

MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, September 11, 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 at 8:40 P.M. by the President, John Wayne Fox, after both parties had met in political caucus.

INVOCATION The Rev. Peggy Clark, Union Memorial Church, 58 Church St.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President John Wayne Fox.

PAGES: None present.

ROLL CALL CLERK DIANE RAYMOND called the Roll. There were 38 present, and 2 members absent: Mrs. Margaret Price and Mr. Charles Festo.

The CHAIR declared a QUORUM.

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN ROBIE (D-7)

MR. FOX: I would like to get to the first Order of Business which is a letter which I received today. This is directed to me and it reads as follows:

"Because of personal reasons involving my health, and with deep regret, I hereby tender my resignation from the Board of Representatives effective September 11, 1978. It has been an honor and privilege to serve all the people in the 7th District and the City of Stamford. Even though I will no longer be on the Board, I am concerned about all those issues which affect the lives of all the people in our growing community. I wish all members of the Board good health and God's blessing.
Respectfully, Jack Robie."

I'll have to say that it is with deep regret that I accept that resignation. He has been a fine Representative and always a gentleman.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM T. MacINNIS (D-7)

MR. BAXTER placed in nomination the name of WILLIAM T. MacINNIS, 4 Howes Avenue, for replacement of Mr. Robie's seat in the 7th District. He said Mr. MacInnis has been a Stamford resident for 12 years and is employed by Lehman Brothers of New York City. He is a life-long Democrat and was active in Democratic politics and government when he lived in Bristol, Connecticut. He MOVED for Mr. MacInnis' appointment. SECONDED by Lathon Wider.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Mr. MacInnis' appointment to replace Mr. Robie. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX administered the OATH OF OFFICE and Mr. MacInnis was sworn in, and was seated.

MR. MORGAN said that Mr. Robie served this Board with quiet competence and that it would be appropriate to send a letter to him, thanking him for his service on the Board. MR. FOX said that would be appropriate and he called for a vote which was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX said they would deal with the ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES at the end of the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. MORGAN MOVED to WAIVE THE READING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The STEERING COMMITTEE met in the Mayor's Conference Room on the 5th floor due to alteration work being done in the Board's quarters, and there being no electricity in the meeting rooms. The meeting was called for 7:30 p.m. and was called to Order at 7:40 p.m. when a QUORUM was present.

PRESENT AT THE STEERING COMMITTEE 8/28/78 (14):

Wayne Fox, Chairman
Diane Raymond
Michael Morgan
John Schlechtweg
Handy Dixon
Sandra Goldstein
John Zelinski
David Blum
Alfred Perillo
Lathon Wider
Vere Wiesley
Donald Sherer
Mildred Ritchie
Ralph Loomis

ABSENT FROM STEERING (4):

Michael Feighan
Charles Wilmot
George Hays
Leo Carlucci

ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING (3):

Mildred Perillo
Gabe DeLuca
Fiorenzio Corbo

Media

1 unknown lady

There was some general discussion and Mr. Blum asked that committee meetings be spread over more evenings than just Wednesdays and Thursdays which often resulted in 5 or 7 committee meetings the same night. He thought some of the smaller committees could be heard earlier in the evening, on the night of the regular Board meeting. Mr. Dixon said changing the order of hearing the committees on the agenda would mean changing the Rules of Order of the Board.

Mr. Fox referred to a letter of 8/16 about requesting of opinions from Corporation Counsel, stating they must first go through the President of the Board.

Mr. Dixon said that when they interviewed Mr. Sherman for Corporation Counsel, Mr. Sherman said he would like requests for opinions to be channeled through the Board's President Wayne Fox directly to him, Mr. Sherman, personally, as Corporation Counsel.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

Mrs. Goldstein referred to something in the Rules of Order or the Charter about Committee chairmen being able to request opinions from Corporation Counsel. She feels that this is a prerogative of the Chairperson. The requests should, however, come through the Board President.

Mr. Zelinski said the Chairman of the committee should send his requests to the Corporation Counsel and then send a copy to the President of the Board.

There was considerable discussion as to whether a committee should consider items which have not been assigned to it specifically by STEERING. A particular point in mind was an item that had not even been acted upon by the Board of Finance in any way since it had not been on their agenda yet, and that should it be rejected by the Board of Finance when it came to them, it would not reach this Board. In this respect the Teachers' Aide Contract was the matter under discussion.

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Of the 16 names appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, 8 were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, and 8 were ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE for the next meeting. The names held were David Jetter for Human Rights Commission; Eleanor Austin for Welfare Commission; Peter Hoover for Board of Tax Review; Edward Rauh for Board of Recreation; Anthony Moruke for Board of Recreation; Dr. Bert Ballin for Health Commission; Christel Truglia for Commission on Aging; and Michael Cacace for Commission on Aging. The other eight appear on the Agenda at the end of these Minutes.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

Of the 32 items on the Tentative Steering Agenda, eight were Held in Committee, being \$9,360.00 for the Personnel Department; \$303,051.41 for Finance Department for non-classified salaries; \$2,729.00 for Board of Finance; \$2,500.00 for Board of Finance; \$1,000.00 for Board of Education; \$702,958.00 for Parking Department; \$8,635.00 for Commission on Aging; \$20,000.00 for Youth Service Bureau; with 21 appearing on the Agenda; and one taken off the agenda, being item #6 on Tentative Steering and referring to an inquiry from Rep. DeLuca regarding payroll matters, grants, etc.

(3) LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

Of the six items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, 3 were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA; two were ordered Held in Committee, being tax abatement for Red Cross Property and also for Miracle Faith, Inc. One item was transferred to Charter Revision Committee, being Mr. Bernard Cohen's request for an ordinance to appoint 3 alternates to the Board of Finance.

(4) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Of the two items on the Tentative Steering Agenda, one was ordered ON THE AGENDA, being the Police Labor Contract; and one was ordered Held in Committee, being the matter of the Housing Authority and Civil Service status for their employees.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)(5) PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

All 3 items were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA. One additional item was added to the agenda, being Acceptance of Middle Ridge Road submitted by City Rep. McInerney.

(6) PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The one item of enforcement of Ord. #340 re fall leaf pick-up and spring clean-up was ordered Held in Committee. Also added and Held in Committee was the matter of Van Buren Circle and Ardsley Rd.

(7) HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The matter of outside vendors selling to high school students was ordered Held in Committee. Ordered ON THE AGENDA was the matter of Hawk Transportation.

(8) PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Held in Committee was the first item re lines of authority concerning the Parks Dept. and the Board of Recreation. Ordered On the Agenda was the request to hang a banner across Summer St. to advertise the activities of the Associated Vassar Clubs of Fairfield County.

(9) SEWER COMMITTEE

All three items on the Tentative Steering Agenda were ordered On the Agenda.

(10) URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

Both items were ordered On the Agenda. Also added to the Agenda was the matter of acceptance of Veterans Park.

(11) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Ordered Held in Committee was a new item regarding oil spills as per EPB Chairman Louis J. Casale's letter.

(12) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The one item relating to Paragon Lane intersection at Washington Blvd. being dangerous was ordered Held in Committee.

(13) CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

The one item relating to Commission on Aging's request for Civil Service status for their employees was ordered off the agenda. Ordered On the Agenda was the matter of Westcott Neighborhood Assn.'s request for ordinance for 3 alternates to Board of Finance. Also ordered On the Agenda was the appointment of members of the Charter Revision Commission.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:15 P.M., on MOTION MADE, SECONDED, and CARRIED. Leadership had a meeting afterward.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON said his Committee met on Thursday, September 7, 1978, in the Mayor's Conference Room. Present were Reps. Maihock, Schlechtweg, Wiesley, Pollard, and Dixon. The meeting was late getting started due to a wait for a Quorum to be achieved. It was a successful meeting and they were able to examine the candidates quite thoroughly and much to their satisfaction. Of the eight appointments on the Agenda, seven will be brought out of committee tonight. Due to the fact that some of the appointees were approved unanimously by the Committee and in order to save time, Mr. Dixon wished to place some names on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MR. DIXON said the names his Committee wished to place on the CONSENT AGENDA were Alex Lichtenheim for the Sewer Commission; Harry Alter for the Board of Tax Review; John R. McCormack, Jr. for the Fair Rent Commission; Ramon Ramos as Alternate to the Fair Rent Commission; Eileen Berets for the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency; and Phyllis Sinrich for the Planning Board.

MR. DIXON said the name of ROBERT E. KRAUS for the Personnel Commission was being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

PERSONNEL COMMISSIONTerm Expires:

(2) ROBERT E. KRAUS (R)
95 Kenilworth Dr., W.
(Held in Committee 7/24)

(Additional member mandated
by new Charter provision)

December 1, 1981

HELD IN COMMITTEE 9/11/78PLANNING BOARD - ALTERNATE

(3) MELVILLE J. YOUNG (R)
(Held in Committee 7/24)

(Replacing T. Blackshear
who resigned)

December 1, 1981

APPROVED: 27 YES

7 NO

2 ABSTENTIONS

MR. DIXON said that while Mr. Young had been a resident for only 9 years, he has excellent credentials, is a taxpayer, and has been involved in many professional and civic activities. He is aware of the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Board. The Committee voted 4 yes, 1 abstention, for Mr. Young's approval and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. PERILLO said she would like to be recorded as ABSTAINING as she was not at the interview. MR. MacINNIS also ABSTAINED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Mr. Young's appointment and the MOTION CARRIED with 27 YES votes; 7 NO votes; 2 Abstentions (Mrs. Perillo and Mr. MacInnis)

MR. DIXON said he MOVED to the CONSENT AGENDA items #1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. SECONDED and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (CONSENT AGENDA appears at end of Minutes)

MR. FOX said that before we move on to the Fiscal Committee that we've had a great deal of discussion and debate on many of the items coming before us. He hoped that we could avoid presentations which may be made simply to record our views for posterity or to be sure that they are heard by the folks back home. It was his wish that members can go directly to what is our major obligation which is to vote on these items and come to a decision on behalf of the citizens of Stamford.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the Committee met on Wednesday, September 6, 1978. Present were members Livingston, Hawe, Ritchie, Rybnick, Esposito, Wiesley, Zelinski, and Goldstein. She said it was a pleasure to have Mr. Rybnick back after his illness and that his expertise had been missed. She referred to a yellow sheet of paper, distributed to everyone, which explained the fiscal impact of the items on the fiscal agenda tonight.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN then said the following items were recommended by the Committee to be put on the CONSENT AGENDA: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. However, there were objections to the following items which then were to be considered separately, off the consent agenda: 1, 2 (by Mr. DeLuca); 7 off; 19, 22 (by Mr. DeLuca)

The final CONSENT AGENDA items are: #4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21.

(1) \$ 736.00 - TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT - Code 280.2750 - GASOLINE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this was for gasoline for new vehicles in Transportation Dept., and Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. DeLUCA said he understood this item was already in the Police Department's budget and should be transferred here. That back in May a budget was set by which departments would have to live. That it is now four months down the drain and additional appropriations are already being asked for. It may be minute but it is nickel-and-diming people to death. He cannot accept the argument that if it is not used in the Police Department, it will be returned to the General Fund. His argument is that an additional appropriation should not be made now, but that the funds should be transferred to where they belong. If, later in the year, there is need for additional funding, it can then be considered.

MR. MORGAN said this Board does not have the power to transfer money from one department or one account to another; that rests with the Board of Finance. If the Board of Finance approved it, he feels it was done the appropriate way.

MRS. McINERNEY said she agreed with Mr. DeLuca and made a MOTION to RETURN TO COMMITTEE in order to determine if it can or cannot be transferred. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the MOTION to RETURN TO COMMITTEE Fiscal Item #1 and the Motion CARRIED with a vote of 29 YES; 7 NO; 1 ABSTENTION.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)(2) \$ 14,000.00 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - Code 283.0000 - GENERAL INSURANCE ACCT.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this was for insurance for 100 management personnel, covering life insurance equal to an employee's annual salary to the nearest thousand dollars, and that Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel met on Sept. 7th and voted 4 to reject and 1 abstention. He said their rationale was three-fold. One that the cost would be prohibitive, increasing annually. Two, that the employees would no longer contribute toward the insurance. (There was no third position.)

MR. FOX said that Fiscal recommends approval and Personnel recommends rejection.

MR. BAXTER asked if this type of insurance accumulated a cash value and was a sort of permanent life insurance sold on a group basis.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said that she would let Mr. Zelinski answer this as he has his hand up.

MR. ZELINSKI said the insurance involved here is simply term insurance, not cash value life insurance.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said it is term insurance except that it becomes a paid-up life policy upon retirement.

MRS. RITCHIE said it's paid up on retirement. It is \$4,000 to the M.E.A. employees, and \$10,000 for the M.A.A. employees.

MR. SIGNORE MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said everyone who wanted to speak had done so. He called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED with 33 Yes, 1 No, and 3 Abstentions.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on the MAIN MOTION on \$14,000 for General Insurance and the MOTION was LOST with 30 NO, 6 Yes, 1 Abstention.

(3) ~~\$ 9,491.90~~ - LAW DEPARTMENT - Code 230.1110 - SALARIES.
\$ 9,282.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to fund a Secretary for the Law Department. That Fiscal cut from \$9,491.90 to \$9,282.00 to reflect a Sept. 25th starting date. Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel voted 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

MR. WIDER asked if this was a new position in the Law Department.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said it is right now. It was a pre-existing job that had been vacant for some five months and was cut out of the budget.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE said he felt a budget is to be taken very seriously and should be following to the "T". That the taxpayers complain about many things we do here and this one of them, that items like this that have been taken out of the budget come back a month after the budget goes into effect and it is restored. This is wrong and we should vote against it always. We set a budget, we set a tax rate based on the budget, and we should abide by it.

MR. DeLUCA said he echoed Mr. Signore's comments, and perhaps they could use CETA personnel for this.

MR. GOLDSTEIN said they cannot use CETA help. That with an \$89 million dollar budget, there are bound to be contingencies to be dealt with. One clerk is pregnant and is leaving. The department works for every City department and deal with a multitude of law suits.

MRS. McINERNEY asked for a cost factor on the benefits for this employee, life, medical, retirement, things of that nature. What is the true factor as to what per yearly costs will be to the City other than the \$10,730 as an annual wage.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she had not been asked this before, but she would be glad to provide it, although she does not have it at this moment.

MRS. McINERNEY said she was sorry she could not get to the Fiscal meeting, but therefore would MOVE to put this item BACK INTO COMMITTEE until the actual cost favor is available. SECONDED by Mr. DeLuca.

MR. FOX called for a vote to RETURN TO COMMITTEE. MOTION LOST, 15 Yes, 17 NO, 5 Abstentions.

MR. SHERER said during the budget hearings, a number of speakers were against leaving vacancies funded in the budget, saying the departments could come back later for additional appropriations when they were ready or needed to fill the vacancy. Now that the funding is needed, these same people speak in opposition to funding. This does not sound consistent and the logic is irrelevant. He said those who recognize the need for a professional staff in the Law Department to vote for the additional appropriation, or else, perhaps, refrain from seeking opinions or advice from the Law Department.

MR. FOX said there are some people who have not spoken for the first time, and some want to speak again. There are 8, 9, maybe 10 people off the floor. He agreed with Mr. Signore who said they were on the Democratic side of the aisle. He asked the members to take their seats so the meeting can proceed in an orderly fashion. If members are floating around having coffee, there is no real incentive to proceed with the business at hand. If the Board wishes, we can take a 5 or 10-minute recess to stretch and smoke or whatever else, and then proceed.

MR. HAYS MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said that Mr. DeLuca wishes to speak for the second time, also Mr. Signore. He called for a vote on MOVING THE QUESTION and the MOTION CARRIED. MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion, \$9,282.00, and it CARRIED with 25 YES; 10 NO, and 2 ABSTENTIONS.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (6) ~~---\$221,435.00---~~ MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION PLAN 5.5% Cost-of-Living from July 1, 1977 on through current fiscal year.
\$219,345.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is for a 5.5% Cost-of-Living covering periods July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 retroactive, and for July 1, 1978 thru June 30, 1978. Fiscal cut the request to \$219,345 to reflect the following: (1) The termination of employment for two employees on the list; (2) A computation error for two members of the Law Department. Fiscal had a lot of problems with two people who were on the list and are currently suspended with pay from employment in the City. Because of this problem, Fiscal wrote a letter to Corporation Counsel asking him if deleting these two people from the 5.5% increase would jeopardize the City in any way. Mrs. Goldstein said she would like to read the response:

"Dear Mrs. Goldstein: In response to your letter dated Aug. 31, 1978 concerning the participation of Mr. Loglisci and Oefinger in the pay increments attributable to the Management Compensation Plan presently pending before the Board of Representatives, it is our opinion that said individuals should be afforded the same, equal treatment and participation as all other individuals provided for in accordance with said Management Compensation Plan."

Corporation Counsel goes on to say that the same opinion was rendered in relation to the budget and the previous question. He then says:

"Since these individuals fall within the Management plateau for which adjustments and compensation are being made, any effort on the part of the Board of Representatives to deny equal treatment and application to said individuals under the Management Compensation Plan could seriously jeopardize the position of the City of Stamford in regard to any pending and or future legal proceedings."

We were very torn on this, not torn in terms of giving them the increase. We very much wanted to withhold it. But we felt that we were bound to listen to Corporation Counsel, and we did so and, therefore, we did not delete the two gentlemen from the Plan. We, therefore, voted 5 in favor with 2 abstentions for the figure of \$219,345.00 and I so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said before he gave his report for Personnel, he wished to make some comments.

MR. FOX said he would like the report of the Personnel Committee first, and that later he could get to any comments or questions during the debate and discussion.

MR. ZELINSKI said the Committee voted to HOLD this item, with 4 in favor and 1 abstention. The rationale was they felt that although most of the people were deserving of the raises, there were new people who had just come on board and the Committee members felt it was not proper to give a raise to someone who was new, and that's why they voted to hold this, so something can be done.

MR. FOX said Fiscal's report is to approve, and Personnel's is to hold.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ZELINSKI asked if Corporation Counsel's letter to Mrs. Goldstein was made available to the rest of the Board because he did not receive a copy.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she really couldn't answer that. She received a copy and did not know who else did, and she hoped the rest of the Board did.

MR. ZELINSKI said in the past two months the Fiscal chairman read a letter from Corporation Counsel which none of the other Board members had received. He felt it was important when discussing an item as crucial as this, that all information should be given to all Board members.

MR. FOX said that problem will be alleviated due to the new procedure that has been set up for getting to and getting from the Corporation Counsel opinions. There is a long list of people wishing to speak.

MR. DeLUCA said in this package tonight we are being asked to give raises to people who are either fired or resigned. That Mr. Bernstein mentions the fact that people in the unions get raises merely for breathing. Our managers are the elite. Mr. Bernstein includes in the package people who aren't even on the job. Mr. Zelinski has a tape of a prior Personnel Committee meeting which is shocking. We are also asked to give a raise to someone who was making \$17,000 on his previous job and we hired him for \$27,000 a few months ago, and now we're to give him a raise. Some people hired in March and April are on this schedule for a raise. They haven't even had a chance to prove themselves. We are playing Santa Claus with the taxpayers' money and approval of this package tonight is an insult to our integrity, dereliction of duty to our constituents. Unfortunately, there are some good managers deserving of a raise, and therefore each one of these people should be handled accordingly as is done in private industry.

MR. FERRARA asked if vacancies were factored out of the money, and if people who resigned and are no longer on the payroll factored out.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said yes.

MR. FERRARA MOVED that salary increases be adjusted so that anyone hired after 1/1/78 not receive the 77/78 retroactive increase; and anybody hired after 3/1/78 will not receive the 78/79 increase. Basically, that people should be in the employ of the City for six months before they automatically get a cost-of-living increase.

MR. FOX said he sees what Mr. Ferrara is saying, but is not sure procedurally how it can be done. The Motion should state a specific amount of dollars to be deleted in a certain way.

MR. FERRARA said he could calculate it if he could get some information from Mrs. Goldstein such as names and employment dates.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she could supply that as Fiscal did contemplate a cut-off point and decided against it. She said they would need a recess to calculate.

MR. FOX asked Mr. Ferrara if he would object to progressing past this item for the moment and then coming back to it at the end of Fiscal.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX also asked the members, by a show of hands, to indicate if they would be willing to vote in favor of Mr. Ferrara's motion to delete a figure yet to be determined. There was sufficient interest indicated and Mr. Fox said they would proceed with the remaining portion of the Fiscal agenda and then adjourn for a period time for Mr. Ferrara and Mrs. Goldstein to work out the figures, in order to present an accurate motion.

MR. ZELINSKI said he wished to make a MOTION to RETURN TO COMMITTEE rather than waste the Board's time now. SECONDED.

MR. FERRARA said he was agreeable to Return to Committee for further study.

MR. FOX called for a vote to RETURN TO COMMITTEE Item #6 M.A.A. C-O-L-A 5.5%, and the MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 29 Yes; 4 No; 4 Abstentions.

(7) \$ 4,750.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - CODE 114.1110 - SALARIES.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to cover the cost of a Dial-A-Ride worker from Oct. 1, 1978 to March 30, 1979 to be funded by Title II. Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel met on Sept. 7th. Present were Reps. Wilmot, Blum, Perillo, DeLuca and Zelinski. They voted 5 in favor.

MRS. MCINERNEY said she and Mrs. Maihock have been getting calls from elderly people in their area who are discriminated against as they are not serviced by Dial-A-Ride who are just servicing the Inner City.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she, too, has received calls with really very sad tales, and because Dial-A-Ride has not included North Stamford senior citizens in this service, she will abstain on this item.

MR. HAYS said that Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. Maihock, Mr. Loomis, and he have all received complaints of refusal of service by Dial-A-Ride. He feels the Commission on Aging should report on what it would take to service all the elderly in the entire City no matter where they are located.

MR. VENTURA MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion, \$4,750.00, Item #7 Fiscal. CARRIED with a vote of 24 Yes, 8 No, 5 Abstentions.

(Item #8 was considered out of order and follows #9.)

(9) \$577,682.55 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is an additional appropriation for the M.E.A. Labor contract to fund the second year, 1978-1979. Fiscal voted 6 in favor and one opposed, and she MOVED for acceptance. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel voted unanimously 5-1 in favor.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX called for a vote and the Motion CARRIED with 35 yes votes, 3 NO votes (Hawe, McInerney, Maihock), being a voice vote.

MR. BAXTER said he was getting a cup of coffee and did they skip over Item #8 which he assumes was on the Consent Agenda. He asked if Mrs. Goldstein felt it appropriate to leave #8 on Consent Agenda or should it go back to committee the same as Item #6, the M.A.A. Cost-of-Living item.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said it was on the Consent Agenda and she believed it was appropriate to bring Chief Vittti's salary up to the level of Chief Cizanckas.

MR. DeLUCA asked that Item #8 go off the Consent Agenda for discussion.

(8) \$ 2,284.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 450.1110 Salaries.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to raise the salary of the Fire Chief to that of the Police Chief from \$27,716 to \$30,000. She said Mrs. Perillo noted at the Fiscal meeting that there appears to be a small differential between the two salaries, about \$168.00. However, this Board cannot increase an appropriation so it will be up to the Mayor to make this request if he so chooses. Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said his committee, Personnel, voted 5 in favor.

MR. DeLUCA asked if it would be possible to approve this and then have this Board recommend to the Mayor or the Fire Commission to request the additional \$168.00 to bring up to parity, since that was the essence of it all.

MR. FOX replied we cannot make an amendment to that effect, but that Mr. DeLuca could express his wishes to the Mayor or Fire Commission. He called for a vote the MOTION for the \$2,284.00. CARRIED with a vote of 36 yes, 2 No (Maihock and Baxter), being a voice vote.

(13) \$ 45,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - PROJECT R.I.S.E.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is an additional appropriation to cover the cost of a grant from the Connecticut Justice Commission to identify and find constructive ways of handling disruptive Middle School students. Fiscal voted 6 in favor, 1 abstention, and she MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT concurred.

MRS. HAWE said she abstained in the committee meeting but would vote against it tonight and urge others to do likewise. She felt this proposal was vague and that the addition of two counselors is the solution to the discipline problems. She feels there is sufficient staffing at this time. Also that funding in the future would be on a decreasing basis, which would mean the City would have to pick up the difference.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. HAYS asked if Mrs. Goldstein could explain the 95% funding as being \$45,000. for the grant, and 5% being \$5,000 for the City's in-kind contribution, as the figures did not jibe.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the City's share is already coming out of the Board of Education budget and perhaps the percentages were incorrect on the fact sheet requesting the appropriation.

MRS. RITCHIE said for the first time, records will be kept on the four Middle Schools on the students's behavioral habits. Students will be taught to make decisions; and parents to help with answers, with workshops for parents. The Police Youth group will be involved and the end result will hopefully at least decrease vandalism, as well as solve other problems.

MR. BAXTER said he respected Mrs. Goldstein's opinion but that the intent of most of the things they were asked to vote on is good, and that is not the question. It is whether the correction proposed will be effective. He said he would vote against it.

MR. WIESLEY pointed out that this is being sponsored by the Police Youth Service, not necessarily the Board of Education who made the request. The award is from the Connecticut Justice Commission. It is a cooperative program.

MR. VENTURA strongly supports this program, saying it is long over-due, that vandalism is a long-standing problem which this money will try to minimize. He urged members to vote for it.

MRS. McINERNEY said this is a waste of taxpayers' money; that children don't just become vandals in Junior High, in Middle School. It starts in elementary school, with a lack of discipline. You cannot force parents to realize their responsibilities any more by making Federal Grants. She said administrators should do the job for which they are paid quite handsomely.

MR. DIXON felt the program should be tried, as it is better to try and fail than not to try at all to correct such vital problems. We are living in a day and age when we must, like it or not, take extra precautionary measures to protect our investment.

MR. BLUM agreed with Mr. Dixon, saying we must protect the millions of dollars invested in school buildings, as well as other properties.

MR. MORGAN MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion, \$45,000.00 for PROJECT R.I.S.E. and it CARRIED with 23 YES, 13 NO, and 2 Abstentions.

MR. BAXTER made a POINT OF ORDER stating two-thirds is a rather important issue as to whether or not this passes. Any in-kind services already in the budget would almost lead you to believe that it ought not to be on the agenda. He asked that Mr. Fox satisfy himself that this item is not an additional appropriation because if it isn't, then what is it.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX said an additional appropriation, and one which would require the 2/3 vote would be an appropriation which (1) is not in the budget and which have an effect on the mill rate, as is dealt with under Section 619 of the Charter. He said he based his analysis on the reports and the opinions of the various Corporation Counsels, of which there are 3 or 4.

MR. BAXTER said he didn't mean that; that fight was lost and he didn't mean to bring it up. What he meant was that if it is already in the budget then it does not need to be appropriated at all. If it is not in the budget, then it is an additional appropriation.

MR. FOX said the question we're determining if whether we need a two-thirds vote or 21 votes is whether or not this constitutes an additional appropriation, which would affect the mill rate. It is Mr. Fox's opinion that it does not. Consequently the motion carried with 23 yes, 13 no, 2 abstentions.

(19) \$ 10,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 554.0000 - VENERAL DISEASE CONTROL.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is 100% funding by the State Department of Health for expansion of the Venereal Disease Control Program, and Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN said there was an awful lot of talking going on around here and asked if Mr. Fox would call the meeting to order.

MR. FOX said it was a valid point and there is an awful lot of feedback, perhaps due to the new acoustical lowered ceiling. He asked that members please give the speaker their attention.

MR. BLUM said HEALTH AND PROTECTION concurred.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED with 35 yes (voice) votes, and 3 No votes (DeLuca, Santy, McInerney).

(22) \$ 35,000.00 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - Code 270.5311.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to hire a consultant to develop a validated selection process for the firefighters. It will be 100% funded from Title II. Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said HEALTH AND PROTECTION concurred.

MR. SIGNORE asked if this item went out to bid.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN that if Purchasing Agent Canino feels that, based on Charter provisions, this is the type of service that must go out to bid, it will.

MR. SIGNORE said he'd like to amend the motion to have it go out to bid through Mr. Canino.

MR. FOX said that would not be a proper motion, to amend an appropriation, but that Mr. Signore could talk directly to Purchasing.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion for \$35,000.00 for the Firefighters Evaluation Program. Motion CARRIED (voice vote) with 3 NO votes (DeLuca, Signore, McInerney; balance YES votes).

(23) RESOLUTION REQUESTED FOR MAXIMUM OF \$575,127.58 "PILOT - PAYMENT-IN-LIEU OF TAXES FOR STATE-FINANCED MODERATE RENT HOUSING.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to apply for funds to receive payment in lieu of taxes, and Fiscal voted 7-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. WIDER said HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT did not meet on this.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider this item without being reported out by a secondary committee. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. WIDER said he would have liked this go back to committee for further study so his committee could look into some of the past expenditures of this money.

MR. BLUM said he attended the meeting at which Miss Susan Brewster discussed this matter. That 12% of the money goes to the Housing Authority and the rest to the City's General Fund. He would like to know what the \$137,000 was used for last year by the Housing Authority.

MRS. RITCHIE pointed out that these funds must be utilized for application to operating costs or reserves of the property, for use of maintaining or improving the physical quality of the property, or for a program of social and supplementary services. It is to be used at the Housing Authority's discretion and this Board has no jurisdiction over that.

MR. DARER said there is a lack of communication between the Housing Authority and the Housing and Community Development Committee and unnecessarily so. He feels this Board should ask the Housing Authority to offer its cooperation to the City and this committee in advising us of budgets and financial statements.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked what part of this \$575,127.58 goes into the General Fund.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the entire amount.

MR. BOCCUZZI then asked why are we talking about what the Housing Authority does with money if they're not even going to get it.

MR. FOX said that was a good point.

MR. MORGAN MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion for the Resolution. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX then referred to the CONSENT AGENDA, stating that on Item #4, EW&G concurred. On #5 Parks and Rec. concurred. On #10, Parks and Rec. did not meet on that so it was MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to take this up without a report from a secondary committee. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED. On #11, Parks & Rec. did not meet. MOTION to SUSPEND THE RULES to take this up without a secondary committee report. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED. #12, Personnel voted 5 in favor to concur.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX, continuing: #14, EW&G concurred. #15 and #16, EW&G concurred on both. #18, Personnel concurred with 5 in favor. MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED to approve the CONSENT AGENDA items. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with one exception, Mrs. McInerney voting NO on item #16, Burdick Middle School.

The CHAIR declared a five-minute RECESS. Recess lasted from 10:40 to 10:48 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - Michael P. Feighan

- (1) WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION TO GYMNASIUM AND LIBRARY BUILDING AT ST. BASIL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL. (Fee \$668.00)

MR. FEIGHAN said his Committee met on Thursday, Sept. 7th. Present were members McInerney, Darer, Wilmot, Markiewicz and Feighan. Item #1 for the waiver of building permit fee was approved unanimously, 5 in favor, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FEIGHAN said that unfortunately at this point L&R lost their quorum and the other two items were HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (2) RESOLUTION RE GREATER STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT.

Held in Committee. Lost their quorum.

- (3) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE CODE OF ETHICS.

Held in Committee. Lost their quorum.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John Zelinski

- (1) THE POLICE LABOR CONTRACT. To be acted upon 30 days from 8/14/78 which is official receipt date.

MR. ZELINSKI said the Committee met on Sept. 7th. Present were members Wilmot, Blum, Mildred Perillo, DeLuca, and Zelinski. Also Labor Negotiator Barrett, Police Chief Cizancas, Police Commission Chairman Lowenthal, Police Union President Sal LaDestro, Finance Board Chairman Leonard Vignola, and Finance Board member James Loboza. Personnel voted 4 in favor, 1 against.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 7 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention.

MR. ZELINSKI said the wage increase is 2% as of 7/1/77; 4% as of 1/1/78; and 6% as of 7/1/78. Contract runs from July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1979. He asked Mr. Fox to request some order as there is a lot of commotion going on.

MR. WILMOT requested a POINT OF ORDER, asking if the Committee Chairman had MOVED for acceptance of the contract, that if he had not, then the auxiliary comments were not in order.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX said Mr. Zelinski has given the report, and asked Mr. Zelinski if his motion was to approve the contract.

MR. ZELINSKI said yes. MOVED. SECONDED BY MRS. GOLDSTEIN.

MR. ZELINSKI asked when Fiscal voted on this as he did not vote, although he was a member of Fiscal.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the vote was taken before the meeting.

MR. DeLUCA said the police continue to do an outstanding job but he has several complaints about the contract, mainly the pensions. He said we will end up bankrupting the City.

MR. DARER strongly concurred with Mr. DeLuca's comments. We have to take a really hard look at what we do. If we continue as we are, soon there will be more policemen on retirement than on the working force. The taxpayers are really crying. Mr. Darer attended the Fiscal and Personnel meetings and was appalled at the lack of data on the long-term effects of these contracts, and the cost to the taxpayers. He said the police pension fund was operating at a net deficit in income each year. We vote on these very expensive contracts without having sufficient data. He refuses to vote for this contract tonight and will refuse to vote for all additional appropriations until adequate information is supplied.

MRS. McINERNEY said she commends the Stamford Police Force for the protection they provide to the community, and she is aware that the life of a policeman is not pleasant, nor easy. However, all of us choose our profession, or vocation. In the past she refrained from voting on police contracts because a member of her husband's family is a retired policeman. However, the ramifications of this contract are too great for her to abstain. We're not just giving them a salary increase; there are many years of pension monies, of hospital benefits, insurance, etc. There are legal costs, education costs, doubling of longevity. The liberal benefits are going to strangle and destroy our community.

MR. SIGNORE said this contract has been negotiated for the past 18 months. It is for two years. In January they'll begin to negotiate another one. The major objection is the 20-year retirement set-up, and should be raised to 25 or 30 years. He cannot see it being done tonight but it must be done in the next one. Our labor negotiator must take a tougher stance for the City.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he would vote for the contract tonight; that we should not lump the police union in the same barrel with all the other City unions. Our policemen are unique in that each and every day they put on that uniform, they are taking their lives out into the street for the welfare of the people of Stamford.

MR. BLUM said the Mayor was lax in not keeping this Board informed of progress in the negotiations, as to the cost. After the contract was signed, the Board of Finance told us the cost. We're back in the same boat, a negotiated contract at the last minute and it took 18 months to get here. There was give and take on both sides. He said members should vote on it the way it is now.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. WIESLEY said many people stressed the fact that this was in negotiation for 18 months, but that he wished to point out that the police have literally worked without a contract for 18 months. It went to fact-finding. He agrees with Mr. Signore that the real responsibility is to take ahold of this thing for the next negotiations starting in November or soon thereafter. And we start with the Fireman's contract which also has 20-year retirement. He said we should not single this contract out for punitive action tonight.

MR. WILMOT said this contract is a well-balance, well-negotiated instrument. An outstanding advantage is the police settled for parity with the firefighters rather than the higher rate of increase recommended by the Fact-Finders; and which is well below the actual cost-of-living for that period. Eighteen months have gone by and the City will be paying these dollars retroactively with inflated current dollars. Norwalk teachers refused to work one day without a contract. We are not going to get everything in this contract and we are not going to get everything all at once that we want. Nor did they get everything they wanted. It's a give-and-take process. Our Board has spoken. The Board of Finance has spoken. The real fruit will begin to be borne in each subsequent contract that is approved. He urged everyone to think seriously and to vote yes.

MR. WIDER said we are going to have to pay professional prices to have professional police. Stamford is a Research City, it is growing. This is a reasonable contract, not the best, but it is good for the City and the men. We should vote for it tonight.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said two years ago the Personnel Committee, with the blessing of the Board, sent Mr. Barrett a list of things they wanted negotiated out of the contract, and very significantly, many of these things have been done in this contract. Every contract is a trade. We have made a good trade.

MR. FOX asked the people in the gallery to observe the NO SMOKING signs. He said there are some members who have not yet spoken and several who wish to speak a second time.

MR. HAYS MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said still to speak are Reps. Ferrara, Maihock, Esposito, and Dixon for the first time. And for the second time Mr. Baxter, Mr. DeLuca and Mr. Darer. He called for a vote on the MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION. CARRIED with 25 Yes, 12 No, 1 Abstention.

MRS. PERILLO MOVED for a ROLL CALL VOTE.

MR. FOX said there was a sufficient show of hands for a Roll Call Vote.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked how many votes needed to approve the contract.

MR. FOX said a majority of those present and voting, or 20 yes vote since 38 members are present.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)ROLL CALL VOTE ON POLICE CONTRACT:Those Voting In Favor (Yes) - 30:

Fox, John Wayne
 Maihock, Audrey *
 Dixon, Handy
 Perillo, Alfred
 Goldstein, Sandra
 Sherer, Donald
 Corbo, Fiorenzo
 Pollard, Everett *
 Loomis, Ralph
 Santy, Jeanne-Lois *
 Wilmot, Charles
 Ritchie, Mildred
 Hays, George
 Feighan, Michael
 Raymond, Diane

Markiewicz, Henry
 Schlechtweg, John
 Wider, Lathon
 Rybnick, Gerald
 Ventura, Joseph *
 Morgan, Michael
 Livingston, Jeremiah
 Blum, David
 Zelinski, John
 Signore, S. A.
 Boccuzzi, John
 Carlucci, Leo
 Esposito, Paul
 Perillo, Mildred
 Wiesley, Vere

(Note: * When first polled, voted "PASS" next around, voted "YES")

Those Voting Against (No) - 7:

Darer, Stanley
 Ferrara, Richard
 Hawe, Marie
 Tiani, Charles
 DeLuca, Robert
 McInerney, Barbara
 Baxter, George

Those Abstaining - 1:

MacInnis PASSED first time around,
 then ABSTAINED.

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING - 2:

Price, Margaret
 Festo, Charles

MR. FOX said the vote was 30 YES, 7 NO, 1 ABSTENTION, therefore the MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - Leo Carlucci

MR. CARLUCCI said that on Item #1 it was not for his committee to decide when a public hearing would be set, so they did not discuss this item regarding the conversion of Crosby St. into a parking lot for Pitney-Bowes.

MR. FOX said then Item #1 is HELD IN COMMITTEE

- (1) DISCONTINUANCE OF CROSBY ST. AS A CITY ST. FOR CONVERSION INTO AN EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT FOR PITNEY-BOWES.
- (2) ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION REGARDING HARDESTY ROAD REQUESTED BY MR. LOOMIS.

MR. CARLUCCI said Item #2 is being HELD IN COMMITTEE pending a report next month from Dr. Hoffman.

MR. FOX said then Item #2 is HELD.

PLANNING AND ZONING (continued)(3) ACCEPTANCE OF DEACON HILL ROAD.

MR. CARLUCCI said the Committee voted to present this to Public Works as a resolution asking them to set into motion the wheels necessary to establish what is required to bring Deacon Hill Road up to City standards for acceptance. He read the resolution, which is No. 1187 attached at the end of the minutes. He MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MR. PERILLO said PUBLIC WORKS concurred.

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

(4) ACCEPTANCE OF MIDDLE RIDGE ROAD.

MR. CARLUCCI said this is similar to Deacon Hill, item #1, and the Committee voted to approve a resolution to determine what is necessary to bring this road up to standards for acceptance and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. PERILLO said PUBLIC WORKS concurred.

MR. FOX called for a vote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Resolution No. 1188)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MR. PERILLO said no report.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE(1) THE MATTER OF HAWK TRANSPORTATION.

MR. BLUM said the only thing he would like to report is that on Hawk Transportation an agreement is being worked out between the City's Law Department and Hawk, and he is hoping that soon this road will be brought up to standard.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE(1) ASSOCIATED VASSAR CLUBS REQUEST TO HANG BANNER.

MR. HAYS MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to take this out of committee and they did not have an opportunity to meet on this item. SECONDED,

MR. FOX called for a vote. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. HAYS then MOVED for APPROVAL of this request. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Item #1 which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. HAYS then MOVED to SUSPEND THE RULES to take up an item not on the agenda but in which time was of the essence. SECONDED. CARRIED.

(2) REQUEST FROM UNITED WAY TO HANG BANNER FROM SEPT. 28th thru NOV. 16th.

MR. FOX called for a vote on MR. HAYS' MOTION, which was SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY for United Way to hang banner as specified.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

MRS. RITCHIE said no report.

SEWER COMMITTEE

MR. WILMOT said all 3 items on the agenda are HELD IN COMMITTEE.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MR. WIDER said he has nothing to report. He did want to make one statement and that was they attended a ground-breaking at the corner of Grove and Broad Sts. and he is somewhat concerned. He said the research was done by the Planning and Zoning Committee of the 14th Board but the Board had no part in the ground-breaking and he felt we had been used along those lines.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said the Committee met on September 5th. Unfortunately they had no quorum, but met this evening and are prepared to bring out the items.

(1) RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT WITH CHAMPION INTERNATL.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG read the resolution (which is No. 1189 at end of minutes) and said the Committee voted 3 in favor, none against, to approve, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote. CARRIED by voice vote, with one against (Mrs. McInerney), rest YES votes.

(2) URGENT NEEDS PRE-APPLICATION SOUTHEAST QUADRANT, URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT R-43, BUDGET #17.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said there was no action taken on this item and it is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(3) VETERANS' PARK PROBLEM.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said this deals with the take-over of Veterans' Park, which has been going on for the past two months and that all problems seemed to be resolved. He read the resolution, and said they voted 3 in favor, none against, to approve, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. HAYS said PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE'S position is that until they are advised by the Park Department that it meets all the requirements in the original contract, or until they have sufficient security by the contractor to complete the remaining points, they will not approve it.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said he has a letter from the Urban Renewal Commission on items that have been taken care of, and those that will be handled. That on the sod, Mrs. Sherman said they will take full responsibility. There is a performance bond, and he is completely satisfied. He said the Park Dept. really has nothing to say about this, that if the Board of Representatives sees fit to make this transfer to the City, that is it.

MRS. MAIHOCK said Mr. Sheck is a very conscientious person and she feels his interest is for the benefit of the City and she would like him to concur before we accept this.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said electrical fixtures were also taken care of. That flood lights have been ordered. A landscaper has been hired to take care of things in the interim. Everything has been resolved to Mr. Schlechtweg's satisfaction.

MR. DARER sets great store by the professionalism of Mr. Cook and Mr. Sheck and would not want Mr. Schlechtweg to go out on a limb prematurely until it is acceptable to the Parks people. He feels we should reject this at this time.

MR. RYBNICK said he respects Mr. Schlechtweg but after looking into the matter himself, he feels it should go back into committee for another month to see what happens. MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN felt this was in committee long enough and should not go back. We should act on it tonight.

MR. ESPOSITO wanted to know if there would be any hardship or problem if this did go back to committee tonight.

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said the Urban Renewal Commission is laying out money for a landscaper, and it is his opinion that the City should take the park over now.

MR. HAYS said he, too, respects Mr. Schlechtweg, but feel it is only prudent to hold for another month.

MR. LOOMIS also respects his Chairman, Mr. Schlechtweg, but feels that by transferring the Park now, we would also be transferring problems that are not being adequately dealt with by the Commission.

MR. SIGNORE MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said Mr. Baxter and Mr. Perillo have yet to speak for the first time. He called for a vote on Moving the Question and the Motion LOST with a vote of 17 YES, 19 NO, 2 Abstentions.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on the Main Motion on acceptance of Veterans Park and it LOST by a vote of 18 YES, 19 NO, 1 Abstention.

MR. BAXTER made a Point of Order, asking what was the status of this item which is not in committee and has been rejected.

MR. FOX said the Park has not been accepted by the City and the matter may be re-submitted to the Board in the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - MR. LOOMIS said no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock - No report.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Paul Esposito - No report.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

MR. LOOMIS said at this Board's previous meeting, they approved without dissension the establishment a special Charter Revision Commission whose purpose was to study limitations, restrictions on taxation & spending, and bonded indebtedness. In the ensuing time, this Committee asked civic groups, each Board member, the general public, through newspapers and the radio, and through their personal communications to suggests names of candidates to be considered for the Commission. The Committee has reviewed many resumes, have talked individually to certain candidates they wished to know more about, and in summation, feel that a thorough job was done. He said they culled through about 34 resumes down to about 13 names who they felt were qualified. These names were circulated among all Board members and then most members were contacted by phone to get a sense of who was good and who might not be so good, in your own judgment. So this evening this Committee chose 7 persons from that list in collaboration with the Leadership of the Board. He read the proposed resolution of appointment which appears as No. 1190 at the end of the minutes.

MR. LOOMIS said the members appointed to the Charter Revision Commission are:

DEMOCRATS

Paul Callahan
Gerald Kolinsky
Jeremiah McLellan
Paul Pacter

REPUBLICANS

Philip Berns
Frederick King
Marianne Pollak

He said, as a very quick word of explanation, he might indicate that Mr. King is a retired corporate taxation manager; Mr. Berns is a vice-president of Xerox; Mrs. Pollak is a volunteer with many years of experience and service in local organizations here in the City; Mr. Pacter is Assistant to the Chairman of the Financial Accounting Board; Mr. Kolinsky is a past Asst. Corp. Counsel; Mr. Callahan is a previous Chairman of the Board of Finance and currently a member of that body; Mr. McLellan is a former member of the Police Dept. with many years of service and right now in organizations in the downtown Stamford area. Mr. Loomis MOVED for approval of this Resolution. SECONDED.

MR. LOOMIS went on to say they tried to draw on persons with expertise in law, municipal finance, taxation, accounting, etc. If we do not make these appointments within the thirty-day limit, we will be back to square one and have to start all over. Secondly, this has been a difficult task of selection and he urges the members to approve this item.

MR. POLLARD said the report just presented was a mis-representation of the majority interest of the Republican Caucus and he requested a recess so the Republican Caucus can re-convene and perhaps amend the report.

MR. LOOMIS said that he in no way said anything about the Republican Caucus. He merely reported on the deliberations of his Committee as a Committee of this Board.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. POLLARD said it was his understanding for the last several weeks that the Committee was going to take into consideration the interests of both the Democratic and Republican caucuses. His comment still stands. He said Mr. Loomis' report does not represent the desires of the majority of the Republican caucus.

MR. WIESLEY said Mr. Pollard was correct. As far as the Republican caucus is concerned, there is a difference of opinion on a Republican member, and he, as the leader of the Republican group requested from the Democratic leadership that they take another vote. They called themselves together and took a vote on another person. And they refused our request which made it impossible for us to call on their caucus.

MR. MORGAN said he has a great deal of respect for Mr. Wiesley but his conversations with various Republican members indicates there's no real consensus on the Republican side about which names they support. The Democrats don't want to pick for them the Republican members, but as they can't agree among themselves, these 3 names were on the Charter Revision Committee's list. They are as able and qualified, in his opinion, as the Democrats chosen, and he feels the report of the Committee should be supported.

MR. DeLUCA said they had a vote and they have a majority consent as to who they would like on the Commission and it is a person other than the ones the Democrats seem to be in favor of. He said he wished to second Mr. Pollard's motion for a small caucus.

MR. FOX asked if Mr. Pollard's request for a recess was a motion, and the reply was yes. Mr. DeLuca seconded it.

RECESS MOTION CARRIED. MR. FOX said they would re-convene at 12:30.
RECESS was from 12:23 to 12:43.

MR. POLLARD said a number of the Republicans would like to substitute Mr. Fauteux for Mrs. Pollak. He MOVED to amend the resolution thusly.

MR. FOX said it was his opinion that this type of motion was out of order and he would rule it as such.

MR. POLLARD asked on what basis.

MR. FOX said because of the nature of the principle and concept we are dealing with. That for purposes of orderly procedure and in conjunction with his concept of Robert's Rules, it would not be appropriate, nor would it be a proper amendment at this time to get into a popularity contest, or attempt to start jockeying names in and out of any such resolution. We've got to deal with it as a package. If it is voted down, then we just start again from Square One.

MR. POLLARD MOVED to CHALLENGE THE RULING OF THE CHAIR. SECONDED by several.

MR. FOX said this is not a debatable motion and called for a vote.

MR. LIVINGSTON requested a Roll Call Vote but there were not sufficient hands showing.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX said the Motion is to Over-Rule the Chair's Decision that the Charter Revision Resolution is a package and cannot be changed, not even one name. The MOTION was DEFEATED by a vote of 13 YES; 23 NO; 2 Abstentions.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on the Main Motion to approve the Resolution which CARRIED by a vote of 35 YES; 2 NO; 1 ABSTENTION.

MR. FOX asked Mr. Loomis did he understand correctly that Item #1 was being held?

- (1) REQUEST FROM WESTCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. FOR THREE ALTERNATES TO BOARD OF FINANCE. From Bernard Cohen, President. Held in Steering 7/24/78.

MR. LOOMIS said yes, it was being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE RE STERLING FARMS GOLF AUTHORITY

MR. BAXTER said that because of Republican Town Committee meetings scheduled for this Wednesday, the Committee would not meet, but would meet a week from Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. here.

MR. FOX asked that all Special Investigating Committees be sure to send out notices of their meetings through the office to comply with Freedom-of-Information requirements.

MR. FOX asked the members to consider changing the October meeting date due to the holidays involved.

MR. MORGAN MOVED that the October meeting be held on Wednesday, October 4, 1978. SECONDED. CARRIED.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

MR. MORGAN MOVED for ACCEPTANCE of the July 10, 1978 REGULAR MEETING. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. ZELINSKI

MR. MORGAN MOVED for ACCEPTANCE of the June 15, 1978 REGULAR MEETING. SECONDED. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Board, upon MR. MORGAN'S MOTION, duly SECONDED, and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 A.M.

APPROVED:

By:

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

Note: The above meeting was broadcast by Radio WSTC. HMM:MS

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

(22 DEMOCRATS+18 REPUBLICANS =40 members)

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MEETING REGULAR, SEPT. 11, 1978

(Temporary Changes in Seating:)

PERMANENT CHANGE:

JOHN ROBBIE RESIGNED 9/11/78;

WM. T. MacINNIS appointed &
voting in his place - #38.

CODE:

O = Absent.
A = ABSTAINING.
Y = YES vote,
N = NO vote.

VOTING SUBJECTS; MOTIONS; ETC.

Seat

1	DARER, Stanley	R-13
2	MAHOCK, Audrey	R-19
3	FESTO, Charles	R-8
4	DIXON, Handy	D-2
5	FERRARA, Richard	R-8
6	HAVE, Marie	R-1
7	TIANI, Charles	R-15
8	PERILLO, Alfred	D-9
9	GOLDSTEIN, Sandra	D-16
10	DeLUCA, Robert	R-14
11	SHERER, Donald	R-10
12	CORBO, Fiorenzo	R-12
13	POLLARD, Everett	R-17
14	LOOMIS, Ralph C.	R-19
15	Santy, Jeanne-Lois	R-18
16	WILMOT, Charles	D-16
17	RITCHIE, Mildred	R-10
18	HAYS, George	R-20
19	FEIGHAN, Michael	D-1
20	RAYMOND, Diane	D-11
21	MARKIEWICZ, Henry	D-3
22	SCHLECHTWEIG, John	D-6
23	WIDER, Lathon	D-3
24	RYENICK, Gerald	D-4
25	VENTURA, Joseph	R-17
26	McINERNEY, Barbara	R-20
27	MORGAN, Michael	D-12
28	LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	D-5
29	RAXTER, George	D-7
30	BLUM, David	D-12
31	ZELINSKI, John	D-11
32	SIGNORE, S. A.	R-18
33	BOCCUZZI, John	D-2
34	CARLUCCI, Leo	D-5
35	PRICE, Margaret	D-6
36	ESPOSITO, Paul	D-4
37	PERILLO, Mildred	D-9
38	Macinnis, Wm. T.	D-7
39	WIESLEY, Vere	R-13
40	FOX, John Wayne	D-15

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Vote on MELVILLE YOUNG apptmt. APPROVED #1
27 YES; 7 NO; 2 ABSTAINED. (No vote shown
for Macinnis as vote button not flipped on yet.)

Vote on Fiscal #1 to Committee. (Change Mrs. Goldstein to NO.) APPROVED; 29 YES; 7 NO; 1 ABSTAIN.

Vote to MOVE THE QUESTION ON #2 Fiscal, \$14,000 MAA Insurance; APPROVED: 33 YES; 1 NO; 3 ABSTAIN.

Vote on Fiscal #2 \$14,000 MAA Insurance; DENIED-LOST: 30 NO; 6 YES; 1 ABSTAIN.

Vote to RETURN TO COMMITTEE Fiscal #3 \$9,282. LAW Dept.; LOST 15 Yes, 17 NO; 5 Abstentions.

Vote on Fiscal #3 \$9,282 LAW DEPT.-APPROVED 25 YES; 10 NO; 2 Abstain.

Vote on Fiscal #6 M.A.A. 5.5% Cost-of-Living TO RETURN TO COMMITTEE - APPROVED: 29 YES; 4 NO; 4 ABSTENTIONS.

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