

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 1980

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF 16th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 16th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Tuesday, May 13, 1980 (to be adjourned to the following night, Wednesday, May 14, 1980 to complete the work), pursuant to a "CALL" from the PRESIDENT, SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:12 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, Annie Summerville. There were 31 members present and 9 absent; three more members came in late, with the attendance then becoming 34 present and 6 absent. The absent members were Mr. Flounders, Mr. Wider, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Kunsaw and Mr. Perillo.

The President declared a QUORUM.

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

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The following is the "CALL" of the meeting which was sent to all Board members and which President Sandra Goldstein read:

"I, SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, PRESIDENT of the 16th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1980
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1980
at 8:00 P.M. in the
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
Legislative Chambers, Second Floor
429 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the CAPITAL and OPERATING BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1980-1981, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Thursday, April 10, 1980, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Stamford Charter.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: (continuing). This is the beginning of what really are two of the most important nights of our entire Session. We cannot proceed if there is going to be talking, if there is going to be a lot of walking out of the room, or if there is going to be this type of distraction for the Chairpeople and the Members of the Fiscal Committee who have worked tirelessly for three weeks.

I am going to ask everyone to please give them your utmost cooperation. I would like the Record to indicate that Mrs. Hawe will be sitting in Mrs. McInerney's seat tonight and Mrs. McInerney in Mrs. Hawe's seat and that the votes shall be recorded accordingly. Now I would also like to state that there are certain ground rules that we follow at Budget time for ease and, of course, some for the Charter.

I would like the Record to indicate that Mrs. Signore and Mrs. Santy have now arrived. We now have 33 members present and 7 absent.

According to the Charter, the Board of Finance hands us a Budget. That Budget that they give us can only be reduced by this Board. It can be reduced or it can stay the same. We cannot add to the numbers, to the cuts that have been made by the Board of Finance so I would like the Board to remember this before we proceed at all.

Also, during the Budget meeting, we will proceed by means of a continuing motion so that every single page and every single item will not require a separate motion. Mr. Esposito will begin by making a motion which will not have to be said again throughout the entire proceedings. We are going to be going page by page.

If there is no move on the part of a Member of the Board to cut or restore something that Mr. Esposito is discussing or something that is on page, then he need not make a motion to accept the page. We just go on to the next page. I will accept questions after I am through with all of this.

Any motion made to restore an item cut by Fiscal or to reduce an item, any item at all, will require a majority of those present and voting. The final vote on the Resolution that adopts the Budget also requires a majority of those present and voting but it must be 21 votes. Those are the basic rules. If there are any questions, I will be happy to entertain them; otherwise, we will go on to Mr. Esposito and the beginning of the Budget presentation. Mr. Conti.

MR. CONTI: I make a motion that we consider the Board of Education budget first.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Conti, I just want to indicate something. Mr. Esposito, do you have a report that you would like to make to the Board prior to considering any of the pages.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, I do.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will proceed to Mr. Esposito, and before we get to the first page of the Budget, your motion will be in order. Mr. Esposito.

REPORT BY CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE - PAUL ESPOSITO

MR. ESPOSITO:

The Fiscal Committee, including my Co-Chairperson Mrs. Hawe and myself, Burt Flounders, Moira Lyons, Jerry Rybnick, Jerry Livingston, Robert Fauteux, Betty Conti, and John Hogan has met continuously since April 22, 1980. We met this past Saturday for our thirteen-hour marathon session to deliberate on what we are going to present to you this evening for your approval.

Mrs. Hawe and I would like to thank our Committee Members as well as the Finance Department for their dedicated help. We would like especially to thank Dr. Hoffman for his patient and thorough explanation of the complex details surrounding the fixing of the mill rate and the Capital expenditures. We also must extend extra gratitude to Frank Harrison, our Budget Director, for his tireless dedication. He attended everyone of our Meetings including our two Saturday meetings which includes also this past Saturday. He was here from 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 11:00 o'clock at night with us, never leaving us; the kind of dedication that I hope is true of every City employee in the City of Stamford. And as always, our thanks to our Researcher Judy Chasek for her continuing help. Last but not least, I think we all on the Committee would like to thank our families for their understanding in our absence and for not taking advantage of the group divorce plan that the Fiscal Committee has had in force in the last couple of years.

Fiscal cut less this year than in past years. Mrs. Hawe will give you the details in a few seconds. I'd just like to point out why we did not cut as much as we had in the past.

Over the past two years, the Fiscal Committee Chaired by Mrs. Goldstein had adopted a number of practices and policies in our budget-cutting sessions that, thankfully, were adopted by the Finance Department and the Mayor of the City of Stamford. For example, there are four major areas where the Finance Department, the Department Heads themselves and the Mayor had made cuts or requests based on the policies that the Fiscal Committee and this Board had adopted over the past two years. The first important one is phasing-in positions. At Budget time, rather than request positions beginning on July 1st, past Fiscal Committee had phased them in over the period of three, six or nine months. As you look through the Budget book, you will notice that numerous Departments have had their positions, new positions, phased in by the Finance Department and the Mayor.

The second major area, which had accounted for huge cuts in the past two years, was attrition. Two years ago, former Representative George Hays had come up with this idea in our deliberations that major large departments like the Police Department and Fire Department could expect some people to leave during the course of the year, and there would be a delay before new persons were hired so that the salary accounts could be cut by significant numbers.

FISCAL REPORT (cont.)

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...We could not make those cuts this year because they had been made prior to the Budget being forwarded to us.

As we were going through the Budget on Saturday, I also noticed two other areas where previous policies established by the Board in the last two years, affected the request made by the Departments, specifically, in the telephone accounts. Last year, Fiscal cut a number of telephone accounts. Those numbers that we had approved last year became the basis for the Departments' requests this year. That was also true of accounts like stationery and supplies and in many Departments, the utilities. I'd just like to report that the Fiscal Committee and this Board, over the past couple of years have made what we call "good cuts"; cuts that have not come back to us during the year in the form of additional appropriations; cuts which have established policy in budget-making in this City and with that, I'd like to now have Mrs. Hawe give you the numbers that we will be dealing with tonight.

MRS. CONTI: POINT OF ORDER, the Fiscal Committee and several minority reports on different departmental budgets and I request to be called upon at the right time.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mrs. Conti, you certainly will be able to after Mrs. Hawe gives the rest of the Committee report.

MRS. HAWE: Thank you. The Fiscal Committee recommended total cuts from the Mayor's Budget of \$186,750.00 and a recommended cut from the Board of Education Budget of \$400,000.00 giving a total of \$586,750.00.

Broken down it reads like this. We recommended CUTTING from the section:

Boards and Commissions.....	\$ 9,980.00
General Government.....	\$ 16,600.00
Public Works Department.....	\$ 99,583.00
Police and Fire, a total of.....	\$ 40,337.00
Welfare and Health, a total of.....	\$ 450.00
Parks and Recreation, a total of.....	\$ 19,800.00
Board of Education.....	\$ 400,000.00

Which leaves the total Budgets as approved by the Fiscal Committee, or as recommended by the Fiscal Committee, the TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$49,170,055.00. Also, \$13,385,610.00 for DEBT SERVICE and we APPROVED a total BOARD OF EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET OF \$41,727,313.00.

Before I conclude, I would just like to mention that we had various sub-committees that Mr. Esposito and I had appointed to go in depth into some of the more complicated and larger budgets and I'd like to thank these people now who were a great help to us and will continue to be because of the expertise in these matters. Mr. Flounders, Police Dept. Budget, Mrs. Conti and Mrs. Lyons, Public Works and Mr. Fauteux, Bd. of Education.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mrs. Conti, If you would like to give a minority report.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you very much, Mrs. Goldstein. Fiscal received a Budget package from the Board of Finance totalling over \$105,338,086 which if not cut by nearly \$3 million will require projected increases ranging from 9% of the mill in the A District to 2.2 mills in the B District. C and CS are 2 mills and 1.6 mills respectively. \$4 million of our \$6 million surplus from last fiscal year has been included as revenue in the calculations projecting these preliminary mill rates.

If we did not have a \$6 million surplus, the projected mill rate would be more in the range of 5 to 7 mill increasing. Thus, we must consider the prospect of taxes next fiscal year when there is no guarantee of the surplus being available to pad the impact of increased spending; nor can we overlook the plight of taxpayers who are already faced with a 1/2% sales tax increase and possible increased Federal taxes and still rising inflation on basic necessities such as food, clothing and shelter.

Within the last few months, we have moved into a period of recession, which from all indications, may be a severe one. Thus, I have taken a more prudent and frugal approach to this Budget than the majority of my Colleagues on Fiscal and I request to be recognized at the proper time to make a Minority Report on the following Departmental budgets:

Environmental Protection Board
Department of Traffic
Professional Organizations
Police Department
Southwest Health Systems Agency
Board of Education

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mrs. Conti, would you prior to, after the Chairperson has spoken and prior to any other Board Member, please indicate to me that you want to speak for a Minority Report because you will have the Floor first in that respect.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Before we go into the actual Budget, there were several questions. Mr. DeLuca, did you have a question?

MR. DeLUCA: It's not a question; just a statement I'd like to make. I'd like to echo some of the comments of Representative Conti. I was a little disappointed to hear that the cuts made by Fiscal were so minute in view of the fact that 1978-79 we had a \$6.5 million surplus. We're anticipating

MR. DeLUCA: (continuing)...a \$3.6 million surplus. All it seems that we're doing is increasing our Budget but yet, granted in the last couple years we haven't had any taxes, but all we're doing is creating phony surpluses here by letting the mill rate stay where it is, and I would hope that our Board tonight sees fit to make cuts that are more substantial than what Fiscal plans to recommend.

As Representative Conti has stated with the increase in the Sales tax, Federal taxes, etc., inflation keeps getting higher; our take-home pay keeps shrinking and to even consider a possible tax increase with the cuts, if they were to stand as is, would really take its toll on the citizens of Stamford. I would urge my Colleagues tonight to be more frugal in their spending and hope that they can tighten up this Budget which would be more meaningful to the people whereby we can live in Stamford.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN:

Mr. Esposito, we will proceed now to the Budget evaluation. Mr. Conti and Mr. Zelinski had indicated that they want to make a motion prior to, yours is not a motion, yours is a question? Yes, go ahead, sir.

MR. ZELINSKI: My only question was at the start to get the ground rules in order and that would be, you've mentioned pertaining to motions and so forth, would it also be in order, I hope, to entertain questions if any Representative wanted to ask either Co-Chairperson of Fiscal on a particular item rather than make a motion; just a simple question which may be answered that would move it along. Would that be in order?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, since we have a running motion, there is always a motion on the Floor tonight. On this Board, we can only speak to motions. Now, from the moment Paul gets to page 1, we then have a motion on the Floor that is running throughout the night; so you will always have a motion on the Floor. Therefore, questions are always in order.

MRS. GUORIAN: What did she say the total Budget would be after the Fiscal Committee cut it, the Operating Budget? Without the debt service.

MRS. HAWK: Without the debt service, it would be \$49,170,055.00.

MRS. GUORIAN: Where do you see the total as it stood after the Board of Finance? I don't come anywhere near that.

MR. ESPOSITO: You have to look in your first book, not the second one. Before we go any further, we can talk about the two different books that the Board Members have.

MR. ESPOSITO: We have a book entitled "Mayor's Proposed Operating Budget 1980-81" which is rectangular-shaped. That is the first Budget book

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...that was submitted to the Board of Finance. The second book, which is the smaller one, is the book that has been transmitted to us with the Board of Finance cuts in it. That second book is less detailed and less informative in the following ways.

It does not include the personnel. It does not include a listing of Staff in each department so if you want to follow along, it might be just as well to follow in either book. You should have both of them on the table because as we go through each department, you can check and see how many personnel are in the book, how many have been cut; we'll be making mention of how many have been cut by Fiscal or by the Board of Finance or by the Mayor as we go through it.

The answer to the question is that if you look in your oblong book, on page 370, you will get the Budget that the Mayor submitted to the Board of Finance. What you then need is the transmittal letter from the Board of Finance to us which would give you their total.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I will now give Mr. Esposito the Floor and he will begin the Budget presentation.

MR. ESPOSITO: One other piece of information that may add a little confusion to this, but we have really no choice in the matter. I am not sure that every Board Member received a memo dated May 8, 1980 that was sent to Mrs. Hawe and myself from the Board of Finance. In any case, there were two actions taken by unanimous vote at a Special Meeting of the Board of Finance which was held on May 7.

The two actions were the Yerwood Center and they approved \$30,000.00. That's included in that final figure that Mrs. Hawe just gave you. It will not be in either one of the books, however. That's Code 744.3901. When we get to that Section of the Budget, we'll make mention of that. Another one, which is even more important, is the one underneath that; non-union Management employee merit increases. There are about 10 of them, and these 10 merit increases will be included in the Budget line 1110 and none of the books would contain these figures. As we start, even if you have the last Board of Finance book, we are going to have to give you an adjusted number for each one of those departments and I will make note of that as we go through this.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Esposito. First I would like the Record to show that Mrs. Bowlby is now present and we have 34 Members present and 6 absent. Mr. DeLuca, I believe you had another question.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, but just one other question. In their Letter of Transmittal or their Resolution, the Board of Finance indicated that all fuel, telephone and gas is reduced by 10%. Is this because of, hopeful, energy conservation or this because of a price reduction maybe?

MR. ESPOSITO: Their intent is conservation.

MR. DeLUCA: Nothing to do with price.

MR. ESPOSITO: As a matter of fact, we have been told by the Finance Department that the Finance Department itself is assuming an 18 to 20% increase in utilities.

MR. DeLUCA: I have, which I'll bring up as we go through the fuel line by line, recommendations for cuts based on information I received.

MR. CONTI:

While we are still in full control of our mental capabilities and because of the importance of the Board of Education's Budget, I move that we consider said Budget first.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to the motion? SECONDED. There's a second to the motion. We now have a motion on the Floor to take the Board of Education's Budget out-of-order because Mr. Esposito and Mrs. Hawe had indicated that they wanted to proceed by page 1.

It has been MOVED and SECONDED. Is there any discussion on the move to take the Board of Education Budget out-of-order?

MR. ESPOSITO:

I would object to that. I oppose it and I object to the motion being made and even a vote being taken. In the past years, it has always been left up to the discretion of the Chairman of Fiscal to decide the order in which the presentation is going to be made and Mrs. Hawe and myself have decided that the order of the presentation would be in the order in which it appears in the Budget book, and I would like to proceed on that basis.

MR. BLUM: In rebuttal to Mr. Esposito, nowhere in our Rules of the Board does it say how the Budget hearing will be conducted. If a Member of this Board presents us with a motion to take an item out of order, then so shall it be.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would just like to cite the precedence that was set by our previous President, John Wayne Fox, when this issue came up two years ago in granting the discretion to the order in which the presentation is made to the Chairman of Fiscal at that time, and I would hope that the President now would give the same consideration to the Co-Chairmen.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN:

I am looking at the Minutes of last year's meeting and as I recall over the last four years that I have been on the Board, the President of the Board has given such discretion to the Chairman of Fiscal, and I shall Rule that way too.

I truly apologize, Mr. Conti, for not having said immediately that I will Rule in favor. A challenge is perfectly legitimate but I would just like to finish what I am saying.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: (continuing)...In favor of allowing the Chairpeople of Fiscal to determine the order in which they will present the items since we do not have a written Agenda in terms of page 1 going before page 2, page 3. A challenge is legitimate. Mr. Conti.

MR. CONTI: Madam Chairman, I would like to Challenge your decision because we do have 34 Members present here and as the evening progresses, whether it's this evening or tomorrow evening, we may not have that many number in attendance and ready to vote.

I believe, right now, at the start of the Budget hearings because we are fresh mentally. This is the time to take up the most important part.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to the appeal? SECONDED.

MR. ESPOSITO: I have to strongly object to this whole process. We, if we're going to vote on a Budget, if we're going to start out by saying that tomorrow's actions are secondary and that we're not totally sane and awake, that doesn't say much for all the Budgets we consider tomorrow night. We could spend three hours, the next three hours on the Board of Education Budget; then another two hours on the first three or four sections which means that tomorrow when we're all tired, exhausted and not up to our full mental capacities, we're going to consider the Police Department, the Fire Department and \$14 million in Capital projects.

Secondly, Mrs. Hawe and I had not prepared to present the Board of Education Budget tonight. We don't have our documentation here. I don't know where we would begin.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you very much. I just wanted to say that I don't think this is an indication of being disrespectful to the Co-Chairpeople of Fiscal, but I think that we are a Legislative Body here and I would think that if the majority decides to take up a certain specific department tonight, I think that they should be entitled to that.

I also wanted to say that reading over the Minutes of last year, it just so happens that that particular time, we took up the Board of Education's Budget the very first item the very first evening, and again, I don't think it's any disrespect to them and as far as not being prepared, there is no line by line items as there are for the other City departments.

I believe that probably there would be just motions to cut a certain dollar figure because that unfortunately is all that we can do with the Board of Education. We do not have a line-by-line budget as we do with the other departments. I would certainly hope that when we vote on this tonight, it's not because of any disrespectfulness to the Co-Chairmen of Fiscal, but because the will of the majority; how they decide to vote this evening.

MR. BUCCUZZI: I MOVE for a five-minute recess.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. LOST. (15 yes; 18 no.)

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, I'd like to speak against moving the Board of Education up. The reason is very simple. We just got over a meeting about a week and a half or so ago when we discussed URC. A motion was made to move URC to the beginning of the meeting and it was turned down for some reason or other. Now I think if we start juggling the budgets tonight, we're going to be in big trouble. I don't think that whether we here at 2 o'clock in the morning or what, is going to make any difference in the way people vote.

I think if the Chairman of Fiscal has set up a method which he wants, he and she want to present the Budget, then I think this Board should respect their wishes. After all, they're the ones that put the work in on a Budget. They know how they want to present it, and to start changing things can only complicate matters for them.

MR. DeLUCA: I agree with Rep. Esposito. We should stay with precedent. After all, we've been establishing this for the past four years. We also established a precedent for the past four years by taking up the Board of Education first, so why should we change now. A motion has been made. The majority of the people here tonight seem to want to bring the Board of Education up first. I am sorry that the Fiscal Chairman isn't prepared to discuss the Board of Education first tonight.

I have to disagree with Rep. Boccuzzi. We're talking about precedent tonight. We're not talking about what we did last week or the week before. We're talking about establishment of precedent for the past four years. The President says it is up to the Chairman to decide which way he wants to go. By the same token, we have discussed Board of Education first. Let's do it tonight to keep it. If we are going to be consistent, let's be consistent, right or wrong. Let's be consistent. Thank you.

MR. CORBO: Move the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to the motion to move the question. SECONDED. All those in favor of moving the question, please say aye AYE; opposed; MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will vote by use of the machine. The vote is 15 yes; 17 no, the MOTION has LOST.

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. I am appalled that the blood-thirsty people on this Board can't wait to get on to the Board of Education.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I'm giving Mr. Esposito the opportunity to speak.

MR. ESPOSITO: Everyone went "oh" but no one cared about the fact the Fiscal Committee has spent three weeks working on this. We had established an order that we wanted to establish. The majority of the Members of this Board could not respect that.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: There is somebody speaking on a POINT OF ORDER, Mr. Blum, and he will continue until he is finished. Mr. Esposito, please proceed.

MR. ESPOSITO: That the majority of the Members of this Board cannot respect the decision of the Chairpersons as well as the Fiscal Committee to present the Budget in the order in which they choose. I have nothing else to say about that.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE is now in order, Mr. Blum.

MR. BLUM: Thank you, Madam President. I take an affront to what Rep. Esposito has said this evening. I think it's time that we find out who's who around this Board. I remember one year, the first year I came aboard this Board, for an incident that happened to me, I was censured and the then President asked that I give that person an apology. I, through you, the President of this Board, ask for an apology for all present, and don't shake the head.

MR. DeNICOLA: I make a motion for a five-minute recess, please.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? Excuse me, we just voted on the issue of sustaining the Chair. The motion to recess would take precedent over any of them regardless. Mr. DeNicola has moved that we recess, it has been SECONDED. LOST. (voice vote)

We will proceed with the Budget presentation.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Conti, I believe you had a motion.

MR. CONTI: I'd like to repeat now while we are still in full control of our mental capabilities and because of the importance of the Board of Education's Budget, I MOVE we consider said Budget first.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED SECONDED. We will vote by use of the machine to take the Board of Education Budget out of order. This will require a simple majority. I would ask Ms. Bowlby to please change her seat for this evening, to take Mr. Flounders seat as her vote is not registering. The MOTION HAS LOST. 17 yes; 17 opposed.

MR. ESPOSITO: I believe the motion is to accept the Budget proposal of the Fiscal Committee for the Operating Budget a total of \$49,170,055. and we will begin on page 1 with the Registrars of Voters; Code 101.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to make a MOTION at this time to take up the Police Department Budget because there are people here in the audience from the Stamford Citizens' Action Group, who are here for this particular item and I know it probably will be taken up quite late this evening and in all fairness to them, I would like to move at this time to take up the Police Budget.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. HAWES: I'd just like to say that the same argument that hold true for taking the Board of Education Budget out of order, that is, that is, the Fiscal Committee has; its desire to go according to the book; start at the beginning and go right through. The same arguments hold true for this and I would hope that the members defeat this and that we proceed from page 1 and go right through the Budget.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to state that the people here this evening are for the Police Budget. I think it would be fair to them because they did take the time to come here because they are interested. I think it would be unfair to them to have to stay here until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning to see about their particular concern.

MRS. PERILLO: MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? SECONDED. All those in favor, say aye AYE; opposed; MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED.

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF ORDER.

MR. ESPOSITO: During our last discussion a few minutes ago on this, I indicated that I felt the motion was out-of-order because this was a decision of the Chair. I would now like to make that statement again that this is a decision of the Chair; to decide whether she's going to support the Chairpersons of Fiscal or not.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Mr. Esposito, I do quite agree with you. I guess that the normal procedure of accepting a motion to Suspend the Rules kind of supersedes one's role as Chairman of the Budget. I would proceed in that fashion. I would rule your motion out-of-order, Mr. Zelinski and would indicate that Mrs. Hawe and Mr. Esposito have the right to determine the order for this evening. That will be the Rule of the Chair for this item. Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: If that be the case, I would take a vote to over-rule that decision.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? It is SECONDED. We will proceed by use of the machine. We are voting on sustaining the Rule of the Chair which is to support the order as presented by the Chairpeople of Fiscal. Please vote up if you wish to sustain the Chair's decision; please vote down if you do not.

Has everyone voted? Please change Mr. Conti's to a no. We will proceed to a count. The vote is 19 in the affirmative; 14 in the negative. The decision of the Chair has been sustained. We will proceed, Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you. I would like to repeat my motion which will be

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...a running motion that we approve the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee that the Operating Budget be \$49,170,055.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ESPOSITO: We will begin with Code 101 - Registrar of Voters. There is no change in the figures in either book. There are no new personnel. Which book are you in? The old book, you are on page 58; the new book on page 1. There are no expected retirements, no one is leaving the department and the final line on that Budget is:

(Page numbers taken from the book with the Board of Finance figures in it)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Page 001 - Code 101

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 116,717.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will proceed to turn the pages unless someone has a motion to change something recommend by Fiscal or to ask a question about it. Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Proceed to page 61 or page 2:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Page 002 - Code 102

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 77,006.00

Page 63 or page 3:

BOARD OF FINANCE

Page 003 - Code 103

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 83,180.00

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: What does the Conferences and Training consist of?

MR. ESPOSITO: I have to find my back-up. We don't have any back-up on that. I just have to assume that this would have to do with special training conferences that might apply to Finance.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Can I ask another question? The reason I asked that, the Board of Representatives Conferences and Training is \$200.00 while the Board of Finance is \$350.00. Is there any reason why there should be a difference?

MR. ESPOSITO: Apparently Finance conferences are more expensive. I don't know really.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Mr. Wiederlight, through Mr. Esposito to you, we have a right to make up our Budget the same way the Board of Finance and we only applied for that much because we felt that is what we will need. We're not doing anything to try to compare with each other. It's a matter of what is needed and what we think. We're not comparing ourselves with the Board of Finance.

MR. ESPOSITO:

PLANNING BOARD

Page 004 - Code 104

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 154,535.00

You just might note that on page 67, the Statistical Analyst had been cut so that new position will not apply.

ZONING BOARD

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TOTAL APPROVED \$ 44,844.00

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, the vacancy, is that pro-rated for 9 months or has that been filled already?

MR. ESPOSITO: No, that's for a full year.

MR. DeLUCA: Is this vacancy going to be filled by July 1?

MR. ESPOSITO: They indicated it would be.

MRS. CONTI: That is already filled.

MR. ESPOSITO:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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TOTAL APPROVED \$ 21,980.00

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 007 - Code 109 - Fiscal recommended this year as we had done last year, a cut in three of the lines. I know some questions had come up about the Building Board of Appeals. We have checked their print-out and someone has spent \$75.00 from the Building Board of Appeals so we felt that we had to leave the account open. We left them with a final total \$100.00, broken-down in the following manner:

Code 1201 - Overtime account, we cut \$50.00 from that so that that would read \$100.00.

Code 2920 - Advertising, we cut \$25.00 so that would read zero.

Code 2930 - Stationery & Supplies, we cut \$25.00, so that would read zero.

The final amount being \$100.00.

MRS. MATHOCK: We do have someone before the Board of Reps for this position and it does not quite seem right to delete all their stationery, but it does seem strange, since this Board is certainly not very active, to still leave \$100.00 in the overtime. I would suggest that we delete that overtime.

MR. ESPOSITO: We had checked the print-out for this year and what Fiscal had done last year is cut all those other accounts to zero and the only money that has been spent has been spent in the overtime account.

I'm not sure they need stationery or that they even have it.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to know where the overtime is used if you're cutting out practically the whole Board half of what the Mayor requested. The Board of Finance requested \$200.00. You're saying it's a non-existent Board in a sense.

MR. ESPOSITO: I did not say that.

MR. BLUM: It's a Board. Why does it need overtime?

MR. ESPOSITO: To be honest with you, we couldn't find anyone to come and answer that question.

MR. BLUM: Let's give them stationery and advertisement; let them exist as a Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Blum, you still have the Floor.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to make an amendment.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You don't have to make an amendment. You could just move that you cut something.

MR. BLUM: I MOVE that we cut the overtime account to zero and restore advertising.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Make one at a time. You want to move that we cut the overtime to zero. That's one motion. Is there a second to his motion. It has been SECONDED. Is there any discussion on cutting overtime from \$100.00 to zero. Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Blum, but is it your intention to redistribute some of that money to the other lines?

MR. BLUM: That's right. It has to exist as a Board.

MR. ESPOSITO: The reason why we left it in the overtime account is that they don't have any Staff and apparently when they do meet, they must hire someone probably a stenographer or secretary to take minutes, and there's never been any problem about stationery; there's never been any problem about advertising so we felt we could cut those. It might be, if you feel that they need some money in there, and this is only a suggestion, if we are all in agreement

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...that we're going to give this Board \$100.00 you might disperse it among all three categories, but I think it might be unwise to take it all out of the overtime accounts then they wouldn't be able to meet and have a secretary come and take their minutes.

MR. BLUM: I withdraw that and I would like to restore the \$25.00 for the stationery and supplies.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Does the seconder agree?

MRS. MAIHOCK: Yes, I'll withdraw his motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Blum, you said you have another motion. I would like to remind the Board that we have \$100 million Budget. This is a Department the total which is \$100.00. Mr. Blum.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to make a motion to restore \$25.00 to the stationery and supplies.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? There is no second. We will proceed. Right now, Mr. Esposito, you have \$100.00 as the total for the Department. Please proceed to the next page.

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 007 - Code 109 - 1201 Overtime	REDUCED TO	\$	100.00
2920 Advertising	REDUCED TO	\$	- 0 -
2930 Stationery&Supplies	REDUCED TO		- 0 -
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	100.00

MR. ESPOSITO:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Page 008 - Code 110 - We made a cut here from line 2650 which is new equipment. Since one of the positions, the position of secretary had been cut, we felt that we could cut one of the desks and one of the chairs and so the total cut in that line is \$530.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I see there are several questions on that item. If you wish to make an additional cut, then please wait until Mr. Esposito is through with the entire Department because he might be making that cut unless he has finished with all the cuts in Environmental Protection.

MR. ESPOSITO: I have finished with all the cuts.

MRS. CONTI: POINT OF ORDER. I have a minority report on this one.

MRS. CONTI: In addition to the one cut that was made by Fiscal, I would like to recommend an additional under the same new equipment, I would also like to delete one pocket dictaphone and also from the back-up, there was an error in the total of this account.

The new equipment account according to the back-up should have been \$2,024.00 to begin with and not \$2,049.00 so I would delete that.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mrs. Conti, I don't think we really caught everything that you just said. Let's take it one thing at a time.

MRS. CONTI: First of all, from the back-up material, the total of the account is in error. The back-up material gives the new equipment total as \$2,024.00, but the line item in the Budget is \$2,049.00 so we have there an error of \$25.00 which should be deleted.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You're saying that the bottom line total, which is \$69,976.00. Does that reflect the \$2,049.00?

MRS. CONTI: Yes, it does, but it's just an error in copying evidently from what they have in the back-up material to what is on the Budget line.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: So, you are moving that we take another \$25.00 off of that Department? One at a time. Each motion has to be made separately. You want to go from \$1,519.00 to what?

MRS. CONTI: \$1,494.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. DISCUSSION.

MRS. MAIHOCK: If you plan to take away some of the secretarial service for this Board, I think it's certainly a mistake to take away the pocket dictaphone because this Board has an incredible amount of work and if you are not going to provide another secretary...

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mrs. Maihock, this isn't on the pocket dictaphone. This is on a typo error that Mrs. Conti picked up. We are cutting \$25.00 because of an error in the back-up. If there is no discussion on it, let us proceed to a vote. All those in favor of cutting \$25.00 and making \$1,519.00 read \$1,494.00, please say aye, AYE; opposed; the motion is CARRIED.

Line 2650 will read \$1,494.00.

MRS. CONTI: On the same line now, I also want to delete the pocket dictaphone and I want to assure Mrs. Maihock that there are two pocket dictaphones.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: What is your motion?

MRS. CONTI: I would like to delete another \$289.00 for the pocket dictaphone. which would bring the total on that line to \$1,205.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The motion on the Floor is to delete another \$289.00 so that the total on that line comes to \$1,205. Is there a second to that motion? It has been SECONDED. Is there any discussion on the motion? Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'm just curious. How do you know they don't need that pocket dictaphone?

MRS. CONTI: I'm not finished with this report yet. You'll see as I proceed here. I didn't know you had to go one by one.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: If you have a lot of cuts for this particular line, then let's take all the cuts together.

MRS. CONTI: That was the end for that line, but I also wish to cut another line.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We can only take one motion on a line at a time. We will proceed to vote on the motion and the motion is to cut another \$289.00 from line 2650 to bring the total to \$1,205. It's open for discussion once there's a motion.

MRS. LYONS: I would like to recommend that you vote against it. If you look at your page, I don't know if you all have the old book, you will notice that we now have three positions. Before there was only one individual doing the work of this Agency. Two additional positions have been appropriated. All three of these individuals will be out in the field doing work and, therefore, I think it is very necessary that they have pocket dictating equipment. First of all, they can do a lot of what they need to dictate while they are on the site so that they have accurate information and I think this dictating equipment is necessary for that Department. Thank you.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'm still curious, Mrs. Conti, what do you base your decision to cut one pocket dictaphone on?

MRS. CONTI: Because I want to cut the salary account by one of the additional new people. That's why I want to cut the equipment that goes with him.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Perhaps you should have moved to cut the salary account first, Mrs. Conti.

MR. DARER: May I make a statement? I really think the way you're handling these minority reports is rather poor. I think you should allow the same as you allowed Mr. Esposito to make his report, you ought to allow Mrs. Conti to make a report and then come back and make her individual cuts rather than having us go through these gymnastics.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Darer, I do agree with you. Proceed with your whole report. I didn't realize you had so many in that Department.

MRS. CONTI: I wish to cut the salary account, account #110.1110 by \$13,427.00 which is the salary of the new enforcement officer. It was the Director's wish that if we did not give him two new people, he preferred to have the analyst rather than the enforcement officer and I would like to cut that position. Therefore, I proceeded to cut also the pocket dictaphone from the new equipment account because if we don't have the man we don't need the equipment.

I recommend these cuts not because of any lack of concern for the environment but because they are new additions to the Budget and because the present state of the economy is so precarious, it is very likely that the work load in this Department will be declining in the coming fiscal year and they will be able to handle it with two people and they will not need three.

It is less painful to cut expenses before they become existing positions in the Budget than to lay off people after they are hired and I urge you all to support the minority position in this Department. Thank you.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Now, Mrs. Conti, make your motions, please.

MRS. CONTI: I make a motion that we reduce the salary account by \$13,427.00 which would make the adjusted total \$46,216.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY: I would certainly try to encourage my Board Members to vote against this cut. The Environmental Protection Board has been under-staffed since it's inception in 1975. As a result, we have had filling illegally of wetlands throughout Stamford. There has been no way for us to check up on that because we do not have an enforcement officer, and I grant, Mrs. Conti, that it appears to her that the work load is going down; however, when we look at the total land that is left for development in Stamford, most of it does encompass wetlands and this position is very important to this particular Board.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I certainly agree with Barbara McInerney on this because I happen to have a great deal of experience in this as the Chairman of this Committee, and I know the work this EPB handles and it is most important that we have someone there to implement these decisions so that they are properly taken care of. Otherwise, the EPB can make a decision but it may not be properly carried out.

MR. CORBO: I believe that this position can be deleted easily. A few months ago, I asked Commissioner Spaulding to accomplish this position via transfer from the Engineering Department. I think this position needs to be occupied by a professional person who has ability in the Engineering Department. This can be accomplished very easily if they can cooperate with the Engineering Department. The EPB and the Engineering Department should be working together.

MR. DeNICOLA: I think this Department shouldn't have any cuts at all. This Board is going to be very heavily overworked in the future and they are going to be coming back for a lot more money.

MR. DeNICOLA: (continuing)...There is a lot of study needed into this Board so I think we shouldn't cut anything at all.

MR. FAUTEUX: I'd like to voice my opposition to the cut. The Director of this Board gave a very very convincing argument about some of the new Legislation that was coming out; particularly, the Coastal Water Act. A very convincing argument about the things that are on the horizon plus all the sins that we have living with us today. I think it's about time that we faced up to some of these things and staffed this Board properly to prevent some of the flooding, for example, that we've seen; Cold Spring Road in particular. I think there are so many object lessons of what happens when you cut corners and don't face up to something like this.

MR. DONAHUE: I must say that when the first Director of this Department opened the door to his first office, he was already two years behind in the work-load that he faced. To cut this Department is not a good idea at this time nor would it be at anytime in the future.

No matter what happens with our Economy, the concern that we have for our Environment is going to go on. There is not going to be any effect of the Economy on this Department's work-load.

MR. ZELINSKI: I just want to say I am very much in favor of keeping taxes down but in this particular Department, I believe Mr. Lubbers is doing a very fine job. I know that I have spoken to him about problems in my particular district with flooding and Revonah Woods and Vanech Drive. I think he needs all the help that we can give him. I would hope that we don't cut anything from this particular Department.

MR. JOYCE: I understand that in item #110;2650 new equipment...

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Joyce, we are on line 1110 - salaries. If you would like to address the proposed cut there, we would be more than happy to hear what you have to say.

MR. JOYCE: I am not going to talk about salaries. I am going to talk about property.

MRS. LYONS: I would just like to echo what Mr. Fauteux had said. When Mr. Lubbers came before us, he presented a very good logical argument for the necessity of increasing his Staff. We questioned him about various parts of the City and the problems they were having there and he went into detailed analysis of how difficult it has been for him to address all these problems because he is so under-staffed.

Also, if we have an analyst who goes around and determines how various areas of the City will be categorized, but we don't have someone to enforce the permits, and if problems come up in these areas, I feel that the Department will not be as effective as it should be.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will now proceed to a vote on the question which is to cut \$13, 427.00 from line item 1110 to make that line read \$46,216.00. We will vote by use of the machine. Mr. Corbo vote will be changed from yes to no. The MOTION has LOST, 6 yes; 25 opposed.

MRS. CONTI: I will withdraw that. If we are going to have the person, he will need the equipment. I would move the \$25.00 out of there that's an error.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We did. I believe we voted on that. Mrs. Conti, I do quite agree that your minority report should be given intact. You remind me after Mr. Esposito has finished whatever it is he is doing.

MR. JOYCE: I am addressing myself to item 110 - 2650 new equipment. I understand this involves a matter of desks. The question is: should we purchase new desks or use some of the desks in the Willard School which is being vacated. I would strongly recommend, where possible, we utilize the existing furniture in schools which are being closed, and, therefore, save the cost to the taxpayers of buying new desks.

MR. DARER: I'd like to make a motion that we eliminate \$350.00 from the telephone account #2740.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Your motion is to cut \$350.00 from account 2740. Is there a second to that motion? SECONDED. The motion is to cut \$350.00 from account 2740 and it will now read \$1,000.00. It has been Seconded. Any discussion?

MRS. HAWES: I'd like to say that with the increased Staff that this Department is now having, they are going to have increased use for telephones plus possible increases in rates this year. I think that justifies the increase of \$450.00 in that account.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Mr. Darer, how did you come up with \$350.00?

MR. DARER: I don't know that I made a motion, but the point is that if these folks are on the road, as they're supposed to be with their dictating machines, it seems that perhaps they might be able to keep that Budget a little more like it was last year. Most of the local service, which I assume these people use, a good part would be on a fixed rate per telephone and I don't see why we have to jump it from \$900.00 last year to the request of \$1,500.00 which has been cut already. I would just like to cut a little more. Does that explain what you are looking for, Mr. Wiederlight?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Basically, it's a random decision.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd like to ask a question of either Co-Chairperson pertaining to the telephone account. Was any question pertaining to this account and the other telephone accounts within the City pertaining to Centrex and if in the present time, if it's actually cheaper to have Centrex and have separate telephones. Was anything discussed or asked of the Department heads pertaining to that or of Dr. Hoffman?

MRS. HAWE: No, we didn't discuss Centrex as such.

MRS. McINERNEY: I don't know whether any of you are familiar with some of the requests that go before the Environmental Protection Board, but normally, the public will come in and address them and ask them to bring in outside services such as; there's a service upstate that does an environmental analysis of areas free-of-charge but in order to get that service, often times telephone calls are made. I don't know if you've called Hartford lately but you can't talk to Hartford for more than five minutes without it adding up. Certainly with the fact that the telephone company has put in the rate increase as Mr. Zelinski knows since he has sponsored a Resolution to defeat that, I think we should be expecting that our voice in Hartford won't have much with the PUC and the rates will go through. They will need the money in their account next year.

MRS. GUORIAN: I would like it noted by everyone that the Staff has increased from two people to five people. That means more than doubled so that everyone of these accounts are out-of-line. When you more than double the Staff, you don't just increase every other expenditure by \$25.00. Everyone of these accounts are now out-of-line so why shouldn't the telephone account be out-of-line, too. Let them come in for an update all at once for all of the accounts.

Every other account is more realistic with what was originally appropriated. This one should, too.

MR. ESPOSITO: Our logic in approving the \$1,350.00 is based on what their current expenditures are. At this point, they're spending about \$100.00 on their phone bill which would come to approximately \$1,200.00 on this year's rates. Possibly, in the future, it might raise that even higher. That's why we figured \$1,350.00 was a fair amount.

MRS. HAWE: I'd just like to point out to Mrs. Guorian, the new secretary is no longer in this Department. That was cut out by the Mayor.

MR. DeNICOLA: MOVE THE QUESTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

We will proceed to a vote which is to cut \$350.00 from line 2740 telephone which would bring the sum to \$1,000.00. We will vote by use of the machine.

The vote is 17 in the affirmative; 13 in the negative. The motion has been CARRIED.

MR. JOYCE: I would like to MOVE that we delete the sum of \$1,052.00 from line 110.2650 new equipment on the desks.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: \$1,494.00 is what account #2650 reads. Mr. Joyce, do you have a motion to make?

MR. DARER: I'm just paraphrasing what Mr. Joyce said because I was about to make the same motion. On new equipment line 110,2650, I would like to make a motion to reduce that line by \$1,052.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You're reducing the \$1,494.00 that is there right now, because we have already cut that amount. You are reducing that further by how much?

MR. DARER: \$1,052.00 to total \$442.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: That motion has been SECONDED. We have a motion on the floor to cut \$1,052.00 from that line item account for a total of \$442.00. You may speak first on the motion, Mr. Darer.

MR. DARER: I'm suggesting that we eliminate the two desks and two chairs. I think that Mr. Joyce has an excellent point that rather than going out and buying new equipment, inasmuch as schools are being closed, that we allocate that equipment from existing facilities and rather than the Board of Education selling it for junk somewhere. I think we can use it in the City.

MRS. HAWE: I'd like to bring to Mr. Darer's attention that Fiscal has already cut one of those desks and one of those chairs out. When we recommended a \$530.00 cut, that was to represent one desk and one chair.

MR. DARER: I'd like to change my motion in that case, to make it in half to \$526.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Does the seconder agree? Yes, she does.

MR. DARER: I MOVE to delete \$526.00 changing the new total to \$968.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ESPOSITO: This is an excellent idea. I would just ask a question. Does either Mr. Darer or Mr. Joyce know for a fact that there are desks at Willard School that could be used by the Environmental Protection Board? Do we know for a fact that these desks are not slated to be used in another school in replacing old desks in some of the other schools in the school system? Do we know for a fact that the Environmental Protection Board can get them from the school system. Before we cut the seat out right from underneath a particular person, I think we should have definite affirmative answers to those questions. Otherwise, we are simply taking a guess at it and we have a person who we have hired at \$13,000.00 who has no seat and no desk.

MR. BLUM: Seems to me that's an awful lot of money for one desk and one chair; 500 and some odd dollars. I can always say if we are to try it and we cut it out and there's no such desk, they can always come back for an additional appropriation.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd like to again ask, through you, to one of the Co-Chair-people, I remember last year the point was raised the Government had surplus equipment. I was wondering if that had been explored with either the Purchasing Agent or any of the Department heads pertaining to getting some of this surplus equipment to use for the specific departments?

MR. ESPOSITO: I would like to make another point. The general point about a lot of cuts that might be suggested and that is that the Board of Finance ultimately has the power to set the mill rate and part of that process that they go through is to set a contingency fund. I would just suggest that as the Board Members make suggestions tonight for cutting that they be aware of the fact that if the Board of Finance feels that we make a cut which is not going to stick, that they will simply put that amount in a contingency fund and it will have no effect on the tax rate. So, if the Board of Finance in their judgement feels that the \$530.00 is going to come back to the City, they will put that \$530.00 in the contingency fund and we will be taxed for it anyway. All we're really doing then is dragging out the paperwork and the process and spending time, not only our time, by the time of the people on the EPB, the entire Finance Department to process this additional appropriation.

MR. ZELINSKI: I don't think my question was answered pertaining to the surplus equipment.

MR. ESPOSITO: When you brought it up, I was under the impression you were going to follow through on it.

MR. ZELINSKI: No, I was asking if you had asked if that was followed up through whoever it was; the Purchasing Department or whoever. The same question was raised last year. I was just wondering if it was brought up in your deliberations.

MR. ESPOSITO: No, it hasn't.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'm not criticizing, I'm just asking.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: To Mr. Esposito, I don't think we can operate here tonight in all good conscience and scrutinize this Budget with the thought in the back of our minds, well gee, maybe the Board of Finance is going to restore something that we cut, in a contingency fund. That cannot be a thought in our minds of paramount importance. Of paramount importance to us should be the conscientious scrutiny of the Budget with the eye toward frugality, but yet prudent spending, and if the Board of Finance thinks that we did something that will come back to haunt us or look for money, then fine. It is their right to do so, but on the other hand, we've got to do what's right and not think of that first.

MR. DARER: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight. I couldn't agree with you more. I was about to make the same statement. I also would like to mention that I understand that the Board of Education has stacks and stacks of desks in storage at the Belldown School and other places. I think that part of our role as Legislators this evening and in every Budget session is to try to, as the previous Fiscal Boards have done, encourage the City administrators to use a little more creativity rather than just coming in for new desks and new chairs, and the fact that we may raise this in this particular Department and maybe in ten others is not meant to be difficult to the City but rather

MR. DARER: (continuing).. encourage them to use the resources that they already have perhaps in storage in other places rather than coming to us for new equipment. New equipment is very expensive and if there is existing fine equipment sitting somewhere in a school in storage, let them use a little of their creativity to take this equipment and use it when they need it rather than having it just sit there and gather dust.

MR. FAUTEUX: I'd like to take issue with Mr. Darer on this. You notice such interspersion between all of his comments as "if, maybe, perhaps." I'd hate to be the recipient of some "hand-down" stuff that's coming out of the Board of Ed. You can be sure it's pretty much worked over before it even gets to the storage area.

I think if Mr. Darer is really concerned about the availability of this equipment, it's fundamental to look at it beforehand and not to raise it before us at this particular point in time.

MRS. LYONS: I would just like to make two points. First of all, we have two new positions. We have already cut out one desk and one chair; therefore, we now have one desk and one chair for two people.

Secondly, I would like to second what Mr. Esposito said about the contingency fund. The way I look at it, the purpose of our being here today is to minimize as much as we can the mill rate and if we're simply going to move money around from one fund to the other, I don't think it's going to be very effective for the people, and I think we do have to take into consideration what exactly our cut is and where exactly it's going to go and if indeed, it is going to be effective on the mill rate or if we're just moving money around.

MRS. SIGNORE: I would rather have EPB come back for funds for equipment if needed. I think it's generally known that if a Board or Commission is given a full amount or over-funded that the tendency is to spend it all.

MRS. SANTY: I take exception to the remark that we're here just to move money around. I'm not here to move money around. I'm here because I'm considering the taxpayers and I'm considering this Budget. I'd be very happy to have "hand-me-down" stuff and I think in this time of inflation, all the Boards have to use "hand-me-down" stuff because they're concerned about their pocketbooks. If it's possible they could use some equipment that's in storage somewhere, then we should all attempt to do that instead of putting in for new equipment. I whole-heartedly agree with Mr. Darer.

MR. JOYCE: I would like to re-enforce what Mr. Darer and Mrs. Santy have said. It is obvious on this Board there is a division between Fiscal conservatives and Fiscal liberals if one wants to put it that way. I happen to be in the camp with the Fiscal conservatives. This point of utilization of equipment is very fundamental. I happen to represent a district which is a working-class district, and taxes and the way we spend money is very important to these people. Maybe where Mr. Fauteux comes from, it is not so important. Everyone is not an executive in this corporation, in this district, in this Town and everyone does not make large salaries and, therefore, I must take into consideration the wishes and the background of my constituents. I am really surprised that a former member of the Stamford Taxpayers' Association is talking...

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Joyce, we are not going to talk personalities. We have a big enough problem talking budgets.

MR. DeLUCA: I am really amazed at some of the comments here tonight. It seems that the people who seem to be favoring cuts or concern for the citizens of Stamford are being called "blood-thirsty" or we are here tonight just to move money around. Some people resent the fact that a department has to have "hand-me-downs". Even in private industry, we pass on "hand-me-downs" to vice-presidents coming into a firm or managers coming into a firm. Let us not forget that even with our own children we have "hand-me-downs" so why can't we have "hand-me-downs" to new personnel coming on board? I support Mr. Darer's cut and I hope the rest of us do tonight.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'm a little concerned also about the comments of moving money around and contingency funds. I would sincerely hope that when we finish up, whether it be this evening or tomorrow evening, and we send this final Budget to the Board of Finance, I would think and I would certainly and sincerely hope that they would get the message that we are concerned with taxes and we did not meet two days, possibly until 2 o'clock in the morning here tonight and tomorrow, just to transfer funds and I would hope that when set the mill rate on Thursday, they do not allocate funds that we cut to be put into a contingency fund where the taxes are going to be up. I would hope that they would get the message that the cuts were made for a reason. We don't want them to come back unless as was mentioned, it would be an additional appropriation where it would be shown that all other avenues had been explored before the time is spent especially in the times of inflation when our taxpayers in Stamford have to tighten their belt; departments have to tighten their belt too.

MRS. PERILLO: MOVE THE QUESTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED. We will now vote on the motion. The MOTION is CARRIED. 21 yes; 10 opposed.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Before I make any motions, I would like to question line 110.2923 Photo copying. I note that last year we made no allocation and this year they are looking for \$1,386.

MR. ESPOSITO: Last year that was in the account right below it .2930 stationery and supplies; you will note that stationery and supplies has been cut by approximately \$1,100. Photo copying has its own line now.

MR. CONTI: I'd like to make an observation on that. I can't see how the Environmental Protection Board is going to protect the environment by producing 45,738 sheets of paper. That's what it comes to at that price. I'd like to make a MOTION to cut that in half.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I don't understand the cut. Is he trying to protect the Environment or is he saying that they don't have to write letters or make reports. If you're going to cut the line, how are they going to protect the environment? These people need something to operate with. How are they going to make their reports and whatnot.

MR. JOYCE: There are two ways in which a secretary can make copies. One is to use tissue paper where she makes a copy when she types it. The other is a Xerox. I think what Mr. Conti is saying is use carbons.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The motion is to cut \$693.00 from line item 2923. MOVED and SECONDED. We will vote by use of the machine. The vote is 14 in the affirmative; 15 in the negative. The motion has been LOST.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

Page 008 - Code 110 - 2650 New equipment-equip.	REDUCED TO	\$	968.00
2740 Telephone	REDUCED TO	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	68,545.00

SEWER COMMISSION

Page 009 - Code 112 - The bottom line is \$34,590.00. No cuts.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would just like to ask a question. I noticed they too have equipment here. What is that for?

MR. ESPOSITO: The purchase of a secretarial chair.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: If there is no motion, we will proceed. Do you want to make a motion, Mrs. Maihock?

MRS. MAIHOCK: I make a motion that they also investigate supplies that are now available and that it be cut at this point. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The motion is to cut \$115.00 and it has been SECONDED. We will vote by use of the machine. The vote is 20 in favor; 10 opposed. MOTION HAS BEEN CARRIED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Line item 2650 will read zero. We need a new bottom line.

SEWER COMMISSION

Page 008 - Code 112.2650 New equipment-equip. REDUCED TO \$ - 0 -
TOTAL APPROVED \$ 34,475.00

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Page 010 - Code 113 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 75,693.00

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 011 - Code 114 - We made a number of cuts in this Department. Actually, only one Code 114.1130 Part-time account; we cut by \$9,190.00. That should read \$22,000.00.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to know the rationale by which they cut the \$9,000.00 off the part-time workers in the Commission on Aging. A lot of their out-reach workers are part-time workers. Can you tell me the rationale by which you cut that?

MRS. HAWES: If you look on page 84 where the salaries are listed, the Program Director, who is working full-time now, had been working part-time 30 hours a week at Stamford Manor for a yearly salary of \$9,190.00. Since he or she is full-time, that \$9,000.00 does not need to be in there for that Program Director's part-time salary since the full-time salary is in there.

MR. BLUM: Did you add the \$11,000.00 or is that in the salary account?

MRS. HAWES: That's already in there, Mr. Blum. It was a duplication.

MR. DeLUCA: Why the big increases in the overtime and car allowance from prior years?

MRS. HAWES: For the overtime, they have extra drivers now because of the new Dial-A-Ride buses that we've gotten through the UMTA grant. These accounts in the Commission on Aging that have to do with those Dial-A-Ride buses that come through the UMTA grant, are reimbursed from the Federal Government and this increase in the overtime account which has to do with the drivers for those buses are Federally funded through the UMTA grant.

MR. DeLUCA: This means that we will be getting reimbursed for this.

MRS. HAWES: Yes, it comes back from the Federal Government.

MR. DeLUCA: The car allowance; why from \$1,800.00 up to \$4,160.00. Little over 200% increase.

MRS. HAWES: We had been given a list of the people who get the overtime. What had happened in previous years was that not all the people that were entitled to it had been getting it. Most of this is a correction of that inequity.

MR. DeLUCA: Car allowance is inequities of prior years?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, all the people that had been entitled to car allowance had not been getting it.

MR. DeLUCA: What is the car allowance for? Per diem or mileage?

MRS. HAWE: The two administrators get \$ 3.00 a day; dispatchers when they go to the garage involved in their work get \$ 4.00, their out-reach people who go into the Community to find the senior citizens there who are not aware of programs that are available to them, there are custodians that work at Stamford Manor and Quintard and divide their time between the two places and get car allowance for driving from one place to the other. The municipal gent gets a car allowance and we added this up; we verified it.

MR. ESPOSITO: We verified this at \$4,160.00.

MRS. SANTY: Would you explain the new equipment and right underneath that the service equipment contracts.

MR. ESPOSITO: The equipment service contracts are for two-way radios they have in the vans. The new equipment allows for the purchase of a calculator for \$130.00, 4 cabinets for \$864.00, and 1 air-conditioner for \$390.00.

MR. DARER: I'd like to make a motion that we delete \$864.00 from line 2650 - new equipment.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: What does that come to, Mr. Darer?

MR. DARER: May I make a suggestion? If we're trying to do our job here tonight, we have loads of people here with calculators who aren't analyzing the budget, but who can use a calculator. I think if a Member of the Board makes a recommendation that an item be reduced, he also shouldn't be obligated to do the mathematics. That is disconcerting and since there are people who can do it, you might just ask someone who has a calculator, "what does that come to".

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Everyone sitting here has a role to do tonight in relation to this. When you make a motion, you can tell us the amount cut and the amount it comes to. I think that's fair and part of the motion. Your motion is to cut \$864.00 from line 2650 for a total of \$520.00. Is there a second? SECONDED. Discussion?

MRS. MAIHOCK: Does anyone know if that means file cabinets or other types of cabinets because it could mean a difference. If it's other types of cabinets, they wouldn't be in a surplus material, but if they're file cabinets, possibly they would be. Is there any information on that?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, they're referred to as locked cabinets.

MR. BLUM: Can you give us a list of the new equipment that is being requested?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Esposito, have you already told us what is being purchased?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We are going to have to, if it's already been determined, I would like to proceed. We cannot repeat the same thing over and over again.

The question on the Floor is to delete \$864.00 from line item 2650 for a total of \$520.00. We will vote by use of the machine.

The vote is 20 in favor; 13 opposed. THE MOTION IS CARRIED. Line item 2650 should read \$520.00.

MR. ESPOSITO: The new bottom line total is \$233,558.00.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 010 - Code 114 - 1130 Part-time	REDUCED TO	\$	22,000.00
2650 New equipment	REDUCED TO	\$	520.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	233,558.00

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Page 012 - Code 115 - We cut \$160.00 from code 115.1220 car allowance. The reason for that being that the person who would be getting the car allowance would be the investigator and we not quite sure that they are going to be able to hire the investigator at this point. We felt that we wanted to cut the \$160.00. That line would then read \$890.00.

MR. DeLUCA: If we're not sure we are going to be hiring the investigator right away, how come there are no cuts in the salary?

MR. LIVINGSTON: I will speak to this. The reason why we did not reflect a cut in salary was because the director of that Commission came before us and she explained in a detailed way, the kind of back-log they had in the past and the point they are at now. They need this person as soon as possible and they are going to try and bring this person on board right away. The cut we made in the car allowance was very minute and it reflects just a few weeks, perhaps a month into the future. The Fair Rent Commission has a terrible back-log and recognizing that, we moved in that direction.

MR. DeLUCA: In the near future, is it next month, two months? Has the job been advertised? It has. They went through personnel.

MR. ESPOSITO: She has a list. She is going through the list now. She's interviewing people from a list which has been provided to her by the Personnel Department.

MRS. MAHOCK: I would like to know how many clerk-typists are presently in the Fair Rent Commission.

MR. ESPOSITO: One.

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Page 012 - Code 115 - 1220 Car allowance	REDUCED TO	\$	890.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	43,510.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION

Page 013 - Code 116

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 17,910.00

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

Page 014 - Code 119

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 1,270.00

PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 015 - Code 120

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 500.00

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SECTION TOTAL

\$ 973.823.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENTMAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 017 - Code 201

MR. CONTI: I'd like to MOVE that we consider taking up the Board of Education Budget.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. LOST. The vote was 16 in favor; 16 opposed.

MR. BOCCUZZI: If you want to vote, stay in your seat. Once the machine passes your light, you don't vote. That's why the lights are different up there for what is coming out on the machine.

MRS. GUROIAN: A ROLL CALL VOTE, please.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED. The Clerk will call the Roll.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Betty Conti
Grace Guroian
Stanley Darer
Everett Pollard
Patrick Joyce
Doris Bowlby
Michael Wiederlight
Lois Santy
Philip Stork
Anthony Conti
Robert DeLuca
Fiorenzo Corbo
Paul Dziezyc
Mildred Perillo
David Blum
John Zelinski
Mary Jane Signore
Vincent DeNicola

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

Barbara McInerney
John Roos
Marie Hawe
Audrey Maihock
Moira Lyons
Annie Summerville
Jeremiah Livingston
Mary Lou Rinaldi
Gerald Rybnick
Donald Donahue
John Boccuzzi
Richard Fasanelli
Robert Fauteux
Handy Dixon
Sandra Goldstein

ABSENT

Burt Flounders
Lathon Wider
John Hogan
Ralph Loomis
John Kunsaw
Alfred Perillo

ABSTAIN

Paul Esposito

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The vote is 18 yes; 15 no and 1 abstention. THE MOTION IS CARRIED. We will discuss the Board of Education Budget.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MRS. HAWE: I'd like to give a brief rationale as to why Fiscal Committee recommended a cut of \$400,000. Actually, it was a consensus of the Committee. It was a consensus of five members of the Committee. There were six members there on Saturday; 1 member abstained; the other five of us came to a consensus of \$400,000.

Some of the members would have liked to see a little larger, some a little less cuts, but this was a consensus. Taking the Budget the Board of Ed had last year with figures subtracted for the closing of Willard School and for the declining enrollment and the additions to the Budget due to anticipated inflation, increased insurance costs, salary increases, we figured that \$400,000. was approximately 40% of the increase from last year. I shouldn't say \$400,000. was; \$400,000. plus the \$850,000. - cut by the Board of Finance, those totalled together was approximately 40% of the increase over last year. We felt that this was reasonable to expect the Board of Education to make this amount up in productivity increases and conservation. That was basically the rationale for the \$400,000. cut.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: What number should the line read?

MRS. HAWE: As recommended by Fiscal, the line that says Board of Education should read \$41,727,313.

MRS. CONTI: Minority Report: I am recommending a \$2,000,000. cut for the Board of Education which is approximately 5%. The taxpayers cannot afford to continue supporting so massive a structure with continually declining enrollment.

While we have no line item control over educational spending, my rationale for this amount is that all of the following could be eliminated without detriment to any student. None of these recommendations affect the teacher-pupil relationship or ratio that is presently enjoyed in our School System.

I would eliminate these program changes:

1. The all day kindergarten program. The day after this appeared in the paper, I received 5 irate constituent calls expressing opposition to this experiment. It will cost us a \$137,378. .
2. The Westover-Burdick expansion - \$77,098.. This expanded program which has not yet been comprehensively evaluated and thus should not be expanded until proven effective.

MRS. CONTI: (continuing)...

3. Additional maintenance staff; now that we are closing and returning schools, it is not the time to increase maintenance staff, there being fewer and fewer buildings to maintain. That's budgeted for \$48,445.

7. Program change - Community Education: Frankly, it is the function of compulsory education to instruct children through high school or to the age of 16. Educating the Community is the function of the news media and I think they do it quite adequately without costing the taxpayers \$21,661.

11. Program Change - Adult Career Development Service: This is a duplication of services being performed by other agencies such as CTE and we can eliminate the \$16,598. for that.

21. Program Change - Psychology Masters' Interns at a price of \$10,400. Frankly, I object to anyone's children be used as guinea pigs for intern psychologists. Are the parents of the Community agreeable to this experimentation with their children?

That much in program changes would bring us up to \$311,580. There are other areas that could be eliminated. When the Board of Education came before us, I asked them about the inventory of instructional supplies at the warehouse and the answer was that they start out with about \$300,000. at the beginning of the year and right now, they are down to \$60,000. which would indicate that they spend about \$300,000. a year or \$30,000. a month for ten months of the school year which seems reasonable.

But, out of curiosity, I add the instructional supplies appropriations for all the 56 programs in the new Budget and I came up with over \$6,000. for 1980-81 and it seems to me if they only used \$300,000. and we have a declining enrollment, they shouldn't need anymore than \$300,000. for next year. I certainly think we can eliminate \$300,000. there without harming anyone.

We have the Curriculum and Instruction program #53. That's directed from the Central Administration and it costs us \$564,940. has no direct bearing on the education of children. If it does anything at all, it probably impedes the progress of the local school administrators and staff. And, if that were eliminated, \$564,940. would be saved there.

Program #54 - Research and Development: Price tag at \$369,049. and that's the program responsible for the Feeder Plan which so polarized the Community we almost had a revolution. That might be better done away with at a cost of \$369,049.00.

Program #52 - Staff Development: This frill cost \$270,788. and it's teachers teaching teachers rather than pupils. And, like all the others, it is just a make-work program for Staff which have become excessive due to declining enrollments.

It is easy to understand that the Board is reluctant to lay off Staff. Compassion is the most commendable virtue but it is time we extended it to the long-suffering taxpayers who can no longer afford to finance these frills which haven't the remotest connection with the basic function of the education of children.

MRS. CONTI: (continuing)...These luxuries total \$1,816,357. and the final \$180,000. could be easily made-up by general economies in all areas and should be. If the majority motion of Fiscal fails, I request to be recognized to make a minority motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Since the motion on Fiscal will not be voted on, if you have a motion to make, feel free to make it as part of your minority report

MRS. CONTI: I believe it's proper to have the majority motion acted on first.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: No, Mrs. Conti, it is a running motion. If there is no other motion made during the Fiscal Committee Report, the \$400,000.00 proposed cut by Fiscal will stand. If you have motion, now is the time to make it.

MRS. CONTI: I will MOVE for a \$2,000,000. cut or approximately 5% of the Board of Education budget. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It has been SECONDED. The motion on the Floor is to cut \$2,000,000. from the Board of Education's budget which would bring it to \$40,127,313.

Are you asking, Mrs. Conti, for a \$2 million cut on top of the \$400,000. cut?

MRS. CONTI: No, I was asking for the \$2 million rather than the \$400,000.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I just have one question. Mrs. Conti, in your cuts, are you sure these programs or part of these programs weren't cut by the Board of Finance in their \$800,000.00? What I'm asking you, are you making a double cut?

MRS. CONTI: Neither the Board of Finance nor we have control over line items. We can only recommend.

MR. BOCCUZZI: What I'm trying to put forth, if you bought a \$2 million cut more than the Board of Finance has, then you should have \$2,800,000. because you also have to include their \$800,000.

MR. ESPOSITO: Mrs. Conti's presentation included the figure of \$300,000. for Instructional Supplies. It is true that when the Board of Education was here last week, Mrs. Conti did ask them what their inventory is at the beginning of the school year and they stated it was approximately \$300,000. The inventory at the end of the school year was approximately \$60,000.00, but what was missing in that presentation was the fact that it is a floating inventory. They don't have all their inventory at the start of the school year. They start the school year with \$300,000. There are deliveries throughout the school year so that, I believe the premise on which she based a part of that cut, was the \$300,000. can be cut from Instructional Supplies and that is not true.

The remaining \$300,000. is delivered throughout the year and that should be reconsidered.

MR. ESPOSITO: I have a general comment about many of the other cuts which reflects my personal philosophy about how we as a Legislative Body should handle this. We may make suggestions as to what cuts can be made in the Board of Education Budget. It is our Fiscal prerogative to try to present a figure which the City of Stamford can afford in our judgement.

However, we have to be very careful in terms of what we suggest that the Board of Education cut in terms of programs. We, as Members of the Legislative Body, should be very careful in that process. There is one thing that we should all remember and that is, that the nine members of the Board of Education who make-up this Budget are directly answerable to the Public. They are all elected. They are elected on a City-wide basis which none of us can say. Therefore, they must answer these questions about policy. They must deal with the questions about their budget. They must deal with the questions about their programs. They must deal with the questions about the Feeder Plan in a direct confrontation with the Public every three years.

This is the only Budget we deal with that the people who are involved in the budget making process are answerable to the Public. Therefore, we have to be more trusting of the Budget the Board of Education gives us. They have to answer to a higher authority and that high authority is the voters. That is not the case in any of the other budgets because the other budgets are presented by Civil Service employees. They are presented by Department Heads who are not answerable to anyone but the Mayor and, therefore, we have to exercise more Fiscal control there. The bottom line is that we should exercise a minimum amount of control over the Board of Education and come up with a figure that represents what the Stamford Taxpayers can pay in any one year.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We have no right as a Board of Representatives to determine how the Board of Education will be cut. What Mrs. Conti related were her opinion of what could go. They can't control what the Board of Education will ultimately cut. We will vote on a figure and ultimately approve a figure to cut from the Board of Education and then the Board of Education will reallocate the monies any way they see fit. That is their right under the State. I just want that to be clear. It is not a line item budget that we're dealing with now. It is just a line.

MRS. GUROIAN: If Mr. Esposito would turn to the cover of the Budget in front of him, he would read "Mayor's Recommended Operating and Capital Budget". That is the Mayor's Budget. That is not the Department Heads' Budget. Just as the Board of Education Members are elected, the Mayor is elected and he is responsible for his Budget. So it is the same thing. Department Heads are Civil employees, yes, but they don't present the Budget. The Mayor presents the Budget.

I'm voting in favor of the \$2 million cut. I know perfectly well that we do not have line by line control over the budget. Mrs. Conti's recommendations were only recommendations and I'm voting especially for the \$2 million cut because it brings it more in line with the original appropriation that was given them last year.

MRS. GUROIAN: (continuing)...It seems to me with closing schools and a declining school population that they should be able to keep within the Budget allocation that was allotted to them last year and I'm voting for it for that reason.

MR. LIVINGSTON: In order to expedite time, I feel that we are all in a position to say whether we agree with Mrs. Conti or not. Therefore, I MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: If anyone wants to make a motion to move the question, they must do it prior to making any statements.

MR. BLUM: I have before me a letter that was sent to you by an organization that talks about not voting upon this Budget at all for reasons given; simply because of certain practices of their hiring and promotional practices in the Board of Education has not been at yet resolved.

I don't think the kind of information we had asked on this Board of Representatives has yet to come to us. I also know and we've all heard of what the General Assembly talked of in lowering the amount of funds that come from the State to the Board of Education. I now know that the greatest portion of monies come from the taxpayers taxes, here in the City of Stamford, that this \$41 million is mostly the taxpayers money from the City of Stamford.

And, yes, because this is so-called an autonomous Body, a State Body we can not vote on what they call the line items. I hope that someday in the State Legislature this will be changed; where the Cities will be able to vote on line items on the Board of Education. It is a long time coming. As it was said this evening by Mrs. Guroian, this is the Mayor's Budget, not the Board of Education's budget and we are now acting as City Legislators on this Budget. I, therefore, approve of the \$2 million cut only because of what I've seen and the discriminatory practices that go on in the Board of Education and what happened with us in the downtown area where this Feeder Plan became a confrontation of the entire City of Stamford as to where we are to educate our children.

I say we are entitled to equal education whether you live in downtown Stamford, East Side, West Side, North Side or anyplace. This is the City of Stamford and all children are entitled to equal education.

MR. DARER: MOVE the question. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will vote by machine. The vote is 28 in favor of moving the question and 5 opposed to moving the question. The question has been MOVED.

MRS. PERILLO: I voted to move the question but it is very important and there are a few other people who would like to speak. I would like to have a reconsideration of the vote.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mrs. Perillo, the motion to reconsider is a proper motion for moving the question. Did you vote on the prevailing side? Is there a second to the motion to reconsider. It has been MOVED and SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: (continuing)...There is no discussion on this as the main motion on the Floor does not permit any discussion. The motion is on reconsidering the motion to move the question. We will vote by use of the machine. Vote up to reconsider; vote down for no.

The vote is 19 in the affirmative; 12 in the negative. The motion to reconsider has been CARRIED.

The motion on the Floor is to MOVE the question. I am going to proceed to a vote on moving the question. Those in favor, vote up for yes; those opposed to moving the question, vote down for no. The \$2 million question.

There are several changes. The Chair wishes to change to a yes and Mr. Rybnick wishes to change. You voted yes, you wanted it changed to no? He wants to leave it as it is. The vote is 7 in the affirmative; 23 in the negative. The question is NOT MOVED.

MR. JOYCE: As the only Member of this Board who has served both on the Board of Education and on the Board of Representatives, I'd like to comment on what Mr. Esposito has said.

I have been before that higher authority and ran City-wide with one of the largest pluralities in the last 25 years winning for the Board of Education. I am familiar with the activities and the budget process of the Board of Education. Let me say this. It is just amazing to me that in this particular time, when I was on the Board of Education in the late sixties, we had 21,000 pupils in the system and now we have approximately 15,300.

It is amazing to me that this Budget has not been appropriately adjusted. You cannot attribute the change; in other words, it's a question of serving clients. I am going to tell you a little bit about the maneuverings on the budget process on the Board of Education. It is not fair and while it is unfortunate that we cannot go line to line. The same battle was fought out in the Board of Representatives while I was on the Board of Education. It was resisted on the grounds that the Board of Education was a state agency. This is not a new battle, but the only way that our Board can address itself to this question and the question must be addressed because what I have seen happening over the years is the build-up of an educational lobby which in effect is not in the best interest of the City of Stamford. Not only have we a disproportion factor in terms of the cost of operating our System, but we have had a packing of Staff positions. We have the highest ratio of Administrative personnel to students in the entire State. This is something which is intolerable. I think it is about time this Board, and I'm not saying that we should and I'm going to address myself to the fact that the Board of Education should not reallocate any budget cuts we make; either it stops sports' programs which was tried during my term of office or cut into special education or go against services to the minorities or the downtown areas.

They should address their cuts to taking out the "dead-wood" in the Administrative Staff within the Department. That is where most of your salaries and basically the situation is. We have to return ourselves to the teaching to the teachers, supervision to the principals and get rid of half of these administrators and so-called experts, consultants and everything else that we got packed into these schools and give the teachers some room to do some functioning of the old-time teaching methods. The only way we are going to do

MR. JOYCE: (continuing)...that is a weeding job which means in effect, Staff reductions in the Board of Education. When we're talking about reductions in salary, we're giving as direct a line of command as we can give speaking for the citizens and taxpayers as we can by cutting this budget. Let's not get the idea that we're doing anything which is not in the interest of the pupils.

We are doing something and I think the only way we can come to grips with this problem of expanding educational lobby, is by cutting this budget. I heartedly endorse the idea of the \$2 million cut and I think the Board of Education can easily take this and believe me, with the way that they have the time to secrete monies in various nooks and crannies, there is no reason that the fundamental education of the pupils in our school system should suffer. Let's have productivity.

MR. BOCCUZZI: MOVE the question. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The question is MOVED. The motion is to cut \$2 million from the Board of Education budget. We are proceeding to a vote to cut \$2 million from the Board of Education budget to bring it to a total of \$40,127,313. We will use the machine.

The vote is 19 in the affirmative; 14 in the negative. I wish the record to state that Mr. Donahue has abstained from this vote. The motion to cut \$2 million has been approved and the Board of Education Budget will read \$40,127,313.00.

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TOTAL APPROVED

\$40,127,313.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. I would like the record to show that I am strongly opposed to this cut of the Board of Education and I am sure the people that I represent will be highly affected by it and I would like for them to know that I take this stand openly.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: We voted a \$2 million cut in the Board of Education budget and this is just something to think about. Maybe we didn't either vote enough or we voted too much. Did we go far enough to properly cut the budget to maybe force them to cut a school so that they could pool their resources or did we cut too much over the \$400,000. where they cannot, with the plant that they have, adequately educate the children. That's the question you have before you at this point.

MRS. HAWK: Before we move on to General Government, there are two other items under the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Page 152 - Code 820 Non-public School transportation.

TOTAL APPROVED

\$ 501,022.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Page 153 - Code 840 Food Service program.

TOTAL APPROVED

\$ 28,700.

SECTION TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

\$40,657,035.

MR. ZELINSKI: At this present time, I would like to make a motion to take-up the Police Department's budget.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I am going to rule the motion out-of-order as I did before and as it was sustained before because I think that the Chairman of the Committee should proceed now in order.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to over-rule you.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You would like to appeal my decision. Is there a second to that motion to appeal. No, there isn't. Please proceed, Mr. Esposito.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 017 - Code 201 - the final total is \$141,084.

MR. DARER: I'd like to make a motion to reduce item 2914 - Annual Reports by \$6,000.00. I beg your pardon. I withdraw my motion.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 017 - Code 201 TOTAL APPROVED \$ 141,084.

TOWN AND CITY CLERK

Page 018 - Code 210 - the final total is \$226,006.

MRS. PERILLO: I would like to ask Mr. Esposito is that a correct amount that that telephone account was cut only by \$ 5.00. #2740.

MR. ESPOSITO: Apparently that's what the Board of Finance decided to do. Their logic was to cut 10%. 10% would be \$21.00. I don't know why it came out to \$21.88.

MR. JOYCE: On the equipment, do we have desks, chairs, tables, file cabinets?

MRS. HAWK: Under new equipment, it's an intercom for the front counter. Mrs. PontBriant said that it will greatly increase their productivity and it's a great time saver.

MR. JOYCE: I would expect we might have an intercom taken out of one of the schools. Next line is the rental of equipment #2651.

MR. ESPOSITO: #2651 is Xerox 3100 Contract - 12 months at \$160.00 for a total of \$2,010.00. This is a special type of Xerox machine which is income producing. Produces certain documents that the Town Clerk processes.

MR. CONTI: 210.5430 Fees - hunting and licenses. Why does it cost us \$7,500.00?

MR. ESPOSITO: We have to transfer some of that money to the State. There has to be a line item so that it's an expense. We retain only \$ 1.00 per license and the rest is sent up to the State.

MR. CONTI: If we charge the people for the licenses, what happens to that money?

MR. ESPOSITO: If we charge the people for the licenses, part of the money goes to the State and the City retains \$ 1.00 per license. If we are going to send money to the State, we have to have a line on which we send it.

MRS. HAWK: In the older book, on page 97, there's a list of the revenues that come to us from the Town Clerk's office and you will note that revenues total \$500,000.00. Included are \$7,800.00 for Fish and Game licenses and various others. This department's income increases from year to year. Any cut in the budget may reflect on the revenues that it's able to bring into the City and I think it would be counter-productive.

MR. BOCCUZZI: All the monies for licenses and fees we collect go into the General Fund. In turn, the Town Clerk is obligated to pay a certain amount to the State. In order for them not to come to us every time they have to make a payment to the State, they draw out of that particular line. They will never be sending up more money to the State than what they collect in fees.

TOWN AND CITY CLERK

Page 018 - Code 210

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 226,006.00

PROBATE COURT

Page 020 - Code 220 - the bottom line is \$8,925.00

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would like to ask what the new equipment is there, please.

MR. ESPOSITO: We did not get any back-up on that. We don't have any details on what the new equipment is.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I make a motion that we delete that amount \$600.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: There is a motion to delete \$600.00 from Code #2650. Is there a second to that? SECONDED.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I think it is very unfair to delete an item because we don't have back-up material. We might be doing something that is going to affect the operation of the Court. I would ask Mrs. Maihock to please reconsider. Why should you penalize someone because we don't have the information. Not penalize; we can't say it's not a good reason to have it. How are you honestly going to vote on something that you don't know it's a necessity.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I just wonder if perhaps they couldn't come back later when we know what we're voting for.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The motion is to cut \$600.00 from the new equipment account. That line should read zero. We will vote by machine.

The vote is 13 in the affirmative; 19 in the negative. The MOTION HAS LOST.

PROBATE COURT

Page 020 - Code 220

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 8,925.00

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Page 021 - Code 230 - This is one of the departments where there will be a change in the salary line. Code 230.1110 salaries - you should add \$6,561.00 for the salary line. This is for the merit increases. The total of that line would be \$207,167.00. We have no cuts to make in this department.

Let me add, however, Code 230.2650 new equipment, this is for a dictating transcribing machine at a cost of \$600.00 for the new full-time assistant Corporation Counsel.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to question on 230.2651 - equipment rental-equipment. What type of equipment is rented?

MR. ESPOSITO: The copying machine.

MR. ZELINSKI: Line 230.5110 - Professional legal services, I see the Board of Finance had cut it to \$50,000.00 and I see that the Fiscal Committee did not recommend any cuts.

I would like to make a MOTION at this time to cut that line item by \$25,000.00 for a balance of \$25,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI: The reason for recommending this particular cut is that looking over that particular line item in the last two years and knowing that now at the present time, we have an additional full-time Deputy Corporation Counsel, which we did not have in the last two years, I really don't feel that the Department of Law should have to continue to go outside for professional legal services. There is a fine Staff there and I feel that in this economy we should tighten the belt and they are certainly qualified to make whatever legal judgements and so forth within their own department rather than having to go outside and I would so MOVE.

MR. ESPOSITO: We did discuss this at some length in Fiscal. The reason for the request for such a large amount is because(1) the sewage treatment plant. I know we may be tired of hearing about that but this is going to drag on for years. The sewage treatment suit has cost us a \$104,000.00 so far. This year we have \$19,000.00 in bills up until June 30, 1980. It is estimated that there will be about that much in the beginning of next year which will take about all of the \$25,000.00 Mr. Zelinski is suggesting.

The point has been made many times before that the specialization that is required in many of the legal issues that come before this City at this time, are well beyond the expertise of the Corporation Counsel's office. They need the money in that account so that they can hire or retain attorneys with a specialized background whenever it's needed. They will spend approximately \$100,000. in that account this year. The Board of Finance gave them \$50,000.00. We talked about it. Our rationale was that we would leave it at \$50,000.00. They would probably have to come back and at that time, we would review what they have done and analyze where they're going with the rest of the money. We felt they needed the \$50,000. at least to start them off in the year.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to see the Department of Law come back when a situation should come up that they do need it. If they sincerely need it such as Rep. Esposito mentioned, the Sewage Treatment Plant, I will be one of the loudest voices to approve the funds, but on the other hand, I do not like to see in situations where I've read in the paper recently, pertaining to Department Heads or certain situations where they do not want to use the Department of Law attorneys but rather go outside.

I feel we have to put a stop to it. We have a fine Department. Let's utilize them and not have to go outside for additional law offices.

MR. FAUTEUX: I want to object to the cut of \$25,000.00. We live in a very litigious time. Everytime you turn around, you get sued. To think that the internal legal staff would have the full capability of defending every type of legal action that comes up; particularly, the personnel items.

(1) From the point-of-view of expertise or (2) from a conflict of interest point-of-view. I think that Mr. Zelinski is being parsimonious in this regard. \$50,000.00 is certainly not an exceptional amount. I would wager that they'll be back to see us even with \$50,000.00 before the year is through.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to the motion? SECONDED. CARRIED.

The question is on cutting \$25,000.00 from account 230,5110 - professional legal services. We will vote by machine. The vote is 9 in the affirmative; 23 in the negative. The MOTION IS LOST.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd like to make another MOTION on line item 230,5150 - professional consultants, I'd like to also cut that in half from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and I so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. ESPOSITO: This item is especially for appraisers in tax suits that have been levied against the City. One tax appeal may cost as much as \$2,000.00 in an outside appraisal. Currently, there are 300 condominium tax appeals on the books and a settlement is not made without Court procedure. There will have to be an outside appraisal at least one for each condominium development involved. That cost alone is estimated in being in excess of the amount requested.

These are suits which are currently pending and all this goes back to the 1970 Grand List; so that the \$10,000.00 there is a reasonable amount.

MR. BLUM: I concur with Mr. Zelinski. Our "ballpark" figure as far as winning cases with our consultant is zero. We have cases where our so-called "corporations" here come in and fight their assessments. We just lost a case, I believe, with GTE and lost numerous cases where we never win. They fight the assessment and we're in Court and it hangs on and hangs on and finally, we lose the case. I've yet to find one case where we've come out with the assessment that someone doesn't fight that assessment that this City has ever won. I think our consultants are working against our poor and I think we ought to cut them down completely.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would like to describe a typical procedure in this which was described to us. It really isn't as case of winning or losing. It's all part of playing the game.

If he is a good assessor, he's going to assess it for as much as he thinks he can get. If it's a large building, owned by a Corporation that has a staff of attorneys on retainer, it is in their best interest to question that assessment. If we assess it for a \$1,000,000.00, they may claim it's only worth \$500,000.00.

What happens is that our attorneys have to hire an appraiser, their attorneys hire an appraiser; the whole process may go into litigation over a period of years and the end result may be that the final assessment is \$750,000.00. It's not a case of winning or losing; it's a case of we have to go in with the best advice, the best material from the best consultants.

If we don't hire an appraiser at all, we don't have a case. The case goes down to \$500,000.00. We have to have an evaluation of the property by a competent outside appraiser, otherwise we can't even go to Court.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: As a member of the Legislative and Rules Committee who works with the Law Department, I have some knowledge of the work load that these people are going through. I think it would not be very prudent on our part to cut any of the money from the Law Department. It puzzles me why the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, who is constantly the one that's screaming for help from the Law Department, would be looking to cut their budget. I definitely cannot vote in favor of it.

MR. CONTI: I agree with Mr. Wiederlight. I'm the Co-Chairman of that Committee and we should stand by the Corporation Counsel's office.

MR. ROOS: Thinking along Mr. Blum's lines there, I should think we should increase this because then, perhaps, we'll be more effective.

MR. ZELINSKI: The particular cut that I've made was not pertaining to the Law Department. The line item is for professional consultants outside the Law Department not the Law Department. If I wanted to cut the Law Department, I would have cut something else where it directly affects them and the same thing with the professional legal services. That is also outside the Law Department. It does not involve the lawyers or the personnel in the Law Department at the present time.

The reason I made my motion again for this particular cut, was again, I think we have too many consultants and I think it's time we just have to put a stop to it. If it is justifiable and situations do come up, I think those situations should be judged at that time and have the Department come in for an additional appropriation. If justifiable, we will vote on it and it will be approved. In the meantime, just to give them a carte blanche to say that O.K. they want \$10,000.00 for professional consultants, they may need a \$1,000.00, they may need \$50,000.00. I would hope that they would try to utilize other sources rather than having to use taxpayers' dollars to go out and hire these consultants. Consultants do not come cheap; they come very very expensive. If at all feasible, we should have to do without it.

MR. FAUTEUX: MOVE THE QUESTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.

The question is on cutting \$5,000.00 from Code 5150 to bring it to a total of \$5,000.00. We will vote by machine. Mr. Conti, which way would you like to vote

MR. CONTI: I wanted to vote no and I pushed it up.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It's been changed. The vote is 4 in favor; 30 opposed. The MOTION IS LOST.

MR. DeNICOLA: Item 2932 - books; I'd like to cut that \$2,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? NO SECOND.

MRS. SANTY: On line item 5212 - Jury Selection Committee. I am amazed that that Committee is paid, and I understand it is mandated by State. Did they mandate a raise, Mr. Esposito? It was a \$1,000.00 last year.

MRS. HAWES: The Law Department anticipates that the State is going to raise the stipends given to those three people.

MRS. SANTY: But it hasn't been raised yet?

MRS. HAWES: They anticipate that the State will raise it.

MRS. SANTY: I would like to MOVE then to delete that account by \$500.00. SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE: I'd like to ask a question if anyone knows or could tell us whether or not that is mandated by State law because I believe it is.

MRS. HAWES: It is.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will vote by machine. The MOTION is LOST. 15 yes; 17 no.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Page 021 - Code 230 - 1110 Salaries (+\$6,561.00 Merit increases)

TOTAL APPROVED	\$	207,167.00
TOTAL APPROVED	\$	400,372.00

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Page 023 - Code 240 - This is another account where we have to make an adjustment that is not in any of the books. Increase line 240.1110 salaries - by the amount of \$1,525.00. The total is \$124,071.00. We do not wish to make any cuts on page 23.

MR. DeLUCA: On new equipment, any desks, file cabinets?

MR. ESPOSITO: Purchase of one typewriter and three bookcases.

MR. DeLUCA: Do you happen to know the value of the bookcases? I'd like to make a motion that whatever the value of the bookcases are that we reduce it.

MRS. HAWE: The three bookcases are \$250.00 and the typewriter is \$900.00.

MR. DeLUCA: I make a motion that we reduce the whole amount. In my judgement, I believe the Bd. of Education has enough typewriters and bookcases that can be transferred over to the Commissioner of Finance. I make a motion to reduce the line account #2650 to zero.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You are moving to reduce line #2650 from \$1,150.00 to zero.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would oppose the entire amount as he suggests because I think we are assuming these people will just be able to go and pick these things up from another department. I don't believe that is going to be possible. I think the bookcases are one item we could hold. I would be in favor of deleting that.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'd like to speak against that motion. It was suggested the Commissioner of Finance go to the Bd. of Education and get the things that we cut out.

Considering that we just cut \$2 million from the Bd. of Education's budget, I can hardly see where they're going to pass some typewriters and file cabinets over to other departments because we suggested it. I think we should allow this to go in. Let's keep in mind our Commissioner of Finance is the person who handles the finances of the City. We should give him every possible convenience that we can give him.

MR. BOCCUZZI: We are transferring so much equipment out of the Bd. of Education that by December, they'll be in for an appropriation for new equipment.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: We have to give some serious thought to this; how the equipment is actually going to be transferred and is it feasible to say that they have bookcases, typewriters, desks. We've given away a lot of stuff so far that we really don't know exists.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I'd like to ask Mr. Esposito if the Finance Department is buying new books? Why would they need three new bookcases? Is he buying new books to put in the bookcase?

MRS. HAWE: From what I understand, they have a crowded situation and they need these extra bookcases.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Where did they get the books from?

MR. ESPOSITO: These are budget book, grand lists, assessment books.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I think they could be put in a transfer file which would be less expensive than bookcases.

MR. DONAHUE: I think some good suggestions have been made on how to furnish the various departments of the City. However, every department has been in front of the Fiscal Committee for the past three weeks and those suggestions would have been properly made to the heads of each department.

We don't know if there are bookcases in the Bd. of Education. We don't know if there are desks or chairs. Any cuts that are suggested here tonight should be done with some kind of documentation and back-up. To make cuts for the sake of cutting only has people coming in here seven months from now asking for new money.

MR. DeLUCA: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: I do not make cuts just for the sake of cutting. I am sorry I wasn't able to attend every Fiscal meeting due to other commitments. Just watch how we phrase our remarks about making cuts for the sake of cutting.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. DeLuca, I don't think anyone mentioned any names.

MRS. PERILLO: I would like to suggest on bookcases and things of this nature, why can't the City utilize the boys at Wright Tech. They do beautiful carpentry work and very cheaply.

MRS. SANTY: We are not making these cuts just to cut. I think we have to think of the people out there who are paying the bills and to come in and order new equipment in a very tight budget year when inflation is running around, away from us, I think the precedent here is that please look before you order new equipment. There are other ways to put bookcases and desks and so forth, but just to come in for new equipment, I think at a time like this, we all have to be a little conservative.

MR. DARER: It seems to me that comments are being repeated why we are recommending cuts tonight. A compliment was paid before to the Fiscal Committee over the past few years for suggesting ways to the City Administration such as phasing-in positions. The City didn't do that before Fiscal made these suggestions and we rightly commended the Fiscal Committee for making these suggestions.

Maybe a year or two from now, someone will commend the people who are making these recommendations tonight. We are trying on the Board of Representatives tonight to show leadership and that leadership means that some of these organizations should give a little more thought to where they might be able to acquire equipment other than coming in for brand new equipment. That's all there is to it.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I agree with Mr. Darer. It is certainly within our rights to question these items. If they do need them, they can come back for them and we will have more information at that point. We will be better able to judge on it.

MR. BLUM: I think we have a sample of some very good work right here in our office of what our own carpenters can do. If they need bookcases, why don't we use our own help.

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF INFORMATION. What motion are we speaking to?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We are speaking to a motion to delete \$1,150.00 from the new equipment account and bring that to zero.

MR. FAUTEUX: We are arguing over some relatively small amounts here and when these presentations were made to the Fiscal Committee, these were not unreasonable. This City is running. It's a business. These items are necessary. They replace items which are worn out. To think there is a storehouse of materials sitting some where that can readily be drawn upon, I think is really trying to put too much to it. It's a reasonable amount to keep this office going and I don't think we should cut it.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I am not elaborating on what they are doing with the equipment that they have not. I asked Fiscal a question. They could not answer it. The question is where are the books coming from to go into the new three bookcases they are getting. You said you think they are budget books, etc. I am not questioning that, Mr. Fauteux, I think I have every right to ask. I don't see ordering three new bookcases without coming in and giving you an answer.

MR. FAUTEUX: I'd like to ask Annie if she has ever been in a Finance office to see the data processing runs, the three ring binders, all kinds of texts you pick up. I work in a Finance office. I have more than just plain published text books in my bookcases. These bookcases will probably take stuff off the floor that is just being piled up. There are other things that go in bookcases other than textbooks.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I did not say what was going in them. Your Committee did. Also, I have been in the Finance department more than once. I also have been in the Bd. of Representatives office and I have also been in Olin and Xerox which you cannot compare.

MR. JOYCE: One point must be made here. The monies that come in a Municipality, the income is derived from taxpayers. We are not a private corporation such as the Anaconda Copper Company or Gulf Oil or some large corporation which sells materials to make profits to support finance departments and executive salaries. We are deriving money from out of the pockets of people who are working people and some of them have children and we are facing a recession. Let's bear that in mind.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will proceed to a vote. The question is on cutting \$1,150.00 from account 2650 cutting it to zero. We will vote by machine. The vote is 15 in affirmative; 16 in the negative. The MOTION HAS BEEN LOST.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I make a motion that we cut a \$150.00 from line 2650 - new equipment to bring the total to \$1,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MRS. GUROIAN: I MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: There is no discussion. We will proceed by means of the machine. The vote is 21 in favor; 10 opposed. The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: A question to the Co-Chairpeople. Line 240.2946 burglar alarms - could you give me some elaboration on that?

MRS. HAWE: This is for a system which is referred to as ADT, automatic detection system. This is to conform to ordinance #206. Households or businesses can have a hook-up with the Police Department which really isn't used much anymore. Most businesses have Sonitrol now. There is a \$100.00 fee for each household or business that wants to hook-up with the Police Department for this detection system, like a burglar alarm system. The \$100.00 is to defray the cost of this.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: That's a \$1,000.00.

MRS. HAWE: You're right, it is a \$1,000.00. I'm sorry.

MR. FAUTEUX: The ADT is the old burglar system for banks primarily. There are still some old line banks in the City that still have the ADT system that goes into a signal light board in the Police Department. If there is a break-in, the light lights up and the Police go to the bank. It's an old system. It's passing but it is still in existence.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Are you saying that the Commissioner of Finance has an ADT alarm going to the Police Station?

MR. FAUTEUX: No, this is the cost of ADT service which is reimbursed by a hook-up charge and an annual service charge from these banks to the General Fund. It's a defrayment of the costs of the system.

MR. JOYCE: Is this money that the taxpayers are required to pay or is it not? Why does the Commissioner of Finance, is he keeping diamonds in his office?

MR. ESPOSITO: This is not for the Commissioner of Finance. This is for banks and businesses in the City. There is a cost to running and operating this project. It is a revenue producing project. If you look under the revenue page, it would come under the heading of miscellaneous. Various banks and businesses in the City pay the City to participate in this program. The City must pay for the expenses of this burglar alarm system. In order to pay for it, it has to come out of a line item (240.2946).

MR. JOYCE: Am I to understand that this \$1,000.00 is reimbursed by private enterprise banks, etc.

MR. ESPOSITO: Correct.

MR. JOYCE: The money that comes in goes back into the General Fund?

MR. ESPOSITO: Correct.

MR. JOYCE: It's a wash situation.

MR. ESPOSITO: I wouldn't want to say it's a wash; it may be even a profit making. I really don't know exactly how much.

MR. JOYCE: Where is that picked up on the positive side?

MR. ESPOSITO: On the revenue page, under miscellaneous income, Code 240.2407.

MR. DeLUCA: Why can't the banks provide their own service. Pay their own bills. Why do we have to handle the bookkeeping service for them?

MR. ESPOSITO: I believe if you look up Ordinance 206, you will find that the City, at one time or another, was required to participate in this program. This is outdated but there are some banks which have not at this point made the choice to change, and therefore we are committed to provide the service

MR. DeLUCA: Is this ordinance still in effect?

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, it is.

MR. DARER: I'd like to inquire what the line item 5150 professional consultants'

MRS. HAWK: These are consultants for the pension funds who help us analyze them and try to get the best return.

MR. DARER: Is there any reason why there was no appropriation for this last year?

MRS. HAWK: There was none last year but if you will notice, the year before there was \$16,500.00.

MR. DARER: We also had a negative rate of return for a number of years. They must have done a very good job.

MRS. GUROIAN: Line item 5210 Stenographic services. Is there some reason why it's gone up three-fold?

MRS. HAWK: This year, under this account, is a consolidation of stenographic services for various boards that had in the previous years been accounted for under those particular boards. For instance, the Environmental Protection Board, the Personnel Appeals Board, the Zoning Board, the ZBA, the Planning Board and the Fair Rent. They are now all incorporated under this line item.

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Page 023 - Code 240 - 1110 Salaries (+\$1,525.00 Merit increases)

	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	124,071.00
2650 New equipment	REDUCED TO	\$	1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	147,311.00

BUR. OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS - TREASURY

Page 024 - Code 241 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 75,536.00

BUR. OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS - FINANCIAL RECORDS

Page 025 - Code 242 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 127,024.00

BUREAU OF PURCHASES

Page 026 - Code 243 - This is another account where we have to add to the salary account. We're talking about line 243.1110 salaries, we have to add \$2,262.00. The total amount in the salary account would be \$123,399.00.

MRS. SANTY: I have a question on 1220 - car allowance from \$100.00 in 1978-79 to \$1,800.00. Can you explain that, Mr. Esposito.

MRS. HAWE: There are four people in that department that are entitled to car allowances when they use their cars. The Purchasing Agent and the three buyers. They get \$ 4.00 a day when appropriate. However, in previous years, they were not getting this. They were taking it out of their pocket and they are entitled to it and it's being put in the budget this year for them.

MR. DeLUCA: Under telephones, line item 243.2740, I'd like to recommend a \$600.00 cut and my rationale being the fact that with the new procedure now where you don't have to go out and get bids for anything less it's over \$3,000.00, the phone calls should be less. In the past, anything over \$1,000.00 had to be bidden on which meant a lot of calls for numerous items. Now that it is over \$3,000.00, the calls should be reduced substantially. Therefore, I recommend a \$600.00 cut.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Through you, to the Chair, I think last year that account was \$4,400.00. They brought it down to \$4,100.00. They cut it \$300.00. There's going to be an anticipated raise in phone rates so I think they already did the cutting to accommodate the \$3,000.00 bid process. There is a \$300.00 difference between last year and this year.

MR. DeLuca: I'm presuming that they didn't cut enough based on the new policy that they have.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. DeLuca, your motion is in order.

MRS. HAWE: The Department is attempting to economize and they have cut it themselves even with an anticipated up to 20% increase in the rates. I think this should be left alone.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We have a motion to cut \$600.00 from line 2740 to bring that line to \$3,500. We will vote by use of the machine. The vote is 12 in favor; 16 opposed. The MOTION HAS BEEN LOST.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: A question to the Co-Chairpeople. Line 2940 - conferences and training I see \$1,200.00. This is the first time we've seen that. Can I get some clarification?

MRS. HAWE: This item was cut from the Purchasing Department's budget last year and in talking to Mr. Canino, he says that it is imperative that the staff members of his department be allowed to attend various training workshops in order to acquire new skills. The least expensive workshops are in New York City. These are the ones they'll go to. They cost a minimum of \$300 to \$400.00 in registration fees. There will be no travel expenses and these are for three buyers which brings the total to \$1,200.00. He said it's essential to the operation of his department.

MRS. GUROIAN: I MOVE we delete it.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED. 15 in favor; 14 opposed.

MRS. MATHOCK: I would like to know more about the legal settlement.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is an error in the printing. That's actually supposed to read "Credit Rating Service", code 5170.

MR. DARER: Normally, if you are a seller of goods, you need a D&B on someone because you are shipping him something and you want to make certain you're going to get paid.

If you are a purchaser of goods, why would you want a Credit rating service since you are the one who's buying it against delivery. You pay for it when it's delivered to you. I don't understand why the City would need a Credit rating service in the Purchasing Department.

MR. FAUTEUX: Mr. Darer, would you place an order with somebody on a bid that you didn't know whether the guy would be around tomorrow to deliver the goods when he gave you a lead-time that was way down the road?

MR. ESPOSITO: I think we have experience with that with our garage.

MR. DARER: I'd like to make a motion to delete the item; \$2,800.00 from Code 243.5170.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. FAUTEUX: I have to object to this. It's good business practice to have a good credit rating, particularly Dun and Bradstreet, even if you're on the purchasing side. It's a good business practice and we're pre-empting the Purchasing Agent from doing his function correctly.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The vote is 12 in the affirmative; 20 in the negative. The MOTION HAS BEEN LOST.

BUREAU OF PURCHASES

Page 02b - Code 243	-1110 Salaries (+\$2,262.00 Merit increases)		
	TOTAL APPROVED \$		123,399.00
	2940 Conferences & training REDUCED TO \$		- 0 -
	TOTAL APPROVED \$		146,449.00

CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Page 027 - Code 244

MRS. SANTY: I would like to know about the clothing allowance in Central Service \$375.00.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would assume that they protect their own clothing with some other type of inexpensive garment. You do get ink on your own clothes.

MR. CONTI: 244.2930 Stationery and supplies. This being the printing department why should they be buying stationery.

MR. ESPOSITO: They have to have a fund to start the process going. They are reimbursed by each department. They have to make an initial purchase.

MR. DeLUCA: The new position stock-clerk, has that been filled?

MR. ESPOSITO: No, because we haven't approved the money yet.

MR. DeLUCA: We haven't made any cuts in salary then?

MR. ESPOSITO: No, there is a person working in that position now and we are working on the assumption that after the process has gone through, that person might be one of the ones considered for the job.

CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Page 027 - Code 244 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 109,005

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: What I would like to see us do is to finish General Government. If we see that we can't do that, then we will adjourn a little earlier. That's really our goal.

BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING

Page 028 - Code 245 - We are recommending that the vacancy be filled but with an October 1 starting date. We are phasing this in for three months. As a result of that, we cut line 245.1110 salaries by \$6,000.00. To reflect that, the line should read \$224,680.00.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: On line 2940 - conferences and training, from the Co-Chair-people.

MRS. HAWES: Mr. Thomas explained to us when we questioned him about this that this is a rapidly changing technical field and in order to keep up with it and to utilize the equipment that we have and to make the best use out of the software that we have for our computers, it is essential that his people go to conferences in order to utilize our equipment to the best possible extent.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'd like to cut that by \$500.00 to a \$1,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It has been MOVED and SECONDED.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would ask the Board to support this. If we do have our staff, those particular persons, up-to-date on the equipment, it might save

MS. SUMMERVILLE: (continuing)...us in maintenance costs. If you are not familiar with the equipment that you're using, you have to call maintenance in to repair it. If you give these people an opportunity to learn all about it, may be it would save us in that respect. Please reconsider, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I will not.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The vote is 14 in favor; 17 opposed. The MOTION IS LOST.

BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING

Page 028 - Code 245 - 1110 salaries

REDUCED TO \$ 224,680.00

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 415,292.00

PAYROLL DEPARTMENT

Page 029 - Code 246 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 71,797.00

ASSESSORS OFFICE

Page 031 - Code 250 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 276,600.00

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Before we proceed to page 33, the question Mrs. Guroian has asked for page 26 has been verified. If you have a discrepancy between the number that you have and the Fiscal Chairman, Mrs. Guroian, I would appreciate it if you would go up to the Staff and point out where your difference is.

TAX COLLECTOR

Page 033 - Code 260 -

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd just like to ask Rep. Esposito item line 2651 rental equipment, \$5,160.00. What would that be for?

MR. ESPOSITO: CRTs; These are cathode ray tubes.

MR. ZELINSKI: What is the function?

MRS. HAWES: I think it's the terminal of the computer; like a TV screen.

TAX COLLECTOR

Page 033 - Code 260 -

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 216,327.00

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Page 034 - Code 270 - We must add to the salary account. We are going to add to line 270-1110 salaries the amount of \$4,657.00. The new total will be \$194,206.00.

MR. POLLARD: I'd like to recommend a \$1,000.00 in account 270,2940 - conferences and training. The account currently reads \$2,500.00. I would suggest it read \$1,500.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. The vote is 19 in the affirmative; 13 in the negative. The motion has been CARRIED.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to make a motion to cut \$1,000.00 from line 2939 City training program. It would read zero.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI: According to the budget books, it says this amount is needed to develop a City-wide training program. I don't know why a \$1,000.00 would be needed. You have the Staff, you have the people working there; I don't see why we have to spend \$1,000.00 to develop the program. People working there, they're getting paid. They could develop it. Why do we need \$1,000?

MR. ESPOSITO: Previously, there was the MRC Network (TV) which used to cost us somewhere in the range of \$14 000.00 a year. We no longer have that TV network. There is a gap in the training process. This is to train supervisors of the various departments. It's to be used to provide City-wide training for all the supervisors in all the departments. I would just like to make a general comment.

I'm sure we all would like to have a professionally trained staff. Not only in the Personnel Department, but in every department that we're going over tonight. Part of the process is developing a professionally trained Staff is to allow them to attend various conferences. I have a feeling that we may be cutting into their particular professional growth and development in keeping abreast of what's going on in their fields if we continue this process.

MR. BLUM: This item is something that came through this Board and through this Committee. If you remember, Mr. DeLuca sent a letter, through you and it was handed to the Personnel Committee, about training of our Administrators on hiring and firing and training them for good personnel relations with their employees. It is very necessary to have this type of training. It came through this Board to have this training program. I think we should go along with this program.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I have to second what Mr. Blum said. We requested of the Personnel Department to have a training program and now we are going to tell them don't have a training program. That is what this money is for. Per our request to the Personnel Department to train the supervisors and if you remember this was precipitated by the case where somebody was fired and the City Personnel Appeals Board gave them a considerable amount of money. That was the catalyst for the whole thing. I, therefore, think we should approve the \$1,000.00.

MR. JOYCE: I don't know why we assume that to achieve a purpose we throw money at something. We have people who are on salary now; part of their performance as supervisors is to train people who work underneath them. Part of the responsibility of people who are presently in our staff and operating line areas is to train people.

We don't solve problems by simple putting extra money in and throw it at problems. We ought to learn that by now.

MR. FAUTEUX: Mr. Bernstein was quite enthusiastic about this money. He said it wouldn't go far but accomplish a great deal in getting the first line supervisors up and running on knowing what's the right things to do

MR. FAUTEUX: (continuing)...with personnel. I endorse the \$1,000.00.

MR. DONAHUE: MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED. The question is on cutting \$1,000.00 from line 2939 to bring that total to zero. We will vote by machine. The vote is 9 in favor; 18 opposed. The MOTION LOST.

MR. DeNICOLA: Item 2920 - advertising, could you explain that to me?

MRS. HAWE: That's for advertising for positions, job openings in the newspaper.

MR. DARER: I would like to ask the Fiscal Committee Chairman if she would explain the line 3620 - medical examinations.

MRS. HAWE: This is when a person is hired by the City they have to undergo a medical examination. This is to pay the doctor's fees for that.

MR. DARER: Are these examinations done as transfer payments to the Health Department?

MRS. HAWE: No, I don't think so. They're outside physicians.

MR. DARER: Is there any reason why we don't use the facilities of our Health Department?

MRS. HAWE: I don't think we have physicians on staff for that kind of thing in the Health Department.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: The purpose of the medical examinations also is for pre-employment. We want to preclude hiring a Workmen's Compensation case before we hire them. That's a matter of utmost importance. If we were to use our own physicians, somebody could say that we were prejudiced. It was our own people and the employer didn't want to hire them so to speak; that's why we have to use an independent physician.

MRS. SANTY: Being in that profession, Mr. Wiederlight, I don't feel that you mean that. We do have Codes of Ethics but I think what you're referring to here are the Public Works employees that have physical examinations by physicians who are paid for by the City on an hourly basis; so, in essence, they are our physicians. They are hired by the City.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: That's not what I meant. I'm talking about new employees.

MR. BLUM: I don't think that Dr. Gofstein's department, the Department of Health, is in that field in which they examine personnel for jobs in the City. It's a different field altogether. The Dept. of Health does not examine people for employment. I can see Mr. Wiederlight's point. When you hire a person, the City must know whether he is qualified and doesn't come to us with back trouble, for example.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Nobody has made a motion to cut anything. We don't have to proceed in explaining this any further.

MR. BLUM: On salaries, I'd like to ask Mr. Esposito or Mrs. Hawe whether the Assistant Personnel Director's salary is included in this increase?

MRS. HAWE: Are you talking about the merit increase?

MR. BLUM: Yes, the merit increase.

MRS. HAWE: I don't believe so.

MR. ESPOSITO: He hasn't been there long enough.

MR. BLUM: That is correct. He wasn't given that money.

MR. DeLUCA: Following-up Rep. Blum's question here, I have a letter that is going out to the Representatives to put on the Steering Committee for our June meeting, to reconsider this item that we voted on on our April 10th meeting.

In the Personnel Department, there are only two people who were considered for merit increases; that are eligible for merit increases. They are the Personnel Director and his Assistant. On our April 10th meeting, based on information that we received from Rep. Flouders, when I first raised a question, he mentioned the fact that no, the Assistant Personnel Director's salary was not in here as an increase. Yet, if you take 9% of Mr. Bernstein's salary, no way does it come-up to \$4,657.00.

The other members of the Personnel Department are either covered by the MEA contract or under the union. To reiterate once again, only two people are eligible for merit increases and that's the Personnel Director and the Assistant Personnel Director.

If you were to take the salaries shown in our book that we have here, a \$31,000.00 salary at a 9% increase only comes up to roughly \$2,822.00. Yet, we have a \$4,657.00 figure here which includes an increase for the Assistant Director. His salary should not be in this figure here. I have a letter going out to have this item placed on our June agenda to reconsider and go back and cut this.

Therefore, I would make a motion to reduce the salary account by \$1,835.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You are MOVING that we reduce Code 1110 by \$1,835.00. We're working from a base of \$194,206.00.

MR. DeLUCA: It should bring the total down to \$192,371.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask, through you to Mr. DeLuca, what is he cutting out? There is actually only one that was entitled to the merit increase.

MR. DeLUCA: What I'm cutting is the fact that if you were to take 9% of the Personnel Director's salary, it would only come out to \$2,822. and yet the increase is \$4,657. which includes people not entitled to a merit increase. Therefore, the figure \$4,657. is inflated.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED. 18 yes; 9 Opposed.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Page 034 - Code 270 - Code 1110 Salaries (+\$2,822.00 Merit increase)

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 192,371.00

2940 Conf. & Train. REDUCED TO \$ 1,500.00

TOTAL APPROVED \$ 242,033.00

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Page 036 - Code 271 - Here again we make an adjustment to line 1110 - salaries. We increase it by \$3,051.00 for a total of \$47,246.00.

MR. JOYCE: I have a question on equipment.

MR. ESPOSITO: New equipment account is associated with the new position of secretary and allows for the purchase of a typewriter, secretarial desk and a secretarial chair.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a motion on the Floor?

MR. DARER: I'd like to make a motion that we delete \$10,436.00 which is the amount of money for the secretarial position.

MR. DARER: The number I'm requesting to be cut is from line 1110 salaries, \$10,436.00 making a new total of \$36,810.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would like to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this. He has been working under undesirable conditions. If all the appropriations that came before us tonight were as badly needed as this, I really think you should consider it seriously and vote in favor of not cutting this appropriation.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: What does the Labor Negotiator do if we cut the position?

MR. ESPOSITO: He does two things. He either goes to the Personnel Department and tries to scrounge a secretary if there is one available and if there isn't one available, he types it himself which may sound like it's efficient but remember, we're paying him \$44,195.00 a year to type. That's a high salary for a typist.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I would have to agree with you. I think his job is one of a highly skilled nature and we place a lot of weight on his ability to negotiate the labor contracts and to say to him you can't have a secretary is almost an insult.

MRS. CONTI: I suggested in Fiscal that we could perhaps get him either a part-time or temporary person because it would seem to me that the only time there is excessive typing to be done would be during the time that there is a contract to be typed rather than hire a permanent Civil Service employee and I think perhaps we might consider that.

MR. BLUM: A secretary to a Labor Negotiator has one large duty and I hope that we all consider that. We have been getting contracts here, old ones

MR. BLUM: (continuing)...just pushed over to us and someone's typing, evidently must be Mr. Barrett who types in changes. We need this secretary to type out for us a good contract with good language.

We got before us a contract now that I've found discrepancies in language. What they do is from year to year when a new contract is negotiated, the same contract is pushed on. You Xerox it and just put the deletions in or whatever changes are made. I think the negotiator is in need of a secretary to type out new contracts.

MR. FAUTEUX: We deliberated to some extent in the Fiscal Committee on this and it wasn't unanimous. If I remember, the vote was 4-0; 2 abstentions of which Mrs. Conti was one of the abstentions.

I would like to point-out a secretary is more than just a typist. A secretary is a right-arm of the man in the office when he's not there to take care of all the miscellaneous things that end up on his desk that should be addressed to.

We place a great of emphasis upon this particular man. He was set-up separately and told to go after the labor contracts which need going after and I think it's essential to back-stop him with somebody in his office.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will vote. The vote is 13 in favor; 16 opposed. The MOTION HAS BEEN LOST.

MR. DeLUCA: When will this new secretary start?

MR. ESPOSITO: July 1st if we approve the money and they find someone.

MR. DeLUCA: This is what I don't understand. A few pages back there was a position where we are not going to do any hiring until October. Have the exams gone out for this.

MR. ESPOSITO: The reason why we didn't phase this in, Mr. DeLuca, is because there are currently a number of contracts being negotiated. A number of them are in fact-finding and it's anticipated that in the Summer, there is going to be an awful lot of work generated in that Department. He would need that person on board by that time.

MR. DeLUCA: Have exams been given? Do we have a waiting list?

MR. ESPOSITO: To be honest with you, it is a very difficult question to answer whether he is going to be able to hire someone by July 1. If you look at the salary \$10,463.00. That is not an awful lot of money for a secretary in Stamford when they can go across the street and get \$15,000.00

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...so to be honest with you, we may not be able to get one on that salary. We just don't know. We decided in Fiscal that we would give him the option of approving the position as of July 1 if he could find a person who will work for that salary.

MR. DeLUCA: If we're not sure we going to hire by July 1, I would recommend that we make a cut and figure that we are going to hire on October 1, and if we do, let him come in for the money.

I would recommend based on a \$10,463.00 salary divided by 12 months would be roughly \$872.00 a month. I recommend that we phase this person in starting October 1, would be \$2,616.00 reduction to the salary account.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. DeLuca, you are recommending that we cut \$2,616.00 from the salary account? What would the figure then be?

MR. DeLUCA: \$44,630.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FAUTEUX: I'd like to point out that people are not allowed to be hired on to the City payroll unless the money is there. It was pointed out by the Finance office if the money is not there for the person when they become eligible, the person is not put on the payroll in anticipation that somebody is going to come back and ask for the money later on as an overage against that payroll account.

MR. DeLUCA: I am really confused. We just said we are going to phase somebody in for October 1. Why can we do it in one department and not in the other department? What happens if this department that we cut a few pages back, if we happen to decide O.K. we can bring this person in? I'm sure we can transfer funds from one department to another like we have always done in the past.

MRS. HAWK: I think that we're talking about two different things here. I think you have mentioned, correct me if I'm wrong, that we will give him the monies to start her on October 1, but if he could find someone before that that he could come in for the extra money. All that Mr. Fauteux was saying that a department is not allowed to hire somebody and then in anticipation of perhaps our Board approving the appropriation. If we don't give him money to start until October 1, he won't be able to start her until October 1.

MR. DZIEZYC: Through you, to Mr. DeLuca, would you withdraw you motion and have the budget cut \$7,000.00 so that they could hire a temporary secretary for say \$3,000.00? It would reduce it to \$37,195.00.

MR. DeLUCA: I would definitely go along with that, Mr. Dziezyc.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Does the seconder approve? If the seconder approves, then we will go on to another motion. Mr. Dziezyc, what is your motion?

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a motion that we reduce it to \$37,195.00. \$7,000 is being cut.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: There is a motion to cut \$7,000.00 from Code 1110.

MR. DeLUCA: Excuse me, I think we have to reduce the figure off of the \$47,000.00. The \$44,000. does not considered the \$3,051.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You give me the figures you want, Mr. Dziezyc, and that's the figure we'll make the motion on.

MR. DZIEZYC: \$40,246.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. DARER: I'd like to speak in favor of the motion. I think that since this department has functioned rather well over the years without that type of help, the application of some funds for temporary service is a phase-in of the kind of activity that I think the proponents of the request for a secretary had in mind. Rather than just jumping onboard to a full Civil Service position, phasing this in, seeing how it works; I'm not against giving the man some help, but he did function all these years without that type of help and the City has managed to engage its contracts and do the things that it had to do.

I think that at a time like this with the constraints on our economy, it really doesn't make sense to add additional payroll to the City. If anyone cared to make some numbers or calculations, each of these budgets that we're doing literally 80 to 90% of every department is in salaries. We easily accept the fact that there are merit increases and additional increases for this and for that and the costs of benefits goes up. We just accept it graciously but that is the cost that is impossible to cut.

Try to go in and cut salaries on old positions, it's an awfully difficult thing to do. I caution my fellow Board members as we go through this budget, our cutting a \$100.00 here and a \$100.00 there while approving forty odd thousand for salaries and 80,000 and 200,000 for salaries. We may be chopping at a tree and missing the forest.

MR. BLUM: The Labor Negotiator has been doing, as you say, without but he's been like borrowing a secretary or clerk-typist from other departments, namely, the Personnel Department. Borrowing or part-time secretary or clerk-typist is not the answer. We're not involved with labor negotiations for every department. We just got one out; this is the second contract that's coming down to us and from July on down with different contracts. He is in need of a full-time secretary, why deny him?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Mr. Darer, you are not familiar with how well he's been functioning because if you visit him and sit down talk to him, you can see the work that he's backlog in. Maybe it appears to you that he has been functioning well because of present issues that have been brought before us. There is a thing such as backlog and work up there.

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...for the following reasons: It's an account which has been declining in appropriations. If you look through the book, you will notice that in 78-79, there was \$52,000.00 that was spent. In this year, it's \$38,000.00 that has been spent and that in the coming year, he is only anticipating \$30,000.00 and next year he anticipates \$15,000.00.

The reason for this is the contract signal maintenance account is used to bring in outside contractors for labor to supplement the staff that he already has where his staff cannot deal with the situation. For example, in setting poles. This requires machinery and staff that's beyond the capability of the department at this point.

He has made the point that as his staff increases, as their equipment improves, as the Department gets on its feet and stands up for itself, that this particular account diminishes and we've seen the history of that. Mr. Winkel has shown us and documented it. The figures are there. He's been true to his word. It's been cut in half since the Department started and I think we ought to give him the benefit of doubt that it will be cut in half again next year.

MRS. GUROIAN: I'd like to point something out to the people on the Board here. As the price of gasoline goes up, the flow of traffic diminishes. As the emphasis gets placed more and more on mass transit, the flow of traffic diminishes but our expenditures on traffic increased from \$100,000.00 in the year. That doesn't make any sense. You're supposed to spend the money where it's needed. If the traffic is decreasing, you have no reason to spend a \$100,000.00 extra on an operating budget.

The decrease in traffic will do more to expedite the flow of traffic than any kind of improvement you can make, and that's free.

MR. RYBNICK: MOVE THE QUESTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED. LOST. 10 yes; 17 opposed.

MR. POLLARD: I'm going to speak in favor of restoring the \$8,000.00 reduction that the Fiscal Committee made in account 280-3532 emergency signal repair. I spoke today to Cliff Winkel and later to Paul Esposito, and there was apparently, a misunderstanding of that account's function. It is not an expense account but rather a revolving fund. When a person has an accident and knocks down a telephone pole, this account is used to replace and repair that pole within two days. Subsequently, the Law Department collects reimbursement from the insurance company or the person who had the accident. In fact, nearly all of the money that was appropriated last year in this account was recovered.

It's not truly an expense account. If you reduce the amount, what we expose ourselves to is perhaps as much as a two-month delay where a pole gets knocked down, a traffic light gets knocked-out the Traffic Department has to begin a two-month process of recovering enough money to get that pole and those lights in working order. It's not an expense and we really don't do service to anybody by reducing that.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I think Mr. Pollard has given us some good information.

MR. ESPOSITO: POINT OF ORDER: Was there a motion made?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, the motion is to restore \$8,000. in code 280.3532.
Its been MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. LIVINGSTON: On the Fiscal Committee, when we took this under consideration, I don't believe we were exposed to the information Mr. Pollard gave us. I, myself, think that it would be in order to reconsider it.

MR. ESPOSITO: I would also be in favor of the motion. No, we were not aware of actually what the account was used for. As a matter of fact, the line was put in at the request of the Law Department so that all expenses pertaining to a particular accident could be documented in one line so that they could go out and recover the amount.

MRS. CONTI: POINT OF INFORMATION: If that's the case, where is the revenue account that reflects that?

MR. ESPOSITO: I would assume it goes back into the General Fund.

MRS. CONTI: All our other accounts where there is revenue income, there is an account showing that.

MR. ESPOSITO: This is not an account predicated on an expected revenue. If no accidents occur this year, there's nothing coming in. It's not like they're putting up something for sale or in the parking garage where you know you're going to have an expected income. This is only a reimbursement if there's an accident. In that case, it simply goes into the General Fund.

MR. DARER: I sit here and I listen to the fact that Members of the Fiscal Committee say they weren't aware of the situation until one of our esteemed Members tonight brought it to their attention. I'm just a little amazed because it would seem to me that if I was looking at somebody's budget, I'd also want to know if they had any revenues against it.

If we look at that item, emergency signal repair, we see that in 1978-79, they spent \$21,000.00 or thereabouts. In 79-80, \$22,000.00. Now we're told they don't spend the money unless somebody knocks down a pole. I'm just a little bit concerned. It seems to me that we ought to be informed if there is revenue from any department whether it goes into the General Fund or not and then we should be informed as to where it goes so that we can track it down. Simple as that.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will proceed to a vote. The question is on restoring \$8,000.00 to Code 280-3532 emergency signal repair, which would bring that total back up to \$22,000.00. The vote is 14 in favor; 15 opposed. The MOTION to restore has been LOST. That line will read \$14,000.00.

MRS. PERILLO: I would like to go on record as voting against the Director of Traffic's salary. I'm not asking my fellow Board Members to delete it; I am just voting against it. I voted against it last year. I spoke to Mr. Winkel and told him why I did it. He told me I would be getting a letter of apology. I have not received it, nor have the City officials received it and that is why I will not vote for his salary.

MR. DeLUCA: Through you, Madam Chairman, to the Co-Chairman of Fiscal, the overtime has a 40% increase. Any reason why? Line 280-1201.

MRS. HAWE: The increase reflects the current uses of the overtime account by the traffic signal maintenance crew, the traffic maintenance workers and covers not only repair and maintenance items, but City functions where personnel are required such as parades, block parties, banner installations, etc.

MR. DeLUCA: The Traffic Department participates in parades?

MR. ESPOSITO: They have to put up the traffic barriers.

MR. DeLUCA: Does the Traffic Director and his Assistant Mr. Ford still use their cars to travel home to Branford and New Rochelle area or Westport area? Or Westchester area?

MRS. HAWE: We did not question him on that.

MR. DeLUCA: Any particular reason why? We're trying to conserve gas and cut down. I'm just wondering if they are still using their vehicles to travel these great distances.

MRS. HAWE: I don't know.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: If there is no answer, Mr. DeLuca, there is nothing we can do to help you.

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to make a motion anyway. I still believe that they are using their cars to travel to Branford and the Westchester area. I realize that the cost of gasoline has gone up but if we concurred they're using City cars to travel home, I would like to make a motion to reduce the gasoline account by \$2,000.00 taking into consideration that the City recommends that these two people just use the City cars for local use and not to travel to their homes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Through you, to one of our Co-Chairman, is this car allowance contractual?

MR. ESPOSITO: This is for gasoline. It's used for the traffic department cars that patrol the areas.

MR. LIVINGSTON: It's used for their cars which are City owned cars or is it their personal cars? Which is it?

MR. ESPOSITO: In order to answer Mr. DeLuca's question, we do not have an answer as to whether or not they use City gas to travel back and forth to their homes. The account is used for the Traffic Department cars, the vehicles that are used to patrol the streets. The vehicles that are used for the parking enforcement attendances.

MR. LIVINGSTON: We're talking about City cars or cars that are privately owned?

MR. ESPOSITO: We're talking about City cars primarily.

MRS. PERILLO: I would like to ask Mr. Esposito how many City cars does the Traffic Department have?

MRS. HAWES: It's not in the back-up, but I don't recall.

MR. DZIEZYC: MOVE the question.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We don't have an answer to that question. Is there a second to the motion. SECONDED. CARRIED.

The question is on cutting \$2,000.00 from code 2750 gasoline which would bring that to \$6,000.00. The vote is 21 yes; 8 no. The MOTION TO CUT HAS BEEN PASSED. Line 2750 gasoline will now read \$6,000.00.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a motion that we cut the line overtime code 1201 from \$10,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: You MOVED to cut \$3,000.00 from that line so that the end would read \$7,000.00. SECONDED.

MR. FAUTEUX: I'd like to point out that this is not only parades. It's also for accident coverage and all those other items where these people have to be turned out on overtime to fix up the signal system. I think you're being hasty in cutting them.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The vote is 15 yes; 17 no. The MOTION HAS BEEN LOST.

MR. DeLUCA: Line 280-2510 maintenance of vehicles, could the increase of over 100% be due to the fact that we may have maintenance problems occur by these people driving their cars greater distances than normally would be if they just used them locally?

MRS. HAWES: According to the back up material, the increase in this account is caused by higher maintenance costs associated with older vehicles; replacement of tires, shock absorbers and other mechanical parts. This year, the large versalift bucket truck will require a six-year major maintenance overhaul in the amount of \$3,500.00. This item is required to insure the safety of the workers and is recommended by the manufacturer of the vehicle. Replacement costs for this particular vehicle are approximately \$75,000.00. Other items in the account are an engine overhaul for two of the vehicles for \$750.00 and tires for one vehicle at \$1,600.00. The remainder will be used for tune-ups, oil changes, etc.

MR. DeLUCA: Tires for one vehicle \$1,600.00?

MRS. HAWES: It's vehicles.

MR. DeLUCA: Is there a breakdown? I know the Public Works Department is going into a preventive maintenance by keeping logs on their truck and cars. I was wondering is it possible that the Traffic Department had the same so we can get a breakdown. For instance, Mr. Winkel's car and Mr. Ford's car, how many oil changes they have incurred? May sound ridiculous, but the fact that if you are driving 120 miles from here to Branford round trip, can incur a lot of oil changes, can incur a lot of wear on your tires, and, therefore, I would like to, based on this presumption and based on this rationale, I'd like to make a motion to cut \$1,600.00 from the maintenance of vehicles account 2510 considering the fact that this would be the expense incurred for people using their cars other than local.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to that motion? **SECONDED.** The question is on cutting \$1,600.00 from Code 2510, which would bring the line to \$5,000.00. **MOVED. SECONDED. CARRIED.** We will vote on cutting \$1,600.00 from Code 2510. The vote is 17 in favor; 14 opposed. **THE MOTION HAS BEEN CARRIED.** Line 2510 will now read \$5,000.00.

MRS. CONTI: If memory serves me right, is the 2650 the new equipment account? Is that for new cars? What is that new equipment account?

MR. ESPOSITO: New equipment is an oscilloscope, digital volt meter, a controller test board, a paint removing machine, span wires, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC

Page 037 - Code 280 - 1110 salaries (+\$2,577.00 merit increase)

	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	269,370.00
- 2510 maint. vehicles	REDUCED TO	\$	5,000.00
- 2750 gasoline	REDUCED TO	\$	6,000.00
- 3532 emerg. signal repair	REDUCED TO	\$	14,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	522,660.00

DEPT. OF TRAFFIC PARKING DIV.

Page 039 - Code 281 - We cut the salary account by \$2,600.00. This is to reflect an October starting time for the secretary. If we would look at the page with the positions on it, two of the new positions have been deleted. That's the parking violation officers and the other two parking violation officers have been phased in with an October 1 starting time by the Board of Finance. Fiscal voted to phase in the secretary's position with an October 1 starting time. That reduction of \$2,600.00 brings us to a total of \$192,065.00 for line 281,1110. No other cuts.

MR. DARER: I just thought it rather amusing that here is a Department that earns the City money every year and we always seem to cut the parking violation officers who are the people who go out and collect the money for us. Can we question this item of postage, \$10,000?

MR. ESPOSITO: That's to send out the parking tickets or requests for parking tickets. When you receive a parking ticket, you don't have to put postage on it.

MR. ESPOSITO: (continuing)...But someone has to pay for that.

MR. BLUM: There are three items that bother me. 281 2510 maintenance of vehicles, 281 2520 repairs - license vehicles and 281 2620 repairs of equipment; can you explain that to me. What are we repairing here and why three different accounts?

MRS. HAWE: If I could speak to one of those accounts that's the repair of licensed vehicles, this might answer a question that was raised earlier. There are seven vehicles in the Parking Division of the Traffic Department and Code 2520 is for the repair of those.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Does anyone from the Committee have the information?

MR. BLUM: I just wondered why those three accounts can't be, in other words for those three accounts, you have a question of \$3,600.00 and I'm sure maintenance of vehicles, repairs of licensed vehicles, I don't know what kind of vehicles the maintenance of vehicles might be and repairs of equipment.

I'd like to make a motion to cut \$1,000.00 from item 281.2520. If anyone can tell me that the three items can't be used together, I'll withdraw my motion.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: What is your motion?

MR. BLUM: I'm asking for a reduction of the item 281.2520 of \$1,000.00 to read \$1,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: It has been SECONDED.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Mr. Blum, I don't know if I can help you. I'm speaking only of my knowledge of what I'm looking at. It would seem to me that if you have any item that says repair equipment. It might be to repair the equipment that you have. For instance, if you had a screw-driver, one of the screws were loose, you have to repair that screw-driver before the screw-driver could do what it's supposed to do. I'm trying to put it as simple as I can.

The other thing, repair licensed vehicles. The next thing, the maintenance of vehicles. It doesn't mean that you are going to repair it because you have some maintenance to be done on it. It could be to grease it, oil it; that's maintenance. That's not repairing; that's maintenance. Does that answer your question, Mr. Blum?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We have a motion on the Floor to cut \$1,000.00 from line 2520. We will vote. The vote is 9 in favor; 17 opposed. The MOTION IS LOST.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd like to ask a question on one item here. 281.3530 which is street and traffic signs. I'd like to ask does that also include the signs that say "no turn on red"?

MR. ESPOSITO: No, those are State signs.

MR. ZELINSKI: Pertaining to line 5150 professional consultants for \$2,000.00. What is the rationale for the need of professional consultants in that amount.

MR. DONAHUE: I'm not sure but isn't part of this for that Company that's going to do the collection of parking tickets and devise a plan how to come with that and how to collect the tickets and redesign the tickets.

MR. ESPOSITO: Yes, the Traffic Department is trying to redesign the tickets for reasons which should be obvious. There are problems with them in terms of due process. It's not stated on the ticket and they have sent this out to a consultant to redesign the ticket so that the wording is correct so that our traffic tickets are legal.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to make a motion to cut the full \$2,000.00. I don't think we need a Consultant to tell us how to draft-up a ticket.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE: It's more than just the design of the ticket. They are participating in that but it's also the actual collection of overdue accounts. They are an agency that is coming in just to do that.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would assume then, if that would be the case, that would be up to the tax collector and the use of their facilities as they have to go along with people who don't pay their regular property taxes.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Let's proceed to a vote. The question is on cutting \$2,000.00 from line 5150 to leave that at zero. The vote is 15 in favor; 13 opposed. The MOTION HAS PASSED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC PARKING DIV.

Page 039 - Code 281 - 1110 salaries	REDUCED TO	\$	192,065.00
- 5150 prof. consultants	REDUCED TO	\$	- 0 -
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	524,492.00

EMPLOYEE TAXES & INSURANCE

Page 042 - Code 290	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	4,385,464.00
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PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS

Page 043 - Code 293	TOTAL APPROVED	\$	2,329,742.00
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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Page 044 - Code 295 - the bottom line is \$38,545.00.

MRS. CONTI: With regard to this account, I would urge cutting two accounts here; 295.5602 Conference of Mayors deleting it entirely and the 295.5607 Regional Legal Services.

MRS. CONTI: (continuing)...The Conference of Mayors is something of a frill which is fine to encourage in times of great prosperity but entering as we are into an economic decline, I feel it could be eliminated without incurring any major disaster.

Regional Legal Services I would cut because no one in Fiscal was able to definitively state that this is not a duplication of Legal Aid Services which presently exist in Stamford. If someone can define the difference between this and Legal Aid, I would be glad to reconsider this item. Otherwise, I suggest deletion.

MRS. CONTI: I MOVE that we delete account 295,5602, the Conference of Mayors at \$20,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: SECONDED.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I think it's very unfortunate when we can't afford to send our Mayor to a conference.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: We will proceed to a vote. The question is on cutting \$20,000.00 from line 5602 which would leave zero dollars in that account. The vote is 11 in favor; 19 opposed. The MOTION LOST.

MRS. CONTI: The next motion is to delete account 295,5607 to delete the entire account of \$12,000.00 as it appears to be a duplication of Legal Aid.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The motion has been MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'm not sure but Regional Legal Services, I believe that's State mandated. I wish there was some way that we could check this out rather than it being deleted because apparently we don't have all the information that we needed.

MRS. McINERNEY: Mr. Livingston, I'm not quite sure whether you're accurate in saying that it's State mandated, but it is the City's portion for the Region that goes into Legal Aid and legal service; so in essence, it's the same thing. This is Legal Aid.

MRS. CONTI: In other words, this is our contribution to it?

MRS. McINERNEY: Correct.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Do you still wish to keep the motion?

MRS. CONTI: If we have to contribute it to keep the Legal Aid Service, we'll have to keep it in the account. I will WITHDRAW the MOTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Will the seconder withdraw? We don't have a motion on the Floor.

MR. DeLUCA: I make a motion on 295,5602 Conference of Mayors. In these times of tightening our belts, we reduced Conferences and Trainings for most of the other departments, I feel that a \$5,000.00 cut would be reasonable and therefore, I make a motion to reduce this account by \$5,000.00 leaving a balance of \$15,000.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. FAUTEUX: I'm afraid there's a misunderstanding on this. This is not a conference. This is the Conference of Mayors. This essentially is . State level and I don't want to use the word lobby group indiscriminately, but it is a group that does lobby at the State level for the municipalities and it carries the title of the Mayor's thing. It is not conferences in the true context of the word.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The question is on cutting \$5,000.00 from line 5602 which would bring that line to \$15,000.00. The MOTION TO CUT \$5,000.00 HAS LOST. 15 in favor; 15 opposed.

MR. DZIEZYC: I make a motion to reduce line 5602 by \$2,500.00.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: MOVED. SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE: I think there is a misunderstanding what this charge is. These are dues that we pay to belong to the Conference of Mayors. It's a per capita charge. If we delete \$2,500, it's the same thing as deleting \$10,000.00. We can't pay the dues. So, if you vote against the \$2,500.00 and you didn't vote against the \$10,000.00 cut, it's the same thing.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Through you, to Mr. Donahue, if I understand you correctly, you are saying we can't cut anything? I see where the Board of Finance did cut them.

MR. DONAHUE: In their discussions, they probably found that there was a little extra to cover expenses. They cut where they thought they could. I don't think we can cut any more at this point. That's my opinion.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Did you sit in on the meeting? Are you sure that's their reason?

MR. DONAHUE: Not the Board of Finance.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: You just answered for them.

MR. DONAHUE: I'm assuming that that's what they did.

MR. RYBNICK: MOVE THE QUESTION.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Is there a second to move the question. SECONDED. CARRIED. The question is on cutting \$2,500.00 from code 5602 so that it becomes \$17,500.00. The vote is 16 in favor; 14 opposed. The MOTION HAS BEEN PASSED. Line 5602 will read \$17,500.00.

MR. DARER: We sit here awfully late at night and I kind of get upset when I think to myself we vote on an item; we're not even told what the Conference of Mayors does. Everybody surmising and making guess work as to what it is. It's ridiculous. Maybe we don't need it at all. Does it do any benefit to the City?

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Page 044 - Code 295.5602 Conf. of Mayors

REDUCED TO	\$	17,500.
TOTAL APPROVED	\$	36,045.

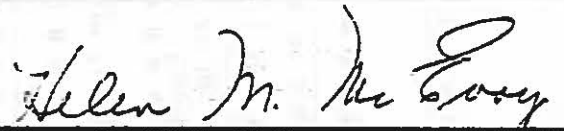
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTION TOTAL

\$10,451,005.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:


MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Before we adjourn, I'd like to say we got up to page 44 tonight. We virtually have the whole budget left including the Capital Projects Budget. I urge you to consider the fact that there is much repetition. We must finish the budget tomorrow by Law. We are going to have to proceed at a faster clip. I will now ask for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 A.M. The President said the members would meet the next night at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 14, 1980, to complete the budget.



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

APPROVED:



Sandra Goldstein, President
16th Board of Representatives

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Seat No.	Members	Dist./ Party
1	CONTI, Betty	R - 7
2	GUROIAN, Grace	R - 7
3	BOWLEY Doris (using tonight)	R - 13
4	WIDER, Lathon	D - 3
5	DARER, Stanley	R - 13
6	HAVE MARIE (using tonight)	R - 20
7	POLLARD, Everett	R - 17
8	JOYCE, Patrick	D - 10
9	ESPOSITO, Paul	D - 4
10	STATION INOPERATIVE TONIGHT	R - 17
11	ROOS, John	R - 10
12	SANTY, Jeanne-Lois	R - 16
13	STORK, Philip	R - 15
14	CONTI, Anthony	R - 11
15	DeLUCA, Robert Gabe	R - 14
16	HOGAN, John J.	D - 12
17	MATHOCK, Audrey	R - 19
18	LOOMIS, Ralph	R - 10
19	LYONS, Moira	D - 1
20	SUMTERVILLE, Annie - CLERK	D - 6
21	LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	D - 5
22	BOCCUZZI, John J.	D - 2
23	KUNSAW, John	D - 3
24	CORBO, Florenzio	R - 14
25	DZIEZYC, Paul	R - 15
26	FAUTEUX, Robert	R - 20
27	DIXON, Handy	D - 2
28	FASANELLI, Richard	D - 6
29	PERILLO, Mildred	D - 9
30	BLUM, David I.	D - 12
31	ZELINSKI, John	D - 11
32	SIGNORE, Mary Jane	R - 18
33	PERILLO, Alfred	D - 9
34	DeNICOLA, Vincent	D - 8
35	RINALDI, Mary Lou	D - 5
36	RYENICK, Gerald	D - 4
37	DONAHUE, Donald T., Jr.	D - 8
38	WIEDERLICH, Michael	D - 16
39	McINERNEY B. (using tonight)	R - 1
40	GOLDSTEIN Sandra - PRESIDENT	D - 16