the Board of Finance and the Board's Fiscal Committee would be holding a joint public hearing on the budget on Wednesday, April 12, 1978, at Cicconan School. Also that Fiscal would start its budget deliberations on Monday, April 24, 1978.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she would like to MOVE for certain items to go on the CONSENT AGENDA. Items 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17 were ORDERED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, with the respective secondary committees concurring, where applicable. The CONSENT AGENDA is attached at the end of these Minutes, along with a copy of the Regular Agenda. Mrs. Price and Mr. Schlechtweg are recorded as not participating on any TELEPHONE items.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said FISCAL voted 5-0 to HOLD IN COMMITTEE Item #1 for \$5,700 for Collector of Taxes to see whether CETA funding can be made available for this.

MR. ZELINSKI said his committee met March 23, 1978 and present were Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Santy, Mr. Wilmot, and Mr. Zelinski. They voted to reject the full appropriation and to use CETA funds which are available per correspondence he received. Mr. Zelinski's Motion to take it out of committee was LOST; and the item was therefore RETURNED TO COMMITTEE.

(1) \$5,700.00 - COLLECTOR OF TAXES - Code 260.0102 PART-TIME HELP - HELD IN COMMITTEE

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FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (2) \$ 3,780.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - various codes - (see Agenda attached for detail). Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and it was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED by a vote of 24 YES, 5 NO, with Mrs. Price and Mr. Schlechtweg ABSTAINING, as well as others abstaining.

MRS. RITCHIE said EDUCATION, WELFARE and GOVERNMENT concurred.

- (3) \$1,700.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION (See Agenda attached).

**REDUCED TO \$1,350.00:

<u>Board of Recreation</u>	
Code 650.0501 Telephone	\$ 950.00 approved
<u>Sterling Farms-Culture Arts</u>	
Code 663.0501 Telephone	\$ 400.00 approved
	<u>\$1,350.00 approved</u>

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0. MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED. Mrs. Price and Mr. Schlechtweg ABSTAINED.

MR. HAYS said PARKS AND RECREATION concurred.

- (5) \$-3,500.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Fiscal voted 4 in favor, 1 against, and it was MOVED and SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT concurred.

MR. MORGAN spoke on this item and MOVED that the request be cut by 50% since only 3 months are left in the fiscal year and that when the Mayor originally made his request, it was six months ago. MOVED and SECONDED.

** (5) REDUCED TO \$1,750.00 -

Code 201.0801 Transportation	\$1,000.00
APPROVED by a vote of	201.1001 Misc. Contingencies
27 YES; 7 NO.	750.00
	<u>\$1,750.00</u>

- (9) \$ 4,500.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - BUREAU OF SANITATION (See Agenda Attached) -

Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Public Works Committee, Mr. Perillo, concurred. (Mr. Schlechtweg and Mrs. Price ABSTAINED.)

- (10) \$22,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - BUREAU OF SANITATION - DIVISION OF INCINERATOR (See agenda attached)

**REDUCED TO \$18,700.00

Code 343.1201 Maint. & Equip.	\$17,000.00
<u>and APPROVED.</u>	343.0501 Telephone
	<u>1,700.00</u>
	<u>\$18,700.00</u>

APPROVED with Mrs. Price and Mr. Schlechtweg abstaining.

Mr. Perillo said Public Works concurred.

- (12) REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION (#1153) FOR TOWN AID FOR HIGHWAY FINANCING. (See Agenda attached.)

Mrs. Goldstein said Fiscal approved 5-0 to delete the last sentence from the Mayor's proposed resolution so that this would NOT be a continuing resolution but that this Board vote on it every year. Public Works concurred. The MOTION was SECONDED and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (13) ~~\$62,500.00~~ - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - BUREAU OF SANITATION - DIVISION OF
 **\$59,500.00 REFUSE COLLECTION - (See agenda attached).
APPROVED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 4 in favor and 1 abstention (Gerald Rybnick)
 MR. PERILLO said Public Works concurred. MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with
 one ABSTENTION, that of Mr. Rybnick.

- (14) \$ 8,112.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Various Division Salary Accounts -
 (See Agenda Attached)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.
 MR. PERILLO said Public Works concurred.

MR. ZELINSKI MOVED that this item be RETURNED TO COMMITTEE for further clarification.
 SECONDED by Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Signore, and others.

MOTION to RETURN TO COMMITTEE is CARRIED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN stated that items 15, 16, and 17 are all on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MR. FOX said it would be appropriate at this time to MOVE to ADOPT the CONSENT
 AGENDA, to approve it.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED for adoption and approval of the CONSENT AGENDA. It was
 SECONDED and CARRIED for items #4, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17 on Fiscal.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG asked that the record indicate that he did not participate in
 voting on any items on the CONSENT AGENDA that pertained to telephone accounts.

MRS. PRICE stated that she, too, abstained from voting on any telephone items
 on the CONSENT AGENDA, or any telephone items wherever they might appear, and
 Mr. Schlechtweg affirmed the same for himself.

UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES, Mrs. Goldstein brought up for consideration, Items 18
 through 33 which were approved by the Board of Finance after our Steering Meeting.
 MOTIONS to Suspend the Rules were made in each case, SECONDED and CARRIED. And
 on any items pertaining to Telephone expenditures, Mrs. Price and Mr. Schlechtweg
 ABSTAINED.

- (18) \$ 2,900.00 - PARK DEPARTMENT - Mayor's letter 3/10/78; Board of Finance
 approved 3/23/78.
 Code 610.0107 OVERTIME \$2,000.00
 Code 610.0501 TELEPHONE 900.00
 \$2,900.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED.
 Motion was made to Waive reference to a secondary committee. Seconded. Carried.
 Vote on Main Motion, after being Seconded, was APPROVAL by 25 YES, 2 No, and
 balance ABSTENTIONS.

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FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (19) \$ 12,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF SANITATION, DIVISION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - CODE 341.1201 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT - Mayor's letter 3/9/78; Board of Finance approved 3/23/78

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 and she so MOVED. She also MOVED for waiver of referral to a secondary committee. Both Motions were individually SECONDED and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (20) \$ 3,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF SANITATION, DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE - CODE 346.0103 OVERTIME - Mayor's letter 3/9/78. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor. She MOVED first for waiver of referral to a secondary committee which was Seconded and Carried. She MOVED for approval of the main motion (#20), which was SECONDED and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (21) \$150,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - CODE 313.0000 STREET LIGHTING - Mayor's letter 3/9/78. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.
\$102,000 will be reimbursed under Title II Public Works Funds,
and \$48,000 as Additional Appropriation from taxation.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor. She moved first to waive referral to a secondary committee. This was Seconded and Carried.

MR. WILMOT asked how much we could expect from the State for snow removal.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said we would receive \$135,000.00.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion which was SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, being item #21 above.

- (22) \$ 60,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS, DIVISION OF SNOW REMOVAL AND FLOOD EMERGENCY - Mayor's letter 3/9/78. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78,

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED to waive referral to a secondary committee. This Motion was Seconded and Carried Unanimously. She stated Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor of this \$60,000.00 item and she so MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (23) \$ 750.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION DESIGN AND SURVEY - SMALL TOOLS. Mayor's letter 3/9/78. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.
DENIED

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED. MOTION was DENIED by a vote of 19 YES; 10 NO; Rest ABSTENTIONS. (23 votes needed for passage of additional appropriation.)

- (24) \$ 823.68 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - ADMINISTRATION - Code 301.0101 - SALARIES - Mayor's letter 3/23/78. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (25) \$ 800.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, URC - NEW EQUIPMENT - Mayor's letter undated. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78 under Suspension of their Rules. Code 331.2201.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

- (26) \$100,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - LANDFILL AND REFUSE REMOVAL, MAINTENANCE OF DISPOSAL AREAS - Code 351.1216 - Board of Finance approved 3/23/78 from their Pending Agenda and deferred \$100,000.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal Committee voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. She also MOVED, first, for a waiver of referral to a secondary committee which was SECONDED and CARRIED. The main motion was SECONDED.

MR. WILMOT MOVED that this item be RETURNED TO COMMITTEE for more study. Seconded. LOST by a vote of 8 YES, 26 NO.

The Main Motion for \$100,000.00 was voted upon and APPROVED by a vote of 29 YES, 5 NO.

- (27) ~~\$-2,851.00~~ -- PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS - Request for an emergency appropriation amount of \$2,851.00 covering the following per Mayor's letter of 3/3/78; Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.
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| ** REDUCED TO | | |
| \$1,500.00 & | Code 120.0199 Outside Steno Services | \$ 2,300.00 |
| <u>APPROVED</u> | 120.2201 New Equipment | 301.00 |
| | 120.0301 Stationery & Postage | 250.00 |
| | | <u>\$ 2,851.00</u> |

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said her committee felt some of these funds could be deferred until fiscal 1978-1979 so they voted to approve the sum of \$1,500.00, 5-0, and she so MOVED. She also moved for waiver of referral to a secondary committee which was Seconded and Carried.

The Main Motion for \$1,500.00 was Seconded and Approved Unanimously. (Note: We do not have the Fiscal Committee's breakdown of this reduced amount, by item.)

- (28) \$ 4,025.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 410.2502 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE - Funding under Title II Public Works Act. Mayor's letter 3/3/78 and Lt. Considine's letter 3/10/78. Board of Finance approved on 3/23/78 from their amended agenda.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal approved this 5-0 and she so MOVED. She also made a Motion to waive referral to a secondary committee which was Seconded and Carried. The Main Motion for \$4,025.00 was Seconded and Approved Unanimously.

- (29) \$17,500.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - Code 410.2501 UNIFORMS - Mayor's letter 3/6/78. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78 their amended agenda.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said her committee approved by vote of 5-0 and she so MOVED. SECONDED. She also moved for waiver of secondary committee referral and this was Seconded and Carried. The Main Motion for \$17,500.00 was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (30) \$12,700.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - CODE 450.1201 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT - Mayor's letter 3/3/78. 100% Title II Public Works Grant funding. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN's committee approved by vote of 5-0 and she so MOVED. Seconded. A Motion was made to waive referral to secondary committee. Seconded. Carried. The Motion for \$12,700.00 was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (31) \$ 2,500.00 - BOARD OF FINANCE - CODE 103.0102 PART-TIME SALARIES - 100% funded under Title II Public Works Grant. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 5-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED. A motion was made to waive referral to a secondary committee and this was Seconded and Carried. The Motion for \$2,500.00 was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (32) \$ 1,820.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 102.0102 - PART-TIME HELP - for Research Assistant - Additional Appropriation. Mayor's letter 3/20/78; also letter of John Wayne Fox and Diane Raymond. Board of Finance approved 3/23/78 under Suspension of their Rules.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 4 in favor and 1 Abstention and she so moved. Seconded.

MR. WILMOT questioned the propriety of voting on this item at this point in the agenda as the Legislative and Rules items pertaining thereto (ordinance and resolution) had not yet been acted upon, and he suggested deferring the vote on funding until consideration was given to the establishment of a part-time researcher.

MR. FOX ruled it was a proper motion to vote on the \$1,820.00 and it was CARRIED.

MR. BOCCUZZI wondered how much money was appropriated this evening, and he felt, from past experience, this type of appropriation this time of year was uncalled for, referring to the 32 fiscal items. He recommended that the Board of Finance be notified that the Board of Representatives would not look favorably upon any transfers out of any of the accounts for which money was appropriated tonight. He made a Motion that this be expressed in the form of a Resolution and it was MOVED, Seconded and CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - Michael Feighan

- (1) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL RE FORMER CHARTER SECTIONS 707.1, 708, 708.1.

MR. FEIGHAN said his committee met on March 30, 1978. In attendance were Diane Raymond, Barbara McInerney, Henry Markiewicz, Charles Wilmot, Charles Festo, Don Sherer, Michael Feighan. The committee voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE pending further input from the Corporation Counsel.

MR. FEIGHAN said the Committee voted to MOVE to the CONSENT AGENDA, L&R Items #2; #3 and for publication; #5, and #6. Where there were secondary committees, they concurred.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

- (4) PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO PROVIDE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THOSE INSTALLING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. Submitted by Mayor Clapes. Held in Committee 3/6/78.

MR. FEIGHAN said his committee approved this, for publication, with a limiting line, to be amended in Section 1 "to pertain to the initial installation of a solar energy unit only." MOVED. SECONDED. APPROVED with 28 YES votes; rest ABSTENTIONS.

UPON MOTION MADE BY MR. FEIGHAN, LEGISLATIVE AND RULES ITEMS 2, 3, 5, 6, were MOVED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ONE VOTE CAST FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES, Mr. Feighan requested consideration of:
(Moved, Seconded, and Approved, #7 and #8 each individually)

- (7) PROPOSED RESOLUTION ASKING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A SPECIAL ACT PERMITTING THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL ACT(S) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND WHICH STAMFORD'S ELECTORATE ON NOV. 8, 1977 VOTED TO DISSOLVE, and INCORPORATE INTO A NEW DEPARTMENT.

MR. FEIGHAN said his committee met a second time this evening and voted unanimously to approve this and he so MOVES. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (8) PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE NON-CLASSIFIED PART-TIME POSITION OF RESEARCHER FOR THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MR. FEIGHAN said that at the first L&R committee meeting, they approved both the ordinance and resolution unanimously, and approved PUBLICATION of the ordinance unanimously. In the second meeting of this evening, they RECONSIDERED the question to publish the ordinance and in a vote of 4 in favor, and 2 against, the Committee recommended waiving PUBLICATION of the ordinance.

MR. SIGNORE said he was not against having a researcher. He said the problem was sitting here meeting after meeting voting monies and hiring new people with no problem at all. He is confused why we need a resolution and an ordinance to get a researcher for this Board and going through all kinds of channels.

MRS. RAYMOND said she determined through conferring with Personnel Dept. and the Law Dept. that due to amended changes in Section 734 of the Charter, an unclassified position can be created by ordinance by this Board. For that reason, and because it will be an independent, contractual basis.

MR. FEIGHAN said he, as Chairman, was in the unenviable position of having to give a minority report. He said he was having serious problems accepting waiving publication of this or any ordinance, this one in particular. He said it is this Board that gets the scrutiny, the most scrutiny, and it is his intention to add to the prestige of this Board which is why he feels compelled to speak on this point. He said about 10 days ago the Board of Finance took this up under Suspension of Rules, and he just found out about it himself about 4 days later, a week ago tonight, and he's been called picky and a few other things about the money, but it is not the money that bothers him, it's the method, and he felt that by railroad-ing this through within 10 days, approving money before we have a position, waiving publication, which is against the principles of the Leadership and the full Board as he has seen it, he finds himself extremely opposed to waiving publication at this time and he doesn't think the argument of time element carries enough weight to open this Board to possible accusations in the future.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. WILMOT said he concurs with Mr. Feighan very strongly. He doesn't want to set a bad example and thinks we should follow normal procedure, the same procedure we would demand of any other department, and that is to publish the ordinance and have it come up properly next month.

MR. MORGAN spoke in favor of waiving publication, stating we're at a competitive disadvantage with the Board of Finance who have a research assistant and a field investigator. He said in order for us to do a first-rate job, we need to have a full complement of people assisting us.

MR. SHERER urged waiving publication, stating he felt sufficient advance notice had been given. He said we are trying to increase our efficiency factor and that is important.

MR. ZELINSKI said he agreed with Mr. Feighan. He said we're putting the cart before the horse. He said we should also consider other alternatives such as CETA or other Federal grants rather than using City funds again. He also asked if there were anybody in mind for this position at the present time.

MR. FOX said that was not a proper question; the pertinent point was whether to publish or not.

MR. LOOMIS concurred with Mr. Morgan on the need, but felt the courtesy should be extended to the Chairman of L&R if he felt uncomfortable with the time element, to publish first.

MR. FOX called for a vote on WAIVER OF PUBLICATION. This was LOST with 21 YES, 13 NO. He said to waive publication, under Section 204, requires a hard 27 votes. (A motion to waive was moved and seconded, then voted upon.) A Motion was made for PUBLICATION of the Ordinance. This was Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. FEIGHAN said we had to discuss the resolution at this point.

MR. FOX said he was informed that it would be more appropriate to take the resolution up when and if we approve the ordinance.

MR. FEIGHAN said that concluded his Committee report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John Zelinski(1) THE MATTER OF THIS BOARD'S APPROVAL OF CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION CHANGES.

This was RETURNED TO COMMITTEE for further work and to decide if it should be a resolution or an ordinance.

(Note: There are 8 pages of draft verbatim dialogue on this matter which was typed up for Mr. Bernstein, Personnel Director.)

MR. ZELINSKI said the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, March 23, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Robert DeLuca, Jeanne-Lois Santy, Charles Wilmot, and John Zelinski. He said the committee voted unanimously in favor of the Resolution proposed by Mrs. Santy, copies of which had previously been sent to all members of both the 14th and 15th Boards from Mrs. Santy, Mr. Signore and Mr. Zelinski. He read the resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded.

After much discussion, it was APPROVED to RETURN TO COMMITTEE, having been Seconded and moved.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

(2) THE MATTER OF M.A.A. PERSONNEL BEING PAID WHILE NOT WORKING (SUSPENDED, ETC.)

MR. ZELINSKI said his committee voted unanimously to write to Corporation Counsel pertaining to the status of this matter as Mr. DeLuca did not receive a response to his letter. He said the matter will go BACK TO COMMITTEE for more work and a report or recommendations next month.

(3) STAMFORD MUNICIPAL NURSES' REQUEST FOR A HEARING ON SEVERAL PERSONNEL ISSUES REGARDING THEIR MEMBERS.

MR. ZELINSKI reported on the committee's meeting with the nurses. He said, for the record, that Dr. Gofstein, Mr. Bernstein, and Mr. Barrett, while invited by mail, did not attend, which put the Committee in a difficult position of hearing only one side of these problems. He said the charges are very serious and the Committee will meet again on April 19th and invite all concerned to attend.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter, Co-Chairman

MR. BAXTER asked for Suspension of the Rules to consider a proposed ordinance to grant a permanent easement to Pitney-Bowes over Crosby Street and he so MOVED. SECONDED and CARRIED to Suspend the Rules.

MR. BAXTER asked that those members who were off the floor would be requested to resume their seats since 27 votes would be required to WAIVE PUBLICATION of the proposed ordinance. He said a copy of the ordinance was on each desk. He said he would like to give a little background on the genesis of this proposed ordinance. He said originally an ordinance was proposed by Pitney-Bowes last Fall which would have given Crosby Street (by discontinuing its use as a road) and this came before the 14th Board's P&Z Committee.

The ordinance you are being asked to approve now gives Pitney-Bowes an easement over the road to construct two enclosed conveyors over Crosby Street, which will connect the two automated warehouses Pitney-Bowes has on either side of the street. Mr. Baxter read part of Mayor Clapes' letter who felt it was heartening to realize that Pitney-Bowes was acting to reverse the trend of an eroding manufacturing base in this City; that they are making a major commitment to continued growth and development right here in Stamford. Mr. Baxter said there were two public hearings on this matter before the Zoning Board of Appeals which granted a variance. He said Pitney-Bowes is a very good employer and taxpayer.

The MOTION to WAIVE PUBLICATION was MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED with 29 YES votes and 5 NO votes.

MR. BAXTER then MOVED for FINAL ADOPTION of the Ordinance. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Ordinance No. 369 appears at the end of the minutes.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo - No further report.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - David I. Blum - No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - George Hays

(1) REQUEST TO RE-NAME SHIPPAN LANDFILL SITE TO "JOSEPH 'WHITEY' CZESCIK PARK", 3/20/78 from Wm. Sheck, Chmn., Park Commission.

MR. HAYS said they met last Wednesday, both in conjunction with Fiscal and again briefly to discuss this item and unanimously voted to HOLD IN COMMITTEE for next month.

MRS. SANTY said about a month ago she and Mr. Signore sent a letter concerning facilities for gun enthusiasts in Stamford and wondered what Steering had done with it. She said the City has provided amply for golfers, paddle tennis, and tennis, also boating enthusiasts, but not for these sportsmen.

MR. FOX said his recollection was that it was voted to refer it to an organization other than this Board but that the matter would be checked into further, and she would be advised.

MR. ZELINSKI said he recalled it being referred to the Board of Recreation for their consideration.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Mildred Ritchie - No report.

SEWER COMMITTEE - Charles Wilmot, Jr.

MR. WILMOT said his committee has been attempting during the past month to meet with the Sewer Commission on several important sewer tie-ins and other matters pertaining to sewer construction, and will again try to meet in a week. He wanted the record to show that their progress had been hampered by two factors, one being the failure of the Sewer Commission to achieve a quorum due to refusal of one member to participate; and they are down to 3 members anyhow and the Mayor has not submitted his nominees to fill the vacancies. Therefore this has affected the Sewer Commission's ability to act on several of these important issues.

MR. WILMOT said, also, they are still awaiting, in conjunction with the Sewer Commission, for an opinion from the Corporation Counsel regarding this whole sewer question of approvals, authority, jurisdiction, etc.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Lathon Wider, Sr. - No report.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - John Schlechtweg, II

- (1) PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL FOR PUBLICATION REGARDING EXCHANGE OF LAND BETWEEN THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE STAMFORD SAVINGS BANK - (See agenda for detail).

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said his committee met on Thursday, March 30, 1978. Present were Margaret Price, Charles Festo, and John Schlechtweg. Zolton Benyus, the attorney for URC was present. The committee voted unanimously to publish the ordinance and he so MOVED.

MR. FEIGHAN said Legislative and Rules Committee concurred. **SECONDED.**

MR. FOX called for a vote and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (2) REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER AND GARAGE.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said the meeting was cancelled so there is no report at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ralph Loomis

(1) COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORT on their meeting of March 9, 1978.

MR. LOOMIS said he and Mr. Wilmot attended the meeting and testified on the program being proposed. He said due to the testimony of that evening, the proposal up in Hartford is being drastically revised and should be up for vote in Hartford this session.

MR. LOOMIS said that on the question raised by Mrs. Maihock on bridges around town and their condition, his committee will be investigating this during the next month or so and will report on that as soon as they have looked into the matter thoroughly.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock

MRS. MAIHOCK said the shield were ordered the day after the last meeting and were promised by the manufacturer to Mrs. McEvoy by the end of April.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston - No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Paul Esposito

(1) THE MATTER OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT GREENWICH & SELLECK ST.; ITS PRESENT STATUS

MR. ESPOSITO said he received a letter of April 3, 1978 from Clifford Winkel, the Traffic Director, advising the basic foundation construction relating to the signalization of Greenwich Ave. and Selleck St. would start in approximately one month. That it is possible that delays associated with ordering of traffic signal hardware might delay the estimated completion date, and as soon as he receives word on this, he will notify the Transportation Committee.

MR. SIGNORE said he was glad we had Mr. Winkel aboard or we'd be waiting another two years before we saw a light down there, which is a very dangerous corner and it is a disgrace.

MR. ESPOSITO said he had two other items he's like to mention:

- (2) A request that all Board members, in writing, identify and report pot holes in their districts, as well as other dangerous road conditions so Public Works can allocate the State Town Road Aid monies and schedule time.
- (3) There is a bill in the State Assembly to permit right turn on red light; local communities will have option of adopting this, or not if they wish, or in part; or on some streets only. Members' opinions requested on this in their own districts as to which intersections might pose traffic hazards if turn on red permitted, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

MR. VENTURA proposed the following SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD-RESOLUTION which was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (Mr. Feighan added an amendment that this Resolution comes not only from this Board but from the entire State delegation of Stamford General Assembly members.)

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, allegations surrounding municipal corruption in Stamford have not been put to rest; and WHEREAS, public confidence in the integrity of the Government of the City of Stamford and the State of Connecticut must be maintained; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 15th Board of Representatives, the Legislative Body of the City of Stamford, supports State Representatives Thom Serrani and Christopher Shays, and State Senator William Strada in their efforts to attain a Special Prosecutor.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN proposed the following SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION which was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly is studying the matter of locating a Veterans' Clinic in Fairfield County; and WHEREAS, the former School of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church is one of the proposed sites under consideration by the General Assembly; and WHEREAS, this site would be the most convenient to transportation, the largest facility, the most economical and the one that could be the most-promptly constructed to serve the veterans living in Fairfield County who require medical care; BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT it is the Sense-of-the 15th Board of Representatives that the Connecticut General Assembly should select the Stamford site for this facility.

MR. SHERER said that the veterans of Southern Fairfield County need immediate relief and they can't keep travelling up to Rocky Hill and upstate. He said Tony Truglia has been doing a fantastic job and needs just that little extra support to show the Legislators in Hartford that the people of Stamford are behind them, not just the veterans.

MR. WIDER said he is one of the people who travelled backward and forward to West Haven. He said he takes people up there and sometimes it is pitiful to see how they have to wait for medication in West Haven Veteran's Hospital.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon Motion made by Mr. Blum; Seconded, and Carried, the Meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:24 A.M.

APPROVED:

Helen M. McEvoy
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant

Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio WSTC in its entirety.
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John Wayne Fox
John Wayne Fox, President
15th Board of Representatives