

MINUTES OF MAY 10, 1978

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF 15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, May 10, 1978 (to be adjourned to the following night, Thursday, May 11, 1978 to complete the work), pursuant to a "CALL" from the PRESIDENT, JOHN WAYNE FOX, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:18 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Diane Raymond.  
There were 35 present and 5 absent; but by 9:30, four more members came in, with the attendance then becoming 38 present and 2 absent. the absent members were Leo Carlucci, and S. A. Signore (the latter excused due to illness)

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The machine was found to be in working order.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The following is the "CALL" of the meeting which was sent to all Board members and which President John Wayne Fox read:

"I, JOHN WAYNE FOX, PRESIDENT of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1978

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1978

at 8:00 P.M. in the

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Legislative Chambers, Second Floor

429 Atlantic Street

Stamford, Connecticut

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1978-1979, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Wednesday, April 19, 1978, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Charter.

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MR. FOX: There are just a few ground rules which I would like to set out before we begin. To begin with, I would ask the members of the Board to keep in mind this Board lacks the power to restore any item that has been eliminated by the Board of Finance. We cannot restore anything taken away by the Board of Finance. During this meeting, as is the usual practice of Budget Meetings, there will be a continuing motion made by the Chairperson of the Fiscal Committee on behalf of the Fiscal Committee with their recommendations on the budget.

Keep in mind that the Fiscal Committee is making their recommendations to the full Board, and the final action is up to the full Board. If, as we go along, any member wishes to deny an item, to reduce an item, or restore an item that the Fiscal Committee recommends we reduce, he or she is free to make a motion to that effect, always keeping in mind that we can never reverse what has already been done by the Board of Finance.

In terms of the voting requirements for specific motions, let me make it clear at this time that all votes taken can be passed upon by a majority of those present and voting. Therefore, the only vote needed on individual items will be a majority of those present and voting. However, the vote on the final resolution which adopts the Capital and Operating Budgets which must be filed with the Town and City Clerk's Office, does need an affirmative vote of 21 members of the Board; all other votes are by a majority of those present and voting. I don't think that it is necessary for me to remind the members of the Board that the duty we have before us this evening is a very important one.

We will take whatever time we need to deliberate and vote, and to eventually I hope, approve this Budget. I do hope that we can avoid some of what went on during our May 1st meeting, in particular what went on in relation to the fees for the parks and beaches. I do also hope that once an argument, or a position is made by one member of this Body, that we can avoid the necessity of beating that argument to death.

With those ground rules and with that understanding, I would call upon Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman of Fiscal, and I would also point out that as Chairwoman, one of the procedures that we have followed in the past is that we will give her discretion to proceed as she deems fit.

#### REPORT BY CHAIRWOMAN OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE - SANDRA GOLDSTEIN

SANDRA GOLDSTEIN: The Fiscal Committee of the Board has met continuously since April 24, 1978 to examine the Budget as presented to us by the Board of Finance. We deliberated last Saturday in a 13-hour session to arrive at the Budget figures we present to you this evening. The many thorough departmental presentations with detailed supporting data represents encouraging progress in fiscal accountability in Stamford. Special thanks must be given to my fine committee who worked endless hours on this budget. Next, I'd like to thank Commissioner Hoffman and his staff for their analysis of revenues and their help in documenting the financial status of the City. Finally, our appreciation to the Board of Finance for lending us Marion Ruffman to help us do research and to Mrs. Terenzio for her excellent clerical help. This year's budget reflects an interesting paradox. While it is tighter in many departments than in the past, the cost of running this City has increased despite deep cuts made by the Board of Finance and Fiscal. One of the major factors in this increase is that the pension is finally being funded at the auditors' recommended level, a fact which Fiscal wholeheartedly supports. It is fortunate that 1.5 Million Dollars in additional, unbudgeted revenue will be coming into the City coffers in fiscal '78-79. Fiscal believes this will preclude a tax rise in July.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing)...The rationale for our cuts is as follows:

PERSONNEL - There has been a net gain of 28 persons in the current budget. This increase is due to funding the Fire Department and Police Department at full strength and in giving the Sewage Treatment Plant, Division of Equipment, Maintenance, Traffic Department, and the Tax Collector's Office enough personnel to work effectively and efficiently. In the departments just noted, Fiscal adjusted the salaries of new and vacant positions to reflect realistic starting dates. We also made salary cuts and corresponding cuts in car allowance in Departments such as Public Works where large personnel turn-over causes interim vacancies. However, none of these cuts is meant to indicate lay-offs.

TELEPHONE - Because of the large number of additional telephone appropriations, the Internal Auditor presented Fiscal with a detailed analysis of CENTREX costs. Based on Mrs. Ruzzkowski's data, it was prudent to leave the telephone accounts as projected in the proposed budget. We urge the Finance Department to establish controls on toll calls and analyze each department's need for extra phones and attempt to reduce costs next year.

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT - In making cuts in the Police Department, it was our intent to respect the proposed reorganization of the Department; therefore, salary cuts do not reflect a personnel cut. Rather, they reflect partial funding for the year. This philosophy extends also to the Fire Department where a new Charter provision has made the current eligibility list inactive. New testing will prevent the hiring of additional firefighters until after the first quarter.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT - Fiscal believes that proper funding of this department is essential to smooth, efficient traffic flow. Once again, our cuts primarily reflect a phasing in of personnel.

EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE - In recent years, Stamford has been faced with high replacement costs for new machinery and equipment due to the lack of a comprehensive maintenance program in the Public Works Department. Such a maintenance program is part of the proposed budget and one that will ultimately save the City dollars. We have, therefore, funded the Equipment and Maintenance Department for two-thirds (2/3) of the year to correspond to the opening of the new maintenance garage.

NEW EQUIPMENT - A grant permitting the City to participate in a Federal Surplus Equipment Program will come before the Board next month. Because it is impossible to determine at this time which, if any, of this used surplus equipment will be available to us, Fiscal thought it prudent to grant on a need basis, requests for new equipment.

SOCIAL SECURITY - In the Board of Finance's Letter of Transmittal, it was stated that \$25,000.00 could safely be cut from the Social Security and Insurance Accounts to reflect their personnel cuts. However, the figures in the budget did not reflect any new personnel. Therefore, no savings could be made in these accounts.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - The amount recommended for funding Education represents a 5.7% increase over last year.



MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing):

SERVICE CONTRACTS - Fiscal has noted throughout the budget, monies set aside for Service Contracts to service typewriters and other machines. We urge Mr. Canino, the Purchasing Officer, to come up with a comprehensive total service contract for those people who are housed in the Municipal Office Building, and perhaps save us money there. Those are savings that we hope will be realized next year.

The Operating Budget recommended by Fiscal is \$86,682,369.00. This represents a \$713,294.00 cut in the Budget as presented by the Board of Finance.

The Capital Projects Budget recommended by Fiscal is \$8,185,279.00. This amount is well within the safe debt limit for the City.

Fiscal was determined to present a budget that would hold the line on taxes. At the same time, we were adamantly opposed to artificial cuts that would have departments constantly returning for additional appropriations. We also wished to maintain the same level of services to our citizens and to see our pensions properly funded. We believe this budget reflects our goals and we hope the Board will support our recommendations.

MR. ZELINSKI requested two minutes to make a general statement, a short Minority Report as a member of Fiscal who did not agree with certain statements in Mrs. Goldstein's report. The CHAIR ruled that this would not be in order at this point of the meeting, and that Mr. Zelinski would have the opportunity to address any and all issues as they came up.

#### OPERATING BUDGET 1978-1979 - MAYOR'S AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to point out to the members of the Board that I have some material on the desk for them that I hope will make it easier to follow the budget process. First, I'm sure everyone is aware that the Code numbers in the new Operating Budget have been changed. Also, certain accounts have been broken out into many accounts, such as Stationery and Supplies which was an all inclusive item which included Stationery, Printing, Photo-Copying, Postage and Subscriptions, are listed in this letter I have for you to help you in analyzing the presentations made this evening. You have also another documents called "Tax Rate Implications of the 1978-79 Budget". Now this is information that the Finance Commissioner was kind enough to draw up for the Committee and the Board which talks about what our revenues will be, what our expected collections will be, and what our Tax Collections required will be. And I hope this will help the members of the Board. I believe we can proceed. Mr. President, I will proceed, unless there is any comment on any particular item.

MR. FOX: That is the way it is; if there is any comments or anyone wants to make any reduction, they are free to do that. It is a continuing motion that is being made.

OPERATING BUDGET 1978-1979 - MAYOR'S AND BOARD OF EDUCATION (continuing)

MR. FOX: Let me make one or two points before we proceed. I'm informed there are a number of persons in the gallery that are smoking. We do have regulations which provide that there is no smoking, so if you are smoking, please stop. The other point I make before we go any further is that there are going to be a number of people on the Board who are going to want to speak this evening. I will go to those who have not spoken on a given issue before I go back to those who have already spoken once. Please proceed, Mrs. Goldstein.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN:

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Page 3 - Code 101 - 13 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 106,032.00

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Page 5 - Code 102 - 12 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 57,995.00

BOARD OF FINANCE

Page 7 - Code 103 - 13 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 77,570.00

PLANNING BOARD - PLANNING UNIT

Page 9 - Code 104 - 17 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 131,537.00

ZONING BOARD

Page 11 - Code 107 - 12 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 15,388.00

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 13 - Code 108 - 13 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 18,335.00

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 15 - Code 109. 2930 Stationery & Supplies  
REDUCED TO \$ 25.00  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 650.00

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Page 17 - Code 110 - 15 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 34,818.00

SEWER COMMISSION

Page 21 - Code 112 - 12 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 29,521.00

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Page 23 - Code 113 - 14 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 66,009.00

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 25 - Code 114 - 18 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 120,715.00

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Page 27 - Code 115 - 11 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 33,224.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMITTEE

Page 29 - Code 116.4210 Fireworks Display  
REDUCED TO \$ -0-  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 16,900.00

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

Page 33 - Code 119 - 2 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 650.00

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PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 35 - Code 120 - 4 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 4,850.00

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SECTION TOTAL \$ 714,194.00

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 37 - Code 201 - 16 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 129,705.00

TOWN AND CITY CLERK

Page 39 - Code 210 - 25 sub-accounts and 41 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 198,167.00

PROBATE COURT

Page 43 - Code 220 - 5 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 11,450.00

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Page 45 - Code 230.5110 Professional Legal Services REDUCED TO \$ 40,000.00  
and 47 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 274,688.00

(Note: Michael Morgan did not participate on  
Codes 230.5110 and 230.5150)

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Page 49 - Code 240 - 16 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 91,352.00

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS - TREASURY

Page 51 - Code 241 - 7 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 68,743.00

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS - FINANCIAL RECORDS

Page 53 - Code 242 - 7 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 112,627.00

BUREAU OF PURCHASES

Page 55 - Code 243 - 14 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 119,563.00

CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Page 57 - Code 244 - 8 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 86,606.00

BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING

Page 59 - Code 245.2650 New Equipment REDUCED TO \$ -0-  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 420,571.00

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Page 63 - Code 247.1110 Salaries REDUCED TO \$ 23,659.00  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 25,319.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Page 65 - Code 250 - 21 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 233,611.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Page 67 - Code 260.1110 Salaries REDUCED TO \$ 143,087.00  
Code 260.1201 OVER-Time REDUCED TO \$ 1,500.00  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 188,092.00

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Page 69 - Code 270.2650 New Equipment	REDUCED TO	\$	900.00
Code 270.2930 Stationery & Supplies	REDUCED TO	\$	3,000.00
Code 270.2942 Travel Expenses	REDUCED TO	\$	250.00
Code 270.3470 OSHA Safety Requirements	REDUCED TO	\$	200.00
Code 270.5150 Professional Consultants	REDUCED TO	\$	6,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	248,722.00

MR. FOX said he would entertain a MOTION to RECESS for five minutes to see where we're going here.

MR. MORGAN so MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

RECESS lasted from 11:40 to 12:00 midnight.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she would like to take up the BOARD OF EDUCATION Budget now. She said there are many people in the gallery who have been waiting all night specifically for or against this budget and she felt she would like to take it up now and get it finished. That otherwise they would spend all night tomorrow night doing it and not get anything else done, so she asked the members to now go to Page 287 of the budget book.

MR. PERILLO said he would like to have a vote on this.

MR. BAXTER said he'd like to continue on in the budget book and take up page 287 when they came to it. He made a Motion that a vote be taken on this.

MR. FOX called for a two-minute recess, which MR. MORGAN MOVED. SECONDED by Mr. WIDER.

RECESS lasted from 12:05 to 12:10 A.M.

MR. FOX said the order in which to take items up was discussed rather thoroughly during the last week and this evening, and in referring to the minutes of the past several years, it was the custom to follow the wishes of the Chairperson of the Fiscal Committee. It was, therefore, decided to go along with Mrs. Goldstein's request to now go to Page 287 to consider Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Page 287 - Code 810.7110	REDUCED TO	\$37,805,476.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$37,805,476.00

There were 27 YES votes and 10 NO votes, and the MOTION to APPROVE CARRIED. This was a reduction of \$251,000.00 from the figure approved by the Board of Finance.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 A.M. The PRESIDENT said the members would meet the next night at 8:00 p.m. sharp, Thursday, May 11, 1978, to complete the budget.

APPROVED:

By: Helen M. McEvoy  
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant  
and Recording Secretary

Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC in its entirety. EMM:MS

John Wayne Fox  
John Wayne Fox, President  
15th Board of Representatives



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Date MAY 10, 1978  
 ABSENT: Leo Carlucci  
 S. A. Signore



Y=Yes	N=No	A=Abstain	O=Out		NO.	MEMBERS		
				Y	1	DARER, Stanley P.	R	13
				Y	2	MAIHOCK, Audrey	R	19
				Y	3	FESTO, Charles F.	R	8
				Y	4	DIXON, Handy	D	2
				Y	5	FERRARA, Richard F.	R	8
				Y	6	HAWE, Marie J.	R	1
				Y	7	TIANI, Charles J.	R	15
				Y	8	PERILLO, Alfred E.	D	9
				Y	9	GOLDSTEIN, Sandra D.	D	16
				Y	10	DeLUCA, Robert C.	R	14
				Y	11	SHERER, Donald B.	R	10
				Y	12	CORBU, Fiorenzo	R	14
				Y	13	POLLARD, Everett K.	R	17
				Y	14	LOOMIS, Ralph C.	R	19
				Y	15	SANTY, Jeanne-Lois	R	10
				Y	16	WILMOT, Charles E.	D	16
				Y	17	RITCHIE, Mildred S.	R	10
				Y	18	HAYS, George V.	R	20
				Y	19	FEIGHAN, Michael P.	D	1
				Y	20	RAYMOND, Diane	D	11
				Y	21	MARKIEWICZ, Henry L.	D	3
				Y	22	SCHLECHTWEG II, John G.	D	6
				Y	23	WIDER Sr., Lathon	D	3
				Y	24	RYDWICK, Gerald J.	D	4
				Y	25	VENTURA, Joseph F.	R	17
				Y	26	McINERNEY, Barbara A.	R	20
				Y	27	MORGAN, Michael G.	D	12
				Y	28	LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	D	1
				Y	29	BAXTER, George G.	D	7
				Y	30	BLUM, David I.	D	12
				Y	31	ZELINSKI Jr., John R.	D	11
				Y	32	SIGNORE, S.A.	R	18
				Y	33	BOCCUZZI, John J.	D	2
				Y	34	CARLUCCI, Leo J.	D	5
				Y	35	PRICE, Margaret A.	D	6
				Y	36	ESPOSITO, Paul A.	D	4
				Y	37	PERILLO, Mildred J.	D	9
				Y	38	ROBIE, John	D	7
				Y	39	WIESLEY, Vere	R	13
				Y	40	FOX, John Jayne	D	15

**ABSENT:** Leo Carlucci  
S. A. Signore

**Date** MAY 10, 1978

**VOTING SUBJECT**

Building Board of Appeals Code 109.2920  
Motion by A. Maihock to delete \$25.00  
LOST

Patriotic Obser. Comm. Code 116.4210  
Motion by R. Ferrara to delete \$9,000  
CARRIED

Mayor's Office Code 201.9300  
Motion by J. Boccuzzi to delete \$1,000  
LOST

Dept. of Law Code 230.5150  
Motion by J. Zelinski delete \$1,000  
LOST (Morgan abstain-not participating)

Bureau of Data Processing Code 245.2650  
Motion by J. Zelinski to restore \$8,000  
LOST

## STANFORD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTING RECORD

## SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Y=Yes	N=No	A=Abstain	O=Out	NO.	MEMBERS		
				1	DARER, Stanley P.	R	13
				2	MAIHOCK, Audrey	R	19
				3	FESTO, Charles F.	R	8
				4	DIXON, Handy	D	2
				5	FERRARA, Richard F.	R	8
				6	HAWES, Marie J.	R	1
				7	TIANI, Charles J.	R	15
				8	PERILLO, Alfred E.	D	9
				9	GOLDSTEIN, Sandra D.	D	16
				10	DeLUCA, Robert C.	R	14
				11	SHERER, Donald D.	R	10
				12	CORBO, Fiorenzo	R	14
				13	POLLARD, Everett K.	R	17
				14	LOOMIS, Ralph C.	R	19
				15	SANTY, Jeanne-Lois	R	18
				16	WILMOT, Charles E.	D	16
				17	RITCHIE, Mildred S.	R	10
				18	HAYS, George V.	H	20
				19	FEIGHAN, Michael P.	D	1
				20	RAYMOND, Diane	D	11
				21	MARKIEWICZ, Henry L.	D	3
				22	SCHLECHTWEG II, John G.	D	6
				23	WIDER Sr., Lathon	D	3
				24	RYBNICK, Gerald J.	D	4
				25	VENTURA, Joseph F.	R	17
				26	McINERNEY, Barbara A.	R	20
				27	MORGAN, Michael G.	D	12
				28	LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	D	5
				29	BAXTER, George G.	D	7
				30	BLUM, David I.	D	12
				31	ZELINSKI Jr., John R.	D	11
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				36	ESPOSITO, Paul A.	D	4
				37	PERILLO, Mildred J.	D	9
				38	ROBIE, John	D	7
				39	WIESLEY, Vere	R	13
				40	FOX, John Wayne	D	15
				VOTING SUBJECT			
				Office Management & Budget Code 247.1100			
				Motion by R. DeLuca to delete \$992.00			
				CARRIED			
				Tax Collector Code 260.1110			
				Motion by J. Zelinski to cut 2 positions			
				LOST (\$18,682.)			
				Tax Collector Code 260.1201			
				Motion by R. DeLuca to delete \$1,000			
				CARRIED			
				Tax Collector Code 260.1110			
				Motion by C. Festo to delete \$4,066			
				LOST			
				Tax Collector Code 260.1130			
				Motion by D. Blum to delete \$5,000			
				LOST			

Date MAY 10, 1978

Absent:

Leo Carlucci  
S. A. Signore

VOTING SUBJECT

Date MAY 10, 1978

### ROUTING SUBJECT

Personnel Dept. Code 270.2930	Personnel Dept. Code 270.2930	Tax Collector Code 260.1130
Motion by S. Darer to delete \$1,000	Motion by D. Blum to restore \$800	Motion by J. Zelinski to delete \$2,500
CARRIED	LOST	LOST
Personnel Dept. Code 270.5150	Personnel Dept. Code 270.2930	Tax Collector Code 270.2930
Motion by E. Pollard to delete \$1,500	Motion by E. Pollard to delete \$3,000	Motion by E. Pollard to delete \$3,000
CARRIED	LOST	LOST



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**Personnel Dept. Code 270.2942**  
Motion by F. Pollard to delete \$250  
CARRIED

**Personnel Dept. Code 270.5320**  
Motion by J. Zelinski to delete \$1,000  
LOST

**MOTION by G. Baxter not to take up Bd. of Ed. Budget tonight.**  
LOST

**MOTION by C. Festo to MOVE the QUESTION**  
CARRIED

**Board of Education Code 810.7110**  
Motion by J. Bocuzzi to cut \$883,044  
LOST



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					20	RAYMOND, Diane	D	11
					21	MARKEWICZ, Henry L.	D	3
					22	SCHLECHTWEG II, John G.	D	6
					23	WIDER Sr., Lathon	D	3
					24	RYBNICK, Gerald J.	D	4
					25	VENTURA, Joseph F.	R	17
					26	McINERNEY, Barbara A.	R	20
					27	MORGAN, Michael G.	D	12
					28	LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	D	5
					29	BAXTER, George G.	D	7
					30	BLUM, David I.	D	12
					31	ZELINSKI Jr., John R.	D	11
					32	SIGNORE, S.A.	R	18
					33	BUCCUZZI, John J.	D	2
					34	CARLUCCI, Leo J.	D	5
					35	PRICE, Margaret A.	D	6
					36	ESPOSITO, Paul A.	D	4
					37	PERILLO, Mildred J.	D	9
					38	ROBIE, John	D	7
					39	WISLEY, Vere	R	13
					40	FOX, John Wayne	D	13
					VOTING SUBJECT			
					Motion made to MOVE the QUESTION CARRIED			
					Board of Education Code 810.7110 Motion by J. Zelinski to cut \$1,500,000 LOST			
					Board of Education Code 810.7710 Motion by J. Livingston to cut \$150,000 LOST			
					Board of Education Code 810.7110 Motion by G. Baxter to cut \$883,000 LOST			
					Board of Education Code 810.7110 Motion by M. Morgan to cut \$251,000,000 CARRIED (machine broke down before vote recorded on roll call sheet)			

Date MAY 10, 1978

Absent:

Leo Carlucci  
S. A. Signore

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MINUTES OF MAY 10, 1978

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF 15th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, May 10, 1978 (to be adjourned to the following night, Thursday, May 11, 1978 to complete the work), pursuant to a "CALL" from the PRESIDENT, JOHN WAYNE FOX, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:18 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Diane Raymond. There were 35 present and 5 absent; but by 9:30, four more members came in, with the attendance then becoming 38 present and 2 absent. the absent members were Leo Carlucci, and S. A. Signore (the latter excused due to illness)

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: The machine was found to be in working order.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The following is the "CALL" of the meeting which was sent to all Board members and which President John Wayne Fox read:

"I, JOHN WAYNE FOX, PRESIDENT of the 15th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1978

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1978

at 8:00 P.M. in the

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Legislative Chambers, Second Floor

429 Atlantic Street

Stamford, Connecticut

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1978-1979, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Wednesday, April 19, 1978, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Charter.

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MR. FOX: There are just a few ground rules which I would like to set out before we begin. To begin with, I would ask the members of the Board to keep in mind this Board lacks the power to restore any item that has been eliminated by the Board of Finance. We cannot restore anything taken away by the Board of Finance. During this meeting, as is the usual practice of Budget Meetings, there will be a continuing motion made by the Chairperson of the Fiscal Committee on behalf of the Fiscal Committee with their recommendations on the budget.

Keep in mind that the Fiscal Committee is making their recommendations to the full Board, and the final action is up to the full Board. If, as we go along, any member wishes to deny an item, to reduce an item, or restore an item that the Fiscal Committee recommends we reduce, he or she is free to make a motion to that effect, always keeping in mind that we can never reverse what has already been done by the Board of Finance.

In terms of the voting requirements for specific motions, let me make it clear at this time that all votes taken can be passed upon by a majority of those present and voting. Therefore, the only vote needed on individual items will be a majority of those present and voting. However, the vote on the final resolution which adopts the Capital and Operating Budgets which must be filed with the Town and City Clerk's Office, does need an affirmative vote of 21 members of the Board; all other votes are by a majority of those present and voting. I don't think that it is necessary for me to remind the members of the Board that the duty we have before us this evening is a very important one.

We will take whatever time we need to deliberate and vote, and to eventually I hope, approve this Budget. I do hope that we can avoid some of what went on during our May 1st meeting, in particular what went on in relation to the fees for the parks and beaches. I do also hope that once an argument, or a position is made by one member of this Body, that we can avoid the necessity of beating that argument to death.

With those ground rules and with that understanding, I would call upon Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman of Fiscal, and I would also point out that as Chairwoman, one of the procedures that we have followed in the past is that we will give her discretion to proceed as she deems fit.

#### REPORT BY CHAIRWOMAN OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE - SANDRA GOLDSTEIN

SANDRA GOLDSTEIN: The Fiscal Committee of the Board has met continuously since April 24, 1978 to examine the Budget as presented to us by the Board of Finance. We deliberated last Saturday in a 13-hour session to arrive at the Budget figures we present to you this evening. The many thorough departmental presentations with detailed supporting data represents encouraging progress in fiscal accountability in Stamford. Special thanks must be given to my fine committee who worked endless hours on this budget. Next, I'd like to thank Commissioner Hoffman and his staff for their analysis of revenues and their help in documenting the financial status of the City. Finally, our appreciation to the Board of Finance for lending us Marion Huffman to help us do research and to Mrs. Terenzio for her excellent clerical help. This year's budget reflects an interesting paradox. While it is tighter in many departments than in the past, the cost of running this City has increased despite deep cuts made by the Board of Finance and Fiscal. One of the major factors in this increase is that the pension is finally being funded at the auditors' recommended level, a fact which Fiscal wholeheartedly supports. It is fortunate that 1.5 Million Dollars in additional, unbudgeted revenue will be coming into the City coffers in fiscal '78-79. Fiscal believes this will preclude a tax rise in July.



MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing)...The rationale for our cuts is as follows:

PERSONNEL - There has been a net gain of 28 persons in the current budget. This increase is due to funding the Fire Department and Police Department at full strength and in giving the Sewage Treatment Plant, Division of Equipment, Maintenance, Traffic Department, and the Tax Collector's Office enough personnel to work effectively and efficiently. In the departments just noted, Fiscal adjusted the salaries of new and vacant positions to reflect realistic starting dates. We also made salary cuts and corresponding cuts in car allowance in Departments such as Public Works where large personnel turn-over causes interim vacancies. However, none of these cuts is meant to indicate lay-offs.

TELEPHONE - Because of the large number of additional telephone appropriations, the Internal Auditor presented Fiscal with a detailed analysis of CENTREX costs. Based on Mrs. Ruzkowski's data, it was prudent to leave the telephone accounts as projected in the proposed budget. We urge the Finance Department to establish controls on toll calls and analyze each department's need for extra phones and attempt to reduce costs next year.

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT - In making cuts in the Police Department, it was our intent to respect the proposed reorganization of the Department; therefore, salary cuts do not reflect a personnel cut. Rather, they reflect partial funding for the year. This philosophy extends also to the Fire Department where a new Charter provision has made the current eligibility list inactive. New testing will prevent the hiring of additional firefighters until after the first quarter.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT - Fiscal believes that proper funding of this department is essential to smooth, efficient traffic flow. Once again, our cuts primarily reflect a phasing in of personnel.

EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE - In recent years, Stamford has been faced with high replacement costs for new machinery and equipment due to the lack of a comprehensive maintenance program in the Public Works Department. Such a maintenance program is part of the proposed budget and one that will ultimately save the City dollars. We have, therefore, funded the Equipment and Maintenance Department for two-thirds (2/3) of the year to correspond to the opening of the new maintenance garage.

NEW EQUIPMENT - A grant permitting the City to participate in a Federal Surplus Equipment Program will come before the Board next month. Because it is impossible to determine at this time which, if any, of this used surplus equipment will be available to us, Fiscal thought it prudent to grant on a need basis, requests for new equipment.

SOCIAL SECURITY - In the Board of Finance's Letter of Transmittal, it was stated that \$25,000.00 could safely be cut from the Social Security and Insurance Accounts to reflect their personnel cuts. However, the figures in the budget did not reflect any new personnel. Therefore, no savings could be made in these accounts.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - The amount recommended for funding Education represents a 5.7% increase over last year.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN (continuing):

SERVICE CONTRACTS - Fiscal has noted throughout the budget, monies set aside for Service Contracts to service typewriters and other machines. We urge Mr. Canino, the Purchasing Officer, to come up with a comprehensive total service contract for those people who are housed in the Municipal Office Building, and perhaps save us money there. Those are savings that we hope will be realized next year.

The Operating Budget recommended by Fiscal is \$86,682,369.00. This represents a \$713,294.00 cut in the Budget as presented by the Board of Finance.

The Capital Projects Budget recommended by Fiscal is \$8,185,279.00. This amount is well within the safe debt limit for the City.

Fiscal was determined to present a budget that would hold the line on taxes. At the same time, we were adamantly opposed to artificial cuts that would have departments constantly returning for additional appropriations. We also wished to maintain the same level of services to our citizens and to see our pensions properly funded. We believe this budget reflects our goals and we hope the Board will support our recommendations.

MR. ZELINSKI requested two minutes to make a general statement, a short Minority Report as a member of Fiscal who did not agree with certain statements in Mrs. Goldstein's report. The CHAIR ruled that this would not be in order at this point of the meeting, and that Mr. Zelinski would have the opportunity to address any and all issues as they came up.

OPERATING BUDGET 1978-1979 - MAYOR'S AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to point out to the members of the Board that I have some material on the desk for them that I hope will make it easier to follow the budget process. First, I'm sure everyone is aware that the Code numbers in the new Operating Budget have been changed. Also, certain accounts have been broken out into many accounts, such as Stationery and Supplies which was an all inclusive item which included Stationery, Printing, Photo-Copying, Postage and Subscriptions, are listed in this letter I have for you to help you in analyzing the presentations made this evening. You have also another documents called "Tax Rate Implications of the 1978-79 Budget". Now this is information that the Finance Commissioner was kind enough to draw up for the Committee and the Board which talks about what our revenues will be, what our expected collections will be, and what our Tax Collections required will be. And I hope this will help the members of the Board. I believe we can proceed. Mr. President, I will proceed, unless there is any comment on any particular item.

MR. FOX: That is the way it is; if there is any comments or anyone wants to make any reduction, they are free to do that. It is a continuing motion that is being made.

OPERATING BUDGET 1978-1979 - MAYOR'S AND BOARD OF EDUCATION (continuing)

MR. FOX: Let me make one or two points before we proceed. I'm informed there are a number of persons in the gallery that are smoking. We do have regulations which provide that there is no smoking, so if you are smoking, please stop. The other point I make before we go any further is that there are going to be a number of people on the Board who are going to want to speak this evening. I will go to those who have not spoken on a given issue before I go back to those who have already spoken once. Please proceed, Mrs. Goldstein.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN:

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Page 3 - Code 101 - 13 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 106,032.00

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Page 5 - Code 102 - 12 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 57,995.00

BOARD OF FINANCE

Page 7 - Code 103 - 13 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 77,570.00

PLANNING BOARD - PLANNING UNIT

Page 9 - Code 104 - 17 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 131,537.00

ZONING BOARD

Page 11 - Code 107 - 12 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 15,388.00

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 13 - Code 108 - 13 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 18,335.00

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 15 - Code 109. 2930 Stationery & Supplies  
REDUCED TO \$ 25.00  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 650.00

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Page 17 - Code 110 - 15 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 34,818.00

SEWER COMMISSION

Page 21 - Code 112 - 12 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 29,521.00

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Page 23 - Code 113 - 14 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 66,009.00

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 25 - Code 114 - 18 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 120,715.00

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Page 27 - Code 115 - 11 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 33,224.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMITTEE

Page 29 - Code 116.4210 Fireworks Display  
REDUCED TO \$ -0-  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 16,900.00

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

Page 33 - Code 119 - 2 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 650.00

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PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 35 - Code 120 - 4 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 4,850.00

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SECTION TOTAL \$ 714,194.00

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 37 - Code 201 - 16 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 129,705.00

TOWN AND CITY CLERK

Page 39 - Code 210 - 25 sub-accounts  
and 41 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 198,167.00

PROBATE COURT

Page 43 - Code 220 - 5 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 11,450.00

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Page 45 - Code 230.5110 Professional Legal Services REDUCED TO \$ 40,000.00  
and 47 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 274,688.00

(Note: Michael Morgan did not participate on  
Codes 230.5110 and 230.5150)

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Page 49 - Code 240 - 16 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 91,352.00

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS - TREASURY

Page 51 - Code 241 - 7 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 68,743.00

BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS - FINANCIAL RECORDS

Page 53 - Code 242 - 7 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 112,627.00

BUREAU OF PURCHASES

Page 55 - Code 243 - 14 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 119,563.00

CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Page 57 - Code 244 - 8 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 86,606.00

BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING

Page 59 - Code 245.2650 New Equipment REDUCED TO \$ -0-  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 420,571.00

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Page 63 - Code 247.1110 Salaries REDUCED TO \$ 23,659.00  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 25,319.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Page 65 - Code 250 - 21 sub-accounts TOTAL APPROVED \$ 233,611.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Page 67 - Code 260.1110 Salaries REDUCED TO \$ 143,087.00  
Code 260.1201 OVER-Time REDUCED TO \$ 1,500.00  
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 188,092.00



PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Page 69 - Code 270.2650 New Equipment	REDUCED TO	\$	900.00
Code 270.2930 Stationery & Supplies	REDUCED TO	\$	3,000.00
Code 270.2942 Travel Expenses	REDUCED TO	\$	250.00
Code 270.3470 OSHA Safety Requirements	REDUCED TO	\$	200.00
Code 270.5150 Professional Consultants	REDUCED TO	\$	6,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	248,722.00

MR. FOX said he would entertain a MOTION to RECESS for five minutes to see where we're going here.

MR. MORGAN so MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

RECESS lasted from 11:40 to 12:00 midnight.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she would like to take up the BOARD OF EDUCATION Budget now. She said there are many people in the gallery who have been waiting all night specifically for or against this budget and she felt she would like to take it up now and get it finished. That otherwise they would spend all night tomorrow night doing it and not get anything else done, so she asked the members to now go to Page 287 of the budget book.

MR. PERILLO said he would like to have a vote on this.

MR. BAXTER said he'd like to continue on in the budget book and take up page 287 when they came to it. He made a Motion that a vote be taken on this.

MR. FOX called for a two-minute recess, which MR. MORGAN MOVED. SECONDED by Mr. WIDER.

RECESS lasted from 12:05 to 12:10 A.M.

MR. FOX said the order in which to take items up was discussed rather thoroughly during the last week and this evening, and in referring to the minutes of the past several years, it was the custom to follow the wishes of the Chairperson of the Fiscal Committee. It was, therefore, decided to go along with Mrs. Goldstein's request to now go to Page 287 to consider Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Page 287 - Code 810.7110	REDUCED TO	\$37,805.476.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$37,805,476.00

There were 27 YES votes and 10 NO votes, and the MOTION to APPROVE CARRIED. This was a reduction of \$251,000.00 from the figure approved by the Board of Finance.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 A.M. The PRESIDENT said the members would meet the next night at 8:00 p.m. sharp, Thursday, May 11, 1978, to complete the budget.

APPROVED:

By:

*Helen M. McEvoy*  
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant  
and Recording Secretary

Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC in its entirety. HMM:MS

*John Wayne Fox*  
John Wayne Fox, President  
15th Board of Representatives

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

ABSENT: Leo Carlucci  
S. A. Signore

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