

MINUTES OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1978 REGULAR 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, November 13, 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 8:25 P.M. by the President, John Wayne Fox, after both parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: The Rev. William Sexton, North Stamford Congregational Church, 31 Cascade Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Cub Scouts from Packs 28, 38, and 39, Dens 1, 2, 3 from Roxbury, Riverbank and Stillmeadow Schools.

PAGES: None present.

ROLL CALL: CLERK DIANE RAYMOND called the Roll. There were 34 present and 6 absent. Two of the absentees were members who had resigned (Charles Wilmot and Charles Festo), and they were replaced by RAYMOND BERNIER and LORRAINE PARKER. At that point, the attendance was 36 present, and 4 absent; the absentees being Representatives George Hays, Joseph Ventura, Michael Morgan, and Leo Carlucci.

The CHAIR declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE. Found to be in good working order.

MR. FOX recognized MR. DeLUCA who MOVED to RECONSIDER the Fiscal item of \$134,000. which had been denied at the Special Meeting of last Thursday, November 9, 1978. MR. DeLUCA had voted on the Prevailing Side, against the item's approval. SECONDED.

\$134,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - LANDFILL AND REFUSE REMOVAL, CONTRACT HAULAWAY - Code 351.5520, per fiscal request form signed by Comm. Mordach 10/25, and Comm. Hoffman 10/10/78, and Mayor Clapes. Additional Appropriation requested for sludge and ashes @ \$20.00 per ton, and ashes and debris @ \$11.44 per ton:

One-half of November, 1978	\$ 44,657.00
Month of December, 1978	89,343.00
	<u>\$134,000.00</u>

Board of Finance approved 11/9/78.

MR. DeLUCA: Now, I beg my colleagues indulgence and patience while I take your time to read a statement that I spent many hours over the weekend preparing which I would like to present tonight. My reasons for bringing this item up tonight are two-fold. My constituents have been calling all weekend, thanks to Mayor Clapes,

MR. DeLUCA (continuing)....pleading for this necessity. They have spoken and I wish to comply as I am here to serve them. Receiving their calls was very educational. Many insisted they would never vote for Mayor Clapes again. Some were thinking of leading a caravan and dumping their leaves and debris on the Mayor's front lawn. Why did I originally vote against this? Like Rep. Baxter, I don't believe the Mayor. Once again the Mayor made his famous grandstand play, declaring an emergency, a crisis, getting on WSTC, portraying himself as the hero and the Board members as the villains. Oh yes, the Master Politician, our Honorable Mayor, struck again. He was appalled that only 28 of 40 members were at the meeting. He mentioned there was a Republican faction against him. We are trying to unite the party, not disrupt the party.

If memory serves me correctly, we had a crisis in June, and the Mayor was in Europe. Why, I ask, couldn't he use the funds from the Snow Removal account. There are approximately \$276,000 available in this account. Every year we go into deficit with the Snow Removal account and the Mayor does not worry about violating the State statutes.

He found the money to relocate the Police Chief, and yet he refused to keep Magee Avenue open over the weekend. Muggings and crimes are on the increase, yet four patrolmen were at the Magee Avenue site to prevent hard-working, dedicated people from dumping their leaves and debris. I now call upon you, the listening audience and the public, to get on your phones, march down City Hall; it's the Mayor, not your tireless, dedicated Representatives who cause you a grave injustice and insult your intelligence. We don't play games. We are not politicians like the man who sits in the 5th floor office.

Demand that he put out the fires before they get started. Tell him what you told me. Stop this business of having trucks riding around empty. You told me you wanted a good day's work for your tax dollar. The Master Politician, the Mayor, can and will, if you put pressure on him, give you the service you demand. In numbers we have strength. I call upon you, the taxpayer, to support us, your Representatives. We are here to serve you, to protect your dollar. Together we can get action from the top man; therefore, I would appreciate it if every one would reconsider and vote in favor of this item tonight.

MR. FEIGHAN said he voted no on this item also; that he could have voted yes but it still would have lost and he would have spent a much calmer weekend. He voted no for three major reasons. First, he could not vote for \$134,000 without so much as a committee report. Second, he had concerns that were unanswered and there was no time to investigate a request of this proportion. He would have questioned the funding of three line items to achieve the same end. Is the City going to purchase trucks to initiate their own program as the Williams Report recommended and the Commissioner adhere to this as stated at the Appointments hearings? Although we continue to contract for haulaway, will we sufficiently repair the centrifuges and incinerator to burn our sludge and significantly reduce the cost of either program? I have no interest other than to call attention to wasteful and poor planning.

Third, no one from the Administration properly informed this Board of the ramifications that would occur if this money were denied. Had I known the inconvenience the Mayor would put my constituents through, I would certainly have approached this matter with a different viewpoint. In my discussion with Commissioner Mordach

MR. FEIGHAN (continuing)....before the emergency session and during the deliberation at that meeting, nobody mentioned the debris transfer site. The closing of the site can only be viewed as an un-needed action by the Mayor.

I only wish he had been as demanding to uphold the ordinance mandating a Fall leaf pick-up. In my numerous weekend discussions with the Mayor, I urged him to keep the transfer site open. The Mayor refused my request. It is my desire to aid my constituents. I suggested that we call Park Supt. Cook to use Cove Island compost site as an interim location, but the Mayor refused, stating that if I wanted to do so, I could. I did, and although Supt. Cook told me that this was a viable alternative that merited further discussion, time had made the question academic.

The First District has accepted the Dog Pound, the Fire Training Center, the City Garage, the Debris Transfer Site, and the Sewage Treatment Plant in its backyard with great accommodation. Although I feel my reasons for voting no still stand, my concern for the constituents in the First District is far greater than my interest in the Mayor's political gamesmanship. I would vote in favor of this appropriation tonight primarily because I am sick of having Shippan held for ransom every time the Mayor does not get his way.

In the end, the residents in the First District always see their way to the truth to what degree the Mayor thinks of them. When the citizens marched to his office to plead for relief from the summer sewage treatment stench, he listened and ignored them. Now when his funds are denied, he has decided to champion our cause by warning the residents of Shippan of the impending return of the odors. Return? They never left, but he wouldn't know that!

When the debris all but covered Magee Avenue in the Spring from people who missed the 3:00 p.m. daily closing time, our request for police patrols was scoffed at as expensive and ineffectual by the Commissioner. When fear of rising numbers of burglaries in Shippan recently prompted me to call Captain of Detectives for help, I was told that internal transfers with no new hiring hindered investigation and patrol. This past weekend, there were no fewer than three patrol cars with two officers per car, a City vehicle and a half-dozen Public Works Department employees at various times guarding the yard to prohibit citizens from using their services.

I just pose a question. Will this occur again at the end of December, when the schedule will be the same and this appropriation runs out? I would like to caution my fellow Representatives, if we are truly concerned for services rendered for taxes paid; if we are truly concerned with an efficient operation of a haulaway program; if we are truly concerned with the successful implementation of a \$20 Million Sewage Treatment Plant, I urge you to formulate your questions now, because the half-year request for the period January, 1979 to June, 1979 for \$544,290.00 for the Haulaway Program is already in our mail.

MR. SIGNORE: The two previous speakers said most of what I was going to say. I don't know who advises the Mayor or who writes his material but every time he gets into a jam, they figure the Board of Representatives are good whipping-boys. We had a man attacked in his own home in my district, but the Mayor sends policemen to the City Dump to keep people from getting rid of their debris.

MR. BAXTER: I would hope the Board would pay attention to what has been happening as I do with a little bit of amusement. Nothing has changed substantially between last Thursday when we voted on this and today save one thing: very clever pressure tactics by the Mayor. We don't have enough money to haul it away so what the Mayor does is lock it up to get the people wild and tell them to call their Representatives. We have given the Mayor the key on how to handle this, he knew he had it before he even started, and he is by no means foolish or blind. He has the message we sent him, and any time there is anything he really wants, he knows exactly how to pressure us into it. He has done it on a number of items and here is the next one.

MR. ZELINSKI. I did vote in favor of this appropriation last Thursday but I heard on the radio program "You're On The Line" that the Mayor was most concerned about deficit spending. That sort of amuses me because last year on June 30, 1977, in the Mayor's Transportation Account \$6,340.11 was encumbered to move the new Police Chief to Stamford from California. This was paid August 5, 1977, but it was charged to last fiscal year 76-77. Also \$824.00 the same date for plane tickets to also move the Chief of Police. The closing balance in that account at the end of 1976-77 fiscal year was a DEFICIT of \$5,963.53. I wondered why the Mayor wasn't concerned then, but he is concerned now. Is he concerned only with certain things? It seems that he is. What about leaf pick-up, other things, why not those?

The Executive and Administrative powers of Stamford are vested in the Mayor as per the Charter, Chapter 30, Sections 300 and 304. According to the W. K. Williams Report, sizeable surpluses were to occur in the Bureau of Highways salary account due to their recommendations and more efficient operation; therefore there should be well over the mere \$75,000 needed to cover this Fall pick-up as well. I demand the Mayor instruct his Public Works Department to transfer from this account, or to utilize present manpower and vehicles and give top priority for leaf pick-up on normal working days, thereby eliminating the cost of overtime which is included in most of this \$75,000 that was requested.

I would just like to state further that if Mayor Clapes does not do what is required by law, an ordinance for Fall leaf pick-up as mandated, I will ask this Board to prescribe fines or penalties for the violation of this ordinance against Mayor Clapes, and otherwise as provided for the enforcement of same in Chapter 20, Section 204 of the Charter.

MR. FOX said there are two speakers yet to be heard from, one on each side, but we appear to be getting farther and farther away from the Motion on the floor. He asked that members restrict their comments to the motion to re-consider.

MR. DARER said he was appalled at the tone of the conversations and what the meeting is heading into. The rambling is going far afield of the Motion, and while the comments are interesting, if each one of us made a speech we would never get out of here tonight. There is no election anymore this month and he would like to Move the Question.

MR. BLUM MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion for the \$134,000.00. to be Reconsidered. SECONDED. CARRIED with 1 No vote (Mr. Baxter).

MRS. PERILLO MOVED THE QUESTION on Main Motion. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Main Motion for approval of the \$134,000.00.

MR. BOCCUZZI requested a ROLL CALL VOTE. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX asked CLERK DIANE RAYMOND to Call the Roll.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION (32) YES:

Stanley P. Darer	Diane Raymond
Audrey Maihock	Henry Markiewicz
Handy Dixon	John Schlechtweg
Richard Ferrara	Lathon Wider
Marie Hawe	Gerald Rybnick
Charles Tiani	Barbara McInerney
Alfred Perillo	Jeremiah Livingston
Sandra Goldstein	John Zelinski
Robert DeLuca	S. A. Signore
Donald Sherer	John J. Boccuzzi
Fiorenzio Corbo	Annie Summerville
Everett Pollard	Paul Esposito
Ralph Loomis	Mildred Perillo
Jeanne-Lois Santy	William MacInnis
Mildred Ritchie	Vere Wiesley
Michael P. Feighan	John Wayne Fox

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION (1) NO:

George Baxter

ABSTAINING FROM VOTING (1):

David Blum

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING (6):

George Hays

Joseph Ventura

Michael Morgan

Leo Carlucci

Charles Festo - resigned - replacement not effected at this point in time.

Charles Wilmot- resigned - replacement not effected at this point in time.

MR. FOX said the vote is 32 Yes, 1 No; 1 Abstention. The MOTION IS CARRIED.

MR. FOX: We will then move on to the next Order of Business. I have two letters and I will read parts of them. The first letter is directed to me; it reads:

RESIGNATION OF MR. CHARLES E. WILMOT, JR. (D-16)

"As you know, the City Charter provides that if a member of the Board of Representatives moves from the District he represents, he may not continue to represent that District on the Board. Since I am moving from the 16th District, I must regretfully announce my resignation from the Board as of tonight's regular meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the 16th District for the honor of serving them on this Board. It has been a genuine pleasure to work on their behalf with my fellow Representative Sandy Goldstein. I would also like to thank you and my colleague on the Board for the experience of working together toward the common goal of achieving a more efficient and responsible Government for all the citizens of our community. I am grateful for the opportunity to make whatever contribution I could to these ends. Yours truly, Charles E. Wilmot, Jr."

MR. FOX: I have a second letter addressed to me which reads as follows:

RESIGNATION OF CHARLES F. FESTO (R-8)

"I must regrettably submit my resignation from the 15th Board of Representatives as I have recently purchased a house outside of the 8th District and have moved into same. It was a pleasure serving on the Board with you and the other Representatives of the City of Stamford, and I hope some day to return to serve the City of Stamford in some official capacity. Until then, I remain, Sincerely yours, Charles F. Festo."

MR. FOX: Let me say that I accept both of these resignations with regret. Both of these individuals were, in my opinion, very capable, worked very hard, and were a credit both to this Board and to the City of Stamford. At this point, I would recognize Mrs. Goldstein.

APPOINTMENT OF LORRAINE PARKER (D-16)

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It is a loss for the City and my District that Mr. Wilmot is no longer able to represent the 16th District. His dedication, his intelligence, and his concern for the City and those whom he represented made him an excellent member of the Board. It was a pleasure to co-represent the District with him. The District will miss him and so will I.

I would like to nominate LORRAINE PARKER to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Wilmot. She has been a resident of Stamford for 28 years and has been very involved in the community. She was a substitute teacher in the Stamford School system from 1963 to 1969. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX administered the OATH OF OFFICE to LORRAINE PARKER, swearing her in as 16th District Representative.

APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND BERNIER (R-8)

MR. FERRARA nominated RAYMOND BERNIER to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Festo. He said Mr. Bernier has been a Stamford resident for 16 years, and served on the Board of Education from 1970-1973. MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX administered the OATH OF OFFICE to RAYMOND BERNIER, swearing him in as 8th District Representative.

MR. LOOMIS MOVED to take up the Resolution pertaining to the Postal Facility out of its regular order on the Agenda since there are several people in the gallery who are interested in this item, as this would be a courtesy to them. SECONDED.

MR. SHERER objected to taking this item out of order, stating we should attack the agenda in the order that it is written and go right along and get the show on the road.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN agreed with Mr. Sherer, stating it broke her heart to have Urban Renewal items wait til the end of the evening after working with them for so many, many days. She will vote against Mr. Loomis' request.

MR. BLUM said there were times when we have steered away from this procedure, but the only way one of the smaller committees can be heard before midnight or later is to meet twice a month, or move them up front, earlier in the agenda.

MR. FOX said Mr. Ferrara, Mrs. Perillo and Mr. Livingston are waiting to speak. He said we should just vote on this and stop bantering back and forth.

MR. FERRARA MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules. LOST. 11 Yes, 23 NO, 1 Abstention.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The STEERING COMMITTEE met in the Democratic Caucus Room on Monday, October 30, 1978. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Fox at 8:05 P.M. when a QUORUM was present.

PRESENT AT STEERING COMMITTEE (11):

Wayne Fox, Chairman
Handy Dixon
Sandra Goldstein
Michael Feighan
John Zelinski
David Blum (came in at 9 p.m.)
Alfred Perillo
Lathon Wider
Vere Wiesley
Mildred Ritchie
Ralph Loomis

ABSENT FROM STEERING (7):

Diane Raymond
Michael Morgan
John Schlechtweg
Charles Wilmot
Leo Carlucci
Donald Sherer
George Hays

ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING:

Gabe DeLuca (9 p.m.)
Fiorenzo Corbo (9:20)
Media

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Of the 13 names appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, eight were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, being Bert Ballin, David Jetter, Eleanor Austin, Michael Cacace, Ralph Pesiri, Joel Litaker, Kay Scinto, and Belden Bain Brown. Five were ordered HELD IN COMMITTEE for next month, being Philip Morris, Richard Zeranski, Alphonse M. Pia, Charles Lupinacci, and Ed Greenberg.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

Of the 25 items on the Tentative Steering Agenda, 24 were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, with one being held in committee (\$1,500. for Commissioner of Finance, Professional Consultants). One new item was added, being Item #1 from the Urban Renewal Committee regarding the Regional Shopping Center.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)(3) LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE MATTERS:

Of the twenty items on the Tentative Steering Agenda, ten were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, and ten were either Held in Committee or moved to other Committees. Ordered on the agenda were ordinances re tax abatements for American Red Cross, Miracle Faith Church, Congregational Evangelical Church, Greater Stamford Transit District, Bi-Cultural Day School, First United Methodist Church;; Easement for Stamford Savings Bank; Gift of property on LaNell Drive; Stamford Ambulance Corps' request for land and buildings; Amending Sec. 8-14 (d) (4) sanitary landfill operations; Ordered Held in Committee: Ordinance re Conflicts of Interest with Resolution re same and dual office holding with motion; ordinance re tax relief for the elderly per Board of Finance; Canine Waste Ordinance; Resolution re Registrars pension; commercial vehicle parking restrictions and fines ordinance; ordinance re manner of parking during snow emergency; ordinance re appointing alternates to Board of Finance; proposed changes to Rules of Order of Board from Rep. DeLuca re passing on roll call, and from Rep. Blum re Agenda, Committee, etc. changes. Also ordered held in committee was another item submitted by Rep. Handy Dixon re \$100 gas allowance for elected non-salaried City officials. Referred to Sewer Committee was ordinance request from Sewer Commission re P.A. 78-301 giving elderly options to pay sewer assessments. Moved to Planning & Zoning Committee was proposed ordinance re changing name of portion of Walnut St. to Walter H. Wheeler, Jr. Drive.

(4) PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Ordered Held in Committee were 3 items on the Steering Agenda: (a) Housing Authority and Civil Service status for their employees; (b) Environmental Protection Board's request for Civil Service status for their director and secretary who are full-time employees; (c) Commission on Aging's request for civil service status for their employees. Ordered ON THE AGENDA was the Dental Hygienists' Contract with the City; also the item re nurses complaint re their personnel problems.

(5) PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Ordered ON THE AGENDA were acceptance as City Streets: Craig Court, Pond View Lane, Rockmeadow Lane, Blackberry Drive and Blackberry Drive East, also Fairway Drive and Greens Circle. Also report re Hartcroft/Hardesty Road; Liberty Place; and discontinuance of Crosby St. as a City street to be parking lot for Pitney-Bowes. HELD IN COMMITTEE was ordinance re earth-moving amendment to zoning regulations from Louis Casale; Rep. Corbo's request for Dartley St. Extension; Rep. Blum's letter re Van Buren Circle and Hillandale Ave.; request from Planning Board re depositing of fees to Capital Non-Recurring Account for land acquisition. Also ordered Held in this Committee was an item transferred from Legislative & Rules, being re-naming to Walter H. Wheeler, Jr. Drive of portion of Walnut St.

(6) HEALTH AND PROTECTION MATTERS:

Both items on Steering Agenda were ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE, being Mr. Fitzpatrick's letter re problems he has had at Park Manor Elderly Residence; and Rep. Esposito's letter re pigeon-keeping problems in his district.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)(7) PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

One item was ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, being fee approval request for Terry Connors Skating Rink. Ordered Held in Committee was Rep. DeLuca's letter re bidding procedures at Gaynor Brennan Golf Course. Moved to the Urban Renewal Committee was the memo from Park Dept. for acceptance of Veterans' Park from Urban Renewal Commission.

(8) EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT MATTERS:

Both items on Steering Agenda were ordered Held in Committee, being the matter of bidding procedures in Purchasing Dept. re fire house project; and feasibility of Representatives having liability insurance in performance of their duties.

(9) SEWER COMMITTEE MATTERS:

The one item on Steering Agenda re summons received relating to sewer tie-in agreement between City and Sewer Commission and Designer Homes, Inc. was ordered off the agenda. Ordered Held in Committee was the item transferred from Legislative and Rules Committee, being proposed ordinance by Sewer Commission to give elderly options to pay sewer assessments per Public Act 78-301.

(10) PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

The one item re shortage of housing in Stamford was ordered Held in Committee.

(11) URBAN RENEWAL MATTERS:

Ordered ON THE AGENDA were two items: one relating to the Regional Shopping Center agreements, and the other the acceptance by the Park Dept. of Veterans' Park from the Urban Renewal Commission.

(12) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MATTERS:

Ordered ON THE AGENDA was the one item for establishment of flood encroachment lines on Mianus River.

(13) RESOLUTIONS:

Ordered ON THE AGENDA were the three resolutions appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda: (1) postal workers union support for mail processing facility within Stamford; (2) sense-of-the-board re 4-year program at UConn, Stamford; (3) sense-of-the-board commending bravery of Stamford Firefighter Ferguson.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon MOTION MADE, SECONDED, and CARRIED, the Steering Committee ADJOURNED at 9:30 P.M. there being no further business to come before it.

John Wayne Fox, Chairman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON said the Appointments Committee met Thursday evening, November 9th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present and participating were Leo Carlucci, John Boccuzzi, Vere Wiesley, Audrey Maihock, Everett Pollard, and Handy Dixon. Also present and participating in the meeting were Mildred Ritchie, George Baxter, and Annie Summerville. He said he would now like to MOVE to the CONSENT AGENDA, items #4, #5, #6, and #7, being Michael Cacace, Ralph Pesiri, Joel Litaker, Kay Scinto.

MR. FOX said #4, 5, 6, 7 are placed on the Consent Agenda, and he asked Mr. Dixon to continue with his report and take care of #1 now, being Bert Ballin.

HEALTH COMMISSIONTerm Expires:

(1) <u>DR. BERT BALLIN</u> (D)	<u>APPROVED:</u>
Stone Hill Drive	22 Yes
(Held in Committee	5 No
8/28, 10/4)	9 Abstentions
Re-Appointment	

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MR. DIXON said Item #1 is Dr. Bert Ballin for the Health Commission which is a re-appointment. He said Dr. Ballin has completed 16 years of service on the Health Commission and feels largely responsible for much of the progress the Commission has made over those years. He wishes to continue to serve Stamford. The Committee voted 5 yes, 1 abstention, and he MOVED for APPROVAL. SECONDED.

MR. SIGNORE asked to be recorded as an ABSTENTION due to a possible conflict-of-interest.

MRS. PERILLO said she had not interviewed Dr. Ballin at the night of the Committee meeting as she was absent due to illness, but she spoke with him since then at great length and urges his approval, and also that the Charter Revision people give the Health Commission more authority.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she overwhelmingly supports Dr. Ballin and urges other Board members to do likewise.

MR. DARER MOVED THE QUESTION.

MR. FOX said everyone had spoken so the Motion was unnecessary. He called for a vote on Dr. Ballin's appointment, which was APPROVED with 22 Yes votes, 5 No votes, and 9 Abstentions.

MR. DIXON said Items #2 and #3, for DAVID JETTER and ELEANOR AUSTIN are being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONTerm Expires:

(2) <u>DAVID JETTER</u> (D)	<u>HELD IN COMMITTEE</u>
28 Perry St.	
(Held in Committee 8/28, 9/19)	Re-Appointment

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WELFARE COMMISSION

(3) <u>ELEANOR AUSTIN</u> (D)	<u>HELD IN COMMITTEE</u>
157 Den Road	
(Held in Committee 8/28, 9/19)	Re-Appointment

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON said #4, #5, #6, #7 are on the CONSENT AGENDA; and next is #8 Belden Bain Brown for the Environmental Protection Board. Mr. Brown has been a resident of Stamford for 57 years and has very good credentials, but, by his own admission, has very little knowledge of duties and responsibilities of those serving on the Environmental Protection Board. Because the Committee recognizes the great importance of this Board and the expertise needed, they voted 4 NO, 1 Yes, and 1 Abstention. Mr. Dixon said the recommendation from the Committee is to deny the appointment, but to simplify that vote, he would MOVE for approval. SECONDED.

MRS. MCINERNEY asked what the reasons for the recommendation for denial on this particular Board.

MR. DIXON said he would speak for himself, and if any of the other Committee members who were present at the interview would like to do so, they could speak for themselves. He sees this Board as being one of much importance and it is incumbent on each member of it to be in some kind of position to make a considerable contribution and get the job done. He does not feel the vacant seat should be occupied by anyone with a lack of knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of this Board when someone else who had greater qualifications could be found.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he voted no as a member of the Appointments Committee because Mr. Brown was not familiar with inland-wetlands language and that while he joined environmental organizations, he had not really participated in them. He felt they needed funding and he wished to help them.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she voted to abstain, and feels that Mr. Brown is a very fine person and she hopes he will find another Board on which he can volunteer his fine services.

MR. WIESLEY said he voted no basically for the same reasons as Mr. Dixon, and he felt this Board needs members with rather special qualifications.

MR. FOX called for a vote on approval of Mr. Brown, and the Motion was LOST with 5 Yes, 23 NO, and 8 Abstentions.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

(8) BELDEN BAIN BROWN (R)
Wallack's Drive
Replacing Louis Stabile

DENIED:

5 Yes
23 No
8 Abstentions

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1980

MR. DIXON MOVED for approval of Items #4, 5, 6, and 7 on the CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX said that completed the Appointments Committee Report and he called upon Mrs. Goldstein for the Fiscal Committee Report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal met on Wednesday, November 8, 1979. Present were Representatives Gerald Rybnick, Mildred Ritchie, Marie Hawe, Vere Wiesley, Paul Esposito, John Zelinski, and Sandra Goldstein. On the Agenda for this evening is a total of \$891,235 of additional operating appropriations, and \$3,451,150 as additional Capital Budget request. Of the Operating request, Fiscal voted to cut \$38,522.06 off of Item #5, and to Hold \$88,669.00 which consists of Items 4, 8, and 14. In addition, \$239,834.00 are grants or revenue off-set items that have no effect on the local tax rate and these are Items #9, 12, 17, and 20. Every Board member was sent a copy of the report on the status of the Contingency Fund recently.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said the following items are to go on the CONSENT AGENDA: Fiscal Items 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24. In each case where a secondary committee was involved, that committee concurred in putting the item on the Consent Agenda. In three cases where there was no secondary committee report, on #10, #15, #19, motions were made to Suspend the Rules, which were Seconded and Approved in each case.

- (1) \$ 2,729.09 - BOARD OF FINANCE - Code 103.1130 PART-TIME SALARIES - Salary increases for Staff Analyst and Clerk/Secretary of the Board.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal approved this 6-0 and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel met on November 9th and approved this unanimously.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he wished to speak against this item for the simple reason that the Board of Finance told the Public Works Department to go find \$75,000 for Fall leaf pick-up. They told the Police Department to go find money for their labor contract which we had approved. They refuse to abide by the rules of the Charter. We have an ordinance for Fall leaf pick-up which they refuse to fund, so we should turn the tables now and we should run the Board of Finance since they want to run the City. We should vote this appropriation down and show them that the Board of Representatives have some muscles also.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said she understands Mr. Boccuzzi's frustration with the Board of Finance and she shares it, but that the Staff Analyst and the Clerk/Secretary are not members of the Board of Finance. They work for them. They work hard. They have helped us in numerous instances. We should not treat the salaries of two people so cavalierly and she urges approval of these increases.

MR. ZELINSKI said he concurred with Mrs. Goldstein, and that it would be a mistake and a real shame to deprive two hard-working people of this increase. because of the result of the Board they work for. He does not believe the blame is in the Board of Finance, but that it is up to the 5th floor in the Mayor's Office.

MR. WIDER said he understands Mr. Boccuzzi's feelings but he thinks the time to take care of things like that, that the Finance Board is guilty of now, would be in the election. This is not the time to punish employees (who are entitled to the 2-4-6% increase) because of something the Board of Finance has done.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON said he shared Mr. Boccuzzi's feelings about the Board of Finance, but employees should definitely not be penalized for faults found in the employer.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the \$2,729 for Board of Finance. APPROVED with 28 Yes, 7 No, 1 Abstention.

- (2) \$20,000.00 - YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU - Partial grant from Children and Youth Services State Department.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is to fund the City's portion for the administrative corps unit of the Youth Service Bureau, which is entering its third year of existence and is part of a three-year declining grant from LEAA. Fiscal voted 5 in favor and 1 abstention, and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said Health and Protection did not come to any agreement so they did not vote on it. He Moved for Suspension of Rules in the absence of the secondary committee report. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MRS. SUMMERVILLE said she received a lot of information from the Youth Service Bureau and a lot of correspondence from the kids who support this. This service is benefitting the kids and she has observed from visiting that this is needed and she supports this item.

MR. WIDER said without the agencies we have working with our young people in this City, he is not so sure it would be safe for us to walk out of our doors. The Center at 225 Washington Blvd. are doing a fine job with about 12 kids right now. The Youth Service Bureau checks on these youngsters several times a day, and helps with children who can't be kept at home for one reason or another and would otherwise be out on the streets all night. He urges approval of this item.

MR. LIVINGSTON said this small investment will keep an awful lot of people out of serious trouble and perhaps do a little something to protect our citizens at the same time, and he hopes this will be passed.

MR. SHERER MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said yet to speak are John Zelinski, Handy Dixon, Stanley Darer, Marie Hawe, and Paul Esposito. He called for a vote on Motion to Move the Question. CARRIED.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on the \$20,000. CARRIED with 26 Yes, 9 No, and 1 Abstention.

- (4) \$ 663.84 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 290.1330 - MEDICAL AND LIFE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this item is being Held in Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(5) \$ 87,384.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - VARIOUS ACCOUNTS - Non-Classified Salaries
215,667.01 (Non-Civil Service) for retroactive pay 1977/1978, and for
\$303,051.41 1978/1979 fiscal year.
LESS: 38,522.06
\$264,529.35

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this additional appropriation is to fund salary increases for non-classified civil servants back to July, 1977, the same percentage as the MEA: 2%+4%+6% (12.4448%). Fiscal separated the administrators who were non-civil service from the rest of the group and reduced their increase to 5.5% which is commensurate with what was granted to the M.A.A. last month. In accordance with this philosophy, Fiscal voted to cut \$38,522.06 from the request, bringing it down to \$264,529.35. This is broken down by deducting \$20,475.00 for 19 Library Administrators; \$7,029.00 for Museum Administrators; a correction in the Drug Forensic Laboratory of \$1,142.32; and \$9,875.74 to reflect 6 vacancies in the Library and 1 in the Museum, which was in keeping with the kind of action taken by Fiscal in relation to the M.A.A. increases. Fiscal, therefore, voted 6-0 in favor of \$264,529.35 and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel voted 5 in favor to concur with the reductions made by Fiscal.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Item #5 and the Motion was APPROVED with 1 No vote being Mrs. McInerney, and the rest YES (voice votes).

(8) \$83,000.00 - TAX ASSESSOR - Code 250.5260 - ASSESSOR'S MAPPING SERVICE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this item #8 is being HELD IN COMMITTEE. The reason is that it will come back as a Capital Projects Budget request rather than Operating.
MRS. RITCHIE said Education, Welfare & Government concurred with this.

(11) \$ 2,690.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 550.1110 - SALARIES - Step Increase from A to D for Director of Nurses position.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 6-0 in favor and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI said Personnel voted unanimously to REJECT this item. He said this position was budgeted at \$18,044, and was announced by Personnel Department with a range of \$18,044 to \$25,844. Only July 31st it was filled at \$20,332. Next an adjustment was made shortly thereafter bringing it up to \$21,580, the present salary. He has uncovered the information that in the near future a request will be made by the Health Dept. for a 5.5% retroactive amount to be added to this. He said this spending of the taxpayers' money has got to stop and that is why his Committee voted to reject, 5 against. He urges Board members to do likewise.

MR. WIDER supports the request. He talked to the Health Commissioners and discussed the job requirements in depth. The position has been changed considerably. They require another degree, more effective supervision, someone who is qualified to give direction. This will be an improvement over previous services.

MR. BLUM said he could not vote for this item. That job-related skills can be used in place of a degree; that for many years this position was filled by a supervisor who retired, and had been under the bargaining unit of the nurses' association.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DARER said when we nominate citizens of this community to boards and commissions, we go over their merits and we tell each other how wonderful they are as we appoint them. Then when they serve on these commissions and use their expertise to run the commissions in the best manner that they can, we promptly cut their legs out from under them by telling them how to run their business. Now, I, for one, find this whole discussion a bit dismal. The reason I do is that we have on this Health Commission, a group of doctors who are serving without pay, who are honored members of this community, whom we have great respect for, who are trying to run this service in an efficient and proper manner, who have no personal axes to grind, who really don't care whether person A or B is serving as a director or supervisor, but who are in their best judgment trying to serve this community and to give us efficient and good service; and if this Commission recommends that this Director of Nursing should have a master's degree because it compares to our neighboring communities of Norwalk and Greenwich, if this Commission feels that they have gone through the competitive lists and the proper personnel procedures, etc., then I don't really feel that we should sit here and carp and tear off the legs of the people who have appointed them. Frankly, there are other ramifications to this which I won't even bring up but have been mentioned to me by certain constituents who phoned. Let us listen to the recommendations of those we have appointed and give them the proper authority.

MR. PERILLO MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion to approve Item #11 for \$2,690.00. The MOTION is LOST, with 21 Yes, 11 No, and 4 Abstentions. There being 36 people present, it would have necessitated 24 votes, as two-thirds is necessary to carry.

MR. FOX declared a five-minute recess so that members could get things done and return to the floor, since so many were floating around.

RECESS from 10:18 to 11:18 P.M. (MR. FOX said this was one of the longest five-minute recesses in the history of this Board.)

(12) \$115,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - W.I.C. PROGRAM - Code 573. F/Y 78-79.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted 6-0 in favor and she MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said Health and Protection concurred, 3 in favor and 1 abstention.

MRS. McINERNEY thanked Mrs. Hawe for her diligence in bringing problems of the W.I.C. Program to this Board in the past, as a result of which 123 people were removed from the program and those who are truly in need will be receiving the items.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Item #12. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

(14) \$ 5,006.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Code 655. - Self-Sustaining Programs.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this item is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (17) \$109,234.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - "Encounter-Bilingual Program: E.S.E.A., Title VII" grant.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is for non-English-speaking pupils to become sufficiently proficient in English to enter main classes. There will be no impact on the mill rate as this is 100% prepaid. The Committee voted 5 in favor and 1 abstention and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. RITCHIE said Education, Welfare and Government concurred.

MR. FOX called for a vote. The Motion was APPROVED with 33 Yes votes, and 3 No votes (Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Hawe, and Mrs. McInerney) - by voice vote.

- (18) \$ 2,150.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - AMEND 1978-1979 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET by increasing facility known as #410.0448 BULLET TRAP, to be funded by taxation.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is for the target system and Fiscal voted 6-0 and she so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said Health and Protection concurred.

MR. FOX called for a vote, and the Motion was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, by voice vote.

- (23) RESOLUTION RE "REVENUE SHARING ENTITLEMENT FUNDS" TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY FOR DEBT SERVICE INTEREST RATHER THAN ALLOCATING TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN RATIO TO TOTAL BUDGET.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said this is a request from the Mayor to have the Board adopt a change in procedure used to account for revenue-sharing funds as per Federal requirements. A public hearing must be held first. Fiscal voted 6-0 in favor of holding the public hearing on November 29th. She further requested the Clerk of the Board to instruct the Administrative Assistant to give public notice of such a meeting at least ten days prior to the aforementioned date.

MRS. RITCHIE said Education, Welfare and Government concurred.

MR. FOX called for a vote. Motion APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote).

- (25) APPROVAL OF A CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION TO THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION re REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER. \$3,449,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said Fiscal voted to HOLD, pending a special meeting or a continuation of this meeting next Monday night, November 20, 1978, because there is certain information that must be clarified in the interim.

MR. SCHLECHTWEIG said Urban Renewal Committee concurred.

MR. FOX said what we are doing at this time is PASSING this item for purposes of this agenda, and should we not finish this evening, we shall come back next Monday and that item would still be a matter on that agenda that has not been resolved. There will be no question of bringing anything out of committee. He asked Mr. Baxter, the Board's Parliamentarian, if he concurred on that analysis.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER said he would agree that there is no problem to take this item up later on at an adjourned meeting.

MR. FOX said that consequently, we are not holding it, we are PASSING it, and we would not need a vote on that. He then asked Mrs. Goldstein to list the items going on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN MOVED for APPROVAL on the CONSENT AGENDA of Fiscal Items #3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24. SECONDED. CARRIED with Mr. McInerney voting No on Item #21 and #24, all others YES.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked for clarification of what longevity meant.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN said in the MEA contract, which is not for administrators, they do not have merit; as part of their contract, after working x number of years, they get a small longevity increase and this is for those two employees. It is \$100.00 each.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - Michael P. Feighan

MR. FEIGHAN said the Legislative and Rules Committee met on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, and present were Stanley Darer, Barbara McInerney, Charles Wilmot, Donald Sherer and Michael Feighan.

MR. FEIGHAN said we have several tax exemptions on the agenda and he would like to explain briefly Corporation Counsel's opinion of Oct. 25, 1978 that the Committee and the Board had limitations in terms of exemptions; that a municipality may, by ordinance, make the exemption effective as of the date of acquisition of the property - otherwise, the exemption is effective as of the tax list next succeeding the date of acquisition, which means we are limited only to that time-frame.

MR. FOX said that the letter from Attorney Michael Sherman dated Oct. 25, 1978 in which he explains just what we can and cannot do, and where we need an exemption, or when we do not need an exemption, and the powers of this Board as they relate to these particular ordinances is very important and he asked the members to give Mr. Feighan their attention so he can proceed and the members are sure of what they are doing before they vote.

MR. FEIGHAN said any questions concerning taxes other than within the specified time-frame would be dealt with on a one-to-one basis with the particular organization and the Tax Assessor. The Board of Representatives would have nothing to do with it. With that in mind, Item #1 for final adoption re the Red Cross property, the Committee voted 5 in favor with 1 abstention and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. BLUM said since the opinion of Corporation Counsel says no action whatever is required of the Board of Representatives to exempt from taxation houses of religious worship, the land on which they stand, the pews, furniture, etc.; and it cites statutes of the State of Connecticut that no action whatever is required of this Board to exempt from taxation all real estate and tangible property owned by or held in trust for the American Red Cross, what are we voting on tonight in regard to Item #1.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FEIGHAN said they were moving in reference to a request from the American Red Cross although it is not necessary for them to come before this Board, but he is trying to dispense with it.

MR. BLUM asked if the President or the Parliamentarian would verify whether the Board does not have to vote on these items at all.

MR. FOX said it is not for him or Mr. Baxter to answer; it is a legal question, and one that has been analyzed by the Legislative and Rules Committee and we have got to rely on their investigation and the work they have done.

MR. BAXTER said as he understands Mr. Sherman's letter, there is a difference between a tax exemption and a tax abatement; that a tax exemption is a subject of State Statute, but the tax abatement, which tax is due on land, is assessed when it was not owned by the Red Cross, or a church, is something that we can legally tax if we choose to, or we can abate it if we choose to, for that one period of time, and that the abatement question is what we are voting on, and which we can deny or approve as we choose.

MR. FEIGHAN said all of us were confused, as was the office, because in fact this was not a tax abatement as presented to us by the applicant's attorneys, it is in fact a tax exemption request for the property. Many people seem to be using tax abatement and tax exemption interchangeably, and they are not the same.

MR. BAXTER asked if it was not correct that this Board has the power to exempt, or not to exempt, for that first period if it chooses to.

MR. FEIGHAN said that was correct, except in this case, the Red Cross requires no action by this Board as they are mentioned specifically in State Statutes and by the Congress of the United States and given exemption for their property.

(1) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR RED CROSS PROPERTY ON NEWFIELD AVENUE - from Atty. W. Dean Montgomery 7/11/78.

MR. FOX called for a vote on this item #1. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, by voice vote.

MR. FEIGHAN said Item #2 for tax exemption for Miracle Faith was approved by his Committee 4 in favor and 1 abstention and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

He said, if the Board will remember, last month the L&R Committee tried to put some conditions on particular tax exemptions so that in this and succeeding cases the conditional paragraph, the last paragraph that was published with these ordinances, the exemption was granted subject to the particular stipulation. However, the stipulation is no longer to be considered attached to any of these ordinances.

MR. FOX said, therefore, what we are doing is approving an ordinance the wording of which will return to that organization the funds that they paid from the date of closing to the date of the next assessment date.

MR. FEIGHAN said that was correct, and he wished to again emphasize that any other particular tax questions that they may have, they should concern themselves strictly with the Tax Assessor's Office.

MR. FOX said from that date on, their problem or fight is with the Tax Assessor and the procedure set out within the State Statutes. A vote was taken on the ordinance as modified, and it was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, by voice vote. This on Item #2 which follows.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

- (2) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION - MIRACLE FAITH, INC. (CHURCH) at 62 Valley Road, pastor's house.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, by voice vote.

MR. FEIGHAN said Item #3 for tax exemption for Congregational Evangelical Church was lost by the Committee vote of 3 to 3. However, at the time of voting at the committee meeting, certain information was needed and it was not received until after the meeting from the pastor. It contained exactly the information needed and all members were sent a copy. Mr. Feighan MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MR. FEIGHAN said he voted no at the committee meeting because he questioned the housing being used by the choir master. When he received the letter from the church, and did some research on it, he found the choir master had moved out previously. Therefore, in good conscience, he is changing his vote to yes.

MRS. SANTY said all exemptions should be scrutinized carefully in the interests of the taxpayers. She carefully looked into this request herself and found that this fundamental bible-teaching Church of Jesus Christ is using the house and property for religious purposes solely and exclusively. She urges approval.

MR. SIGNORE also urged support of this exemption.

MR. WIDER MOVED THE QUESTION.

MR. FOX said this was not necessary. He called for a vote, stating the committee report was 3-3 which is negative. The MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote)

- (3) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR CONGREGATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, by voice vote.

MR. FOX said it was now necessary to go to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE and take up an item out of order.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John Zelinski

MR. ZELINSKI MOVED to Suspend the Rules to take up the Dental Hygienists' Contract. SECONDED. CARRIED.

- (2) DENTAL HYGIENISTS' CONTRACT WITH CITY OF STAMFORD.

MR. ZELINSKI said he would like to apologize to Mr. Feighan for interrupting his report but a deadline has to be met on this labor contract. The Personnel Committee met on November 9th. Present were David Blum, Charles Wilmot, Gabe DeLuca, Jeanne-Lois Santy, and John Zelinski. Also present were Mr. Barrett, the Labor Negotiator, and Mrs. Glenda Morris and Miss Ingersoll representing the Hygienists. He said this contract is a new three-year contract covering the year 7/1/77 to 6/30/80. The proposed agreement provides for salary increases of 2% on 7/1/77; 4% on 1/1/78; 6% on 7/1/78; and 5% on 7/1/79, at a total cost of \$27,987.46. His Committee voted unanimously, 5 in favor, and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BAXTER asked if that was 17% in one year, and if so, could Mr. Zelinski describe how he came to the conclusion that it was a good percentage increase?

MR. ZELINSKI said it was a breakdown of 2%, 4%, 6%, and then 5% over a period of three years.

MR. FOX called for a vote and it was APPROVED with 35 Yes, and 1 No vote (Mrs. McInerney); voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

MR. SHERER MOVED to Suspend the Rules to take out of position on the agenda, the matter of the location of the postal facility; he also MOVED to RECONSIDER the vote taken.

MR. FOX called for a vote on the Motion to Reconsider. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. FOX then called for a vote to Suspend the Rules to take an item out of order an item under RESOLUTIONS. SECONDED. APPROVED.

- (1) AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO, LAWRENCE BOCCHIERE, PRES., SUBMITTING RESOLUTION URGING MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY BE LOCATED WITHIN STAMFORD IN ORDER TO AVOID LOSS OF JOBS AND FORCING SOME EMPLOYEES TO MOVE OUT OF CITY.

MR. LOOMIS said the sense of the resolution is to encourage the Board of Governor of the U. S. Postal Service to keep our present postal facility here in Stamford and to keep the expanded facility here. There are some minor additions, amendments, from the previous resolution.

MRS. RITCHIE said she urged her fellow members to support this resolution as this would affect 752 families. If we lose this facility, we will lose \$10 Million in salaries which help support this City. Approximately 100 construction jobs would be lost if it were located somewhere else. There would be delay in delivery of mail for Stamford mailers.

MR. ZELINSKI MOVED to AMEND the resolution to return the word "may" to "will" as it was originally in the resolution. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION LOST with 5 yes, 25 no, and 6 Abstentions

MR. BAXTER said a facility like this would provide employment for people who live here and prevent them from having to go outside, or move, or just try and find other employment. He strongly urged that we need the type of jobs in this City that this post office center would produce.

MR. DIXON said he cannot believe the Federal Government would impose this kind of a threat, or at least he takes it to be a threat, on the people of Stamford. The people in his district oppose this facility because of increased traffic and certain other conditions that would be brought about. People in Old Greenwich and all over Stamford opposed that location. He would like to amend the last paragraph, which in itself is a revision, to read that the Board reiterates its concern that such facilities meet the environmental standards located in local

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

MR. DIXON (continuing)....municipal agencies; and furthermore, be constructed and located on a site other than the Standard Brands property. He would go along with the resolution if it carried that amendment. MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. DARER said we should not take lightly the decision of the Postal Service to select the Standard Brands site. It was not chosen arbitrarily, nor was it done in one day or one week. It was a site selection process that went on for many years, considering many alternate sites in this vicinity. If we delay voting, we may jeopardize the selection of Stamford as the postal site. It would be an absolute disaster to lose such a great number of jobs.

MR. LOOMIS said he would speak respectfully against Mr. Dixon's amendment. We don't say anything about Standard Brands in this resolution. We are encouraging that the facility stay in Stamford and that is the most important thing this resolution says. We want the jobs. We want the income. We want the expansion to be here in this City. He would oppose any further amendments to the resolution.

MR. WIDER said he respects his colleague from the Second District, Mr. Dixon, but he has crowded areas in his District, but he would be one of the first ones to appreciate the fact that he could keep some people working in Stamford, owning their homes and having their jobs, some of them in walking distance. Cutting down on pollution is for the Environmental Protection people to be concerned with. The post office should be located here. We need those jobs. We are in the process right now of trying to retain new kinds of jobs in the City, and this is one of the ways we can do it, whether it is on the Standard Brands site or Yale & Towne, or another site. We should offer our assistance to the Postal Department in helping them relocate in Stamford.

MR. BOCCUZZI said if members lived in the Second District as long as he has, they would realize the problems that are located directly on lower Selleck Street in the West Avenue section, and this is not a street that can accommodate any more traffic. He really thinks there are other places in Stamford where the Post Office could be located, and he does want it to stay in Stamford. Perhaps if it were on a smaller scale, they might accommodate it here, but there is a problem now of over-developing the site. If there were some sort of compromise attained, he might be able to vote for it, but not as it stands now. The people in that area deserve a break. They have constantly come out to meeting after meeting, some 150 to 200 people coming out night after night and that is not fair to them. These people care about their district, their homes, their children, their traffic, and to have this matter up in the air for so long a period is disrupting. A compromise has to be worked out with the developer.

MR. BLUM said he sympathizes with Mr. Dixon and Mr. Boccuzzi in their District, even any district in town where expansion is going on. He read a newspaper clipping of 5/13/76 re Stelma and others moving out of Stamford. Manufacturing and other blue-collar and clerical jobs are needed and must be retained in this city. The resolution says to be located somewhere in Stamford and I support that.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

MR. LIVINGSTON said the hour is late, but he honestly feels that if they attach Mr. Dixon's amendment to this, we may be jeopardizing the resolution itself. We must recognize Stamford is a City, not a small town any longer, and in some cases even if we don't like it, we must take the burden of keeping industry and in this case, a matter of a post office in our city.

MRS. PERILLO MOVED THE QUESTION. SECONDED. CARRIED.

MR. DIXON said he would like to withdraw his motion with a statement fully explaining his reason.

MR. FOX said the Motion to Move the Question, having been approved, cuts off debate.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Mr. Dixon's Motion to Amend. The Motion LOST.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on Mr. Loomis' resolution which has not been amended, which is on everyone's desk. By voice vote, the MOTION was APPROVED with 33 Yes, 2 NO (Mr. Dixon and Mr. Boccuzzi), and 1 Abstention (Mrs. Raymond).

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick

MR. RYBNICK said he had two important items which need to be taken care of under Suspension of Rules tonight. One is the Salvation Army's request to start next Monday putting their Christmas Kettles out. The other is the Terry Connors Skating Rink fees to take effect November 15th. He MOVED for Suspension of Rules to take up SALVATION ARMY REQUEST. SECONDED.

- (2) REQUEST FROM SALVATION ARMY to place their kettles on the streets starting November 20th.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Motion to Suspend the Rules. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX then called for a vote on approval of the Salvation Army Request, which MR. RYBNICK MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. RYBNICK then MOVED to Suspend the Rules to take up the Terry Connors Skating Rink Fees. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on Motion to Suspend the Rules. DENIED, by voice vote.

MR. FOX said they would now go back to LEGISLATIVE & RULES and do not more than attempt to finish that. Then we will adjourn until next Monday, November 20th, with the STEERING COMMITTEE to meet at 7:00 P.M., and the ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING at 8:00 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued) - Michael Feighan

- (4) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING GREATER STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT - AMENDMENT TO ORD. NO. 264, SEC. 2-17.

MR. FEIGHAN said L&R voted unanimously to approve this and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote, and the MOTION was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Voice vote).

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES (continued)

- (5) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR BI-CULTURAL DAY SCHOOL.

MR. FEIGHAN said the committee voted 4 in favor and 1 against, with 1 abstention, and he MOVED for approval. Here again, the conditional paragraph is removed.

MRS. McINERNERY said she was one of the committee members voting no, but after checking with the Assessor's Office, there is no doubt in her mind that this should be legally allowed and she is changing her vote to yes tonight.

MR. FOX said the Motion has been MOVED and SECONDED, and called for a vote. CARRIED (voice vote).

- (6) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF STAMFORD FOR PROPERTY AT 3 HOLLOW OAK LANE. Clergy house.

MR. FEIGHAN said the committee voted unanimously to approve and he so MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Voice vote).

- (7) PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR EASEMENT FOR STAMFORD SAVINGS BANK TO REFACE WALL.

MR. FEIGHAN MOVED to WAIVE PUBLICATION and his committee voted 5 in favor of this. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Voice vote).

MR. FEIGHAN MOVED for acceptance of the ordinance to grant the easement and deleting any reference to the lighted sign. They will take the sign matter up with the Zoning Board of Appeals. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote on approval of the ordinance and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote).

- (8) OFFER OF A GIFT OF LAND ON LaNELL DRIVE ON SHOREFRONT FROM MERCHANTS BANK AND TRUST CO. OF NORWALK.

MR. FEIGHAN said this was being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (9) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER 1.7 ACRES OF LAND AND HOUSE ON LONG RIDGE RD. FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. FEIGHAN said the committee said they cannot dictate to the Public Works Department what they can do, or if, in fact, they have to accept it; and therefore voted unanimously, 5 in favor, to approve the resolution to approve transfer from the Board of Education to the Public Works Department. At a later date, they will deal with the Stamford Ambulance Corps. He MOVED for approval. SECONDED.

MR. FOX called for a vote and the MOTION was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES (continued)(10) PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 8-14 (d)(4) & 8-12 RE SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATIONS, ETC.

MR. FEIGHAN said there is an administrative error here somehow. Item #10 is supposed to be in two parts: one ordinance amending Sec. 8-12, and another 8-14 (d)(4). He MOVED for Suspension of the Rules to take up the amended ordinance relating to the incinerator. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FEIGHAN then MOVED to PUBLISH BOTH ORDINANCES. His committee voted unanimously for this. SECONDED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote.)

MR. FOX said they would not be able to complete the agenda this evening because they will have to come back when the questions raised regarding the URC are resolved. There are not too many items remaining, and if it is the consensus of this Body, they can stay and try to finish those other items. He asked for a show of hands to determine how many would like to remain and finish all but those items and all those who would prefer to finish the rest on Monday evening. He said they would proceed with a few more items.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John Zelinski

MR. ZELINSKI said there was the one additional item in Personnel that has not been handled.

(1) FOLLOW-UP ON NURSES COMPLAINT RE THEIR PERSONNEL PROBLEMS.

MR. ZELINSKI said he already gave his committee report earlier in the evening. He said at their Nov. 9th meeting Dr. Gofstein could not attend, but Mr. Bernstein did attend and gave an up-dated report on the resolution the Board had passed on this problem. At the present time there is a grievance procedure which could not be discussed now. Mr. Bernstein also stated that they can fill full-time positions with part-time people. The paychecks were held up three weeks back in January due to the Health Director's not being familiar with certain procedures in changing over from one position to another. Mr. Bernstein said this would not happen again as all department heads are now familiar with the procedure.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter

MR. BAXTER said Planning and Zoning has 10 items and that 7 refer to acceptances of street. The committee inspected the sites today so did not have an opportunity to hold a committee meeting.

Mr. Baxter stated he would go through all the items, after Mr. Fox asked if he were going to Move to take each out of committee. Some Representatives said they did not have an opportunity to inspect the streets in their districts, and other doubts were voiced so that it appeared impractical and inconclusive to continue this evening, on these items. It was decided to hold for next Monday.

MR. BAXTER said item^{#1} was to be struck from the agenda as the Mayor and the Public Works Department had certain procedures to follow at this point. And that the same applied to Item #9.

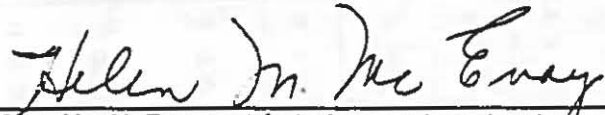
ADJOURNMENT:

MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED for ADJOURNMENT until Monday night, November 20, 1978, at 8:00 P.M. SECONDED.

MR. FOX said the STEERING COMMITTEE would meet at 7:00 P.M. that night, and then at 8:00 P.M., the adjourned meeting would continue.

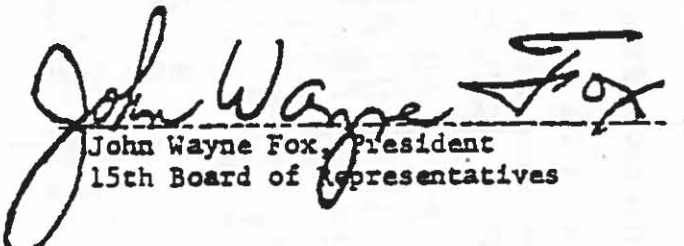
This meeting adjourned at 12:35 A.M., there being no further business to be considered.

By:


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

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APPROVED:


John Wayne Fox, President
15th Board of Representatives

