MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1983

17th Board of Representatives

City of Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1983, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 p.m. by PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION: Rev. Charles F. Magistro, The Unitarian Universalist Society of Stamford, 20 Forest Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

"Dear Members of this most important Board:

The great 20th century theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, wrote a prayer with which many of you are familiar. He prayed, 'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.' I feel sure that you who have been elected to preserve, protect and promote the well-being of our City, fully appreciate the meaning of Niebuhr's words for it takes serenity to accept the things you cannot change when your best intentions and noblest hopes come up against the limits of what is humanly possible in any given moment in time, and many equate the inability to act with a refusal to act.

It takes courage to change the things you can. When contradictory courses of action are urged upon you, many fail to appreciate the enormity and complexity of the issues you must decide.

It takes wisdom to know the difference when your sense of responsibility drives you to expect more from yourself than is resonable or wise, and many fail to see the perimeters within which you must work. Hence, I salute you for your willingness to deal with the diverse needs of this growing community. I remind you that most of your fellow citizens, though they may at times critize you or judge you or urge you to act in a given way, are appreciative of the good work you do on our behalf, and grateful for the sacrifices you must make to serve us. I pray that serenity, courage and wisdom may be yours.

In closing then, I would like to share with you the prayerful words by Niebuhr in the hope that they will inspire and sustain you. He said, 'Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in a life-time, therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history, therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore, we are saved by luck, Amen."

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Rev. Magistro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

ROLL CALL: Clerk of the Board, ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE, called the Roll. There were 38 present and 2 absent; John Hogan and Mildred Perillo who were ill, were excused.

PRESIDENT SANTY declared a Quorum.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We'll have to say "Happy Birthday" this month. Our January birthdays, Paul Dziezyc, Peter Blais, and Dennis White. Happy Birthday, Gentlemen.

TEST VOTE ON MACHINE: President Santy conducted a test vote on the machine in turn voting yes, no, and abstain, in order to check the operation of the machine.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the speedy and healthy recovery of CAPT. JERRY LABLANC, LT. WALTER FINCH, FIREFIGHTER JAMES FERGUSON and FIREFIGHTER SCOTT GILL of the Stamford Fire Department, who were recently injured in a chemical fire on January 4 - by Rep. John R. Zelinski.

For the late MRS, MAZIE ADDISON who died yesterday in Stamford Hospital. She was a Stamford Housing Authority Social Service Department Supervisor. Mrs. Addison lived on Sylvan Knoll Road in Stamford for over 20 years, in the 4th District. She served on the Board of the Rehabilitation Center, the Family and Children Services, the Committee on Training and Employment, the Nutrition Board as well as serving on the Board of Directors of Sylvan Knoll Corporation. It was on the Board of Directors of the Sylvan Knoll Coop that I first met Mrs. Addison 12 years ago. It was she who encouraged me to go into politics, and over the past eight years, has been a constant source of support in my political career. Mazie was a great friend not only to me, but to the entire Community, and she will be sorely missed. - by Rep. Paul Esposito.

For the late GEORGE WASHINGTON HILL, JR, who was a highly respected, long-term resident of Old Long Ridge Road - by Rep. Audrey Maihock.

For the late VINCENT GERALD CIOETA who dies on December 21, 1982. Vinny was a graduate of the Stamford School system. He was one of the outstanding players on the Stamford High School football, baseball, and basketball teams during the years 1945 to 1947. At the time of his death, he was a Guidance Counselor and Track Coach at Stamford High School. A person loved and respected by all who came into contact with him. The Stamford Advocate did an article on Vinny, titled, "The Legacy of a Gentleman." Truer words were never written. He was instrumental in molding the lives of many students. This fact was attested to for the enormous amount of students past and present, who came to pay their respects. Vinny will be missed by many and remembered for years to come by the people who were fortunate to know him - by Rep. DeLuca.

For the late RAYMOND L. EGAN, 57 years of age, 164 Belltown Road. He passed away late December in an unfortunate accident as an employee of the Public Works Department where he was an employee for some 18 years - by Rep. Stork.

Also for the late RAYMOND L. EGAN, to include my wishes with Mr. Stork's to Mr. Egan's family and I would like to suggest to you, Madam President, that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the City worker who died in the line of duty after 18 years of service - by Rep. McInerney.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (Continued)

For a man who tried in the City of Stamford, to form a boxing club. His name was VINCENT G. NEWMAN who lived on Hope Street. Mr. Newman was born February 19, 1914 in New York City. He was a resident of this City for 50 years. He worked for the Railway Express Agency for 32 years of his life and retired from there. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and graduated from Stamford High School. He was a former boxing trainer and a member of the U.S.A. Amateur Boxing Foundation. A member of the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline, Steamship Clerks, and a member of the Steve Kelly Memorial Boxing Club - by Rep. David Blum.

I would like to echo some of the sentiments that were expressed by Mr. Esposito pertaining to MRS. ADDISON: a grateful Community is at a great loss - by Rep. Livingston.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT SANTY: Committee report, Mrs. McInerney.

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, I make a Motion to waive the reading of the Steering Committee Minutes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded. All in favor of waiving the reading of the Steering Committee Report, please say AYE. Opposed? CARRIED. We will waive the reading of the Steering Committee Minutes. ak

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The STEERING COMMITTEE met on Monday, December 27, 1982, in the Democratic Caucus Room in response to a CALL for 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Jeanne-Lois Santy at 7:30 P.M., at which time a QUORUM was present.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Jeanne-Lois Santy, President
Barbara McInerney
John J. Boccuzzi
Annie M. Summerville (left 8:15)
Robert "Gabe" DeLuca
Mary Jane Signore
Marie Hawe
Anthony Conti
Audrey Maihock (in 7:45)
Burtis Flounders (in 7:42)
Len Gambino, WSTC-WYRS
Cadie Vos, Mayor's Exec. Aide

Donald Donahue
Gerald Rybnick
Lathon Wider, Sr.
Jeremiah Livingston (in 8:10)
Grace Guroian
Mary Lou Rinaldi
Peter Blais (in 7:50)
John J. Hogan, Jr.
John Zelinski
Michael Wiederlight (left 9:00)
ADVOCATE reporter

(1) FISCAL MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were 12 of the 13 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda; the other item was held in committee, being \$13,300 to be reimbursed to Federal Government. An item not on the Tentative Steering Agenda was put into the Fiscal Committee for next month, being consideration of the Alternate Revenue Task Force Report.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

(2) PERSONNEL MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were six items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED Held in Committee were: (a) considering approval to buy-back approx. 3 or 5 years of service of paid-elected or paid-appointed official in Classified Service; (b) investigation into death of laborer at incinerator and OSHA questions.

(3) PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(4) TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

There were none.

(5) PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, being the setting up of workshops to plan for rental housing. Ordered Held in Committee were the remaining two items on the Tentative Steering Agenda:

- (a) matter regarding Finance Board Policy #6-1 on auditing policy of SCDP; and
- (b) matter of personnel policies of SCDP.

(6) URBAN RENEWAL MATTERS

ORDERED Held in Committee was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, being consideration of disbanding the URC as it nears completion, plus other suggestions.

(7) EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(8) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MATTERS

There were none.

(9) APPOINTMENTS MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the names of Philip Swan, Alvin Siegartel, Thomas Burke, Betsy Rich and Sanchia Spandow. ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE were: Anne Barger, Joseph DeRose, Robert Havemeyer, Gordon Micunis, Robert Teicher, Mona Walsh, and Vivien K. White.

(10) PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the first item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, being the re-paving of Derwen, Rutz, Glen and DeLeo. ORDERED HELD IN COMMITTEE were four items: (a) Streetscape Program on Atlantic Street; (b) Permits and Fees, Fee Change, proposed ordinance; (c) Permits, Excavations and Construction, proposed ordinance; (d) Disposal of Sludge-Fee, proposed ordinance. Two items were moved to Legislative and Rules: (i) Clarification of name of East Main Street; (ii) credit for refuse collection to owners of residential units in multiple unit residential complexes.

(11) PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were seven of the items on the Tentative Steering Agenda. The other two items were removed from the Agenda: (a) Revenue Report of Beach Sticker Sales; (b) Alphonse Pia's letter re the holding of two events on the same day, being U.S. Coast Guard Band and Sousa Band.

(12) CHARTER REVISION MATTERS - There were none.

(13) HEALTH AND PROTECTION MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were four of the items on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED Held in Committee were (a) ordinance re satellite transmission facilities; (b) Problem of operators of motorcycles disturbing residential neighborhoods.

(14) LEGISLATIVE AND RULES MATTERS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, plus one item transferred from Public Works: Clarification requested on correct name of East Main Street. ORDERED Held in Committee were six items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda (a) ordinance re tax relief for the elderly; (b) ordinance on availability of undesirable pornographic material to minors;

- (c) waiver of building permit fee for Greenwich Ave. Affordable Housing Development; (d) Tax abatement for land and buildings under construction for " "
- (e) Waiver of building permit fee for Elmcroft Road Affordable Housing Development;
- (f) Tax abatement for land and buildings under const. for Elmcroft Affordable " " ; Also Held was one item transferred from Public Works: proposed ordinance granting credit for refuse collection for residential multiple unit complexes.

(15) RESOLUTIONS

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the 4 resolutions appearing on Tentative Steering Agenda.

(16) NEW BUSINESS

WITHDRAWN was the item submitted by Rep. John Hogan for the appointment of special investigating committee to study Public Works Department. ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the establishment of a special liaison committee of the Board to meet with Labor Negotiator.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

> JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, Chairwoman Steering Committee

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Co-Chairpersons Marie Hawe and Paul Esposito

MRS. HAWE: Thank you, Madam President. The Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, January 5, 1983. Present were Committee members Betty Conti, Joe Franchina, Sandy Goldstein, John Roos, Co-Chairperson Paul Esposito and myself. The

Committee met again tonight at 6:45. Present were Committee members Joe Franchina, Betty Conti, John Roos, Paul Esposito, myself and Burt Flounders.

I would like to inform the Board Members that in the future, each of us will be getting a copy of the Contingency Status Report that comes out each month from the Finance Department. The one for January is not out yet, but as soon as it comes out, we will be sent copies of it.

I would like to Move the following items on the Consent Agenda. Item #2.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #2 on Consent.

MRS. HAWE: Item #3.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #3.

MRS. HAWE: Item #4.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #4.

MRS. HAWE: Item #8.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #8.

MRS. HAWE: Item #9.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #9.

MRS. HAWE: Item #10.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #10.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'd like that off Consent, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #10 is off Consent.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would like item #8 off Consent.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #8 is off Consent, Mrs. Hawe, and #10 is off Consent.

(1) \$ 10,559.00 - STAMFORD YOUTH PLANNING AND COORDINATING AGENCY - Code 792 - various line items. - Additional appropriation per Mayor's request 11/1/82 and SYP&CA request 10/26/82. Board of Finance approved 11/10/82. Returned-to-Gommittee-12/6/82 meeting. DEFEATED.

. Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to point out that there is a typographical error in this. It was not Returned to Committee at our last meeting. It should read that it was defeated. However, it has been resubmitted. The Committee voted 6 in favor and none opposed to Hold this as the Board of Finance has not voted on the resubmission yet.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Item #1 is Held.

(2) \$435,000.00 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT - Code 510.3601 CASH RELIEF (90% of which is reimbursable by the State); per Mayor's request 11/29/82. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

(3) \$ 3,277.00 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT - Code 510.3632 CLOTHING & SHOES - (90% reimbursable by State); per Mayor's request 11/30/82. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

(4) \$ 1,512.75 - RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Code 655.4188 SELF-SUSTAINING
PROGRAMS CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (Open) - per Mayor's request
11/30/82. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

(5) \$ 48,500.00 - PLANNING BOARD - Code 104.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS To conduct a railroad station area study (8 blocks from
Division Street to Henry Street & the Rippowam River to
Atlantic Street), per Mayor's request 11/30/82. Board of
Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

MRS. HAWE: Fiscal voted 5 in favor and 1 opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that motion? Seconded. Thank you. Mrs. Hawe, do you want to continue with your report?

MRS. HAWE: Item #5 is for \$48,500.00 for the Planning Board, Professional Consultants. This amount would fund the study of the area surrounding the railroad station. This area would include the two blocks north of the Turnpike, between Atlantic Street and Washington Boulevard, and also the area south of the Turnpike, between Washington Boulevard and Atlantic Street.

The Planning Board wishes to retain Cooper Eckstut Associates, the firm which is now doing the Central Business Zoning Study, to develop the following: First, recommended goals, policies and guidelines for the three blocks in question. Two, a schematic development plan, and three, dimensional architectural model for the three blocks, and third, recommended land use, vehicle and pedestrian circulation, parking, open space, zoning, public improvements required and the initial bulk concepts for the three key blocks.

A great deal of this land in the three-block area is publicly owned; that includes Rice School, the Municipal Office Building, and the State land at and around the railroad station. A study such as this would enable the City to determine the most favorable disposition of the City-owned property affected, and also would equip the City to solicit developer proposals for the privately

MRS. HAWE: (continuing) owned lands. The Planning Board has suggested that a Task Force be assembled to work with them and with the consultants on this project. They have suggested that this Task Force would consist of members of our Board, the Board of Finance, as well as the Commissioner of Finance, Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Boards, and community representatives. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Mr. Donahue, do you want to give the Planning and Zoning Committee report?

MR. DONAHUE: With six members voting, the Planning and Zoning Committee voted unanimously to concur.

PRESIDENT SANTY: First to speak is Mrs. Conti.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to point out to the members of this Board that in the two blocks north of the Turnpike that the Planning Board wishes to study, approximately 50% of the land is privately-owned. In the blocks south of the Turnpike, approximately 85% of the land is privately owned, and they tell us that they want to study this so that they can control development. You cannot control the development of privately-owned land other than to enforce the zoning and planning regulations that are in existence. You only expedite that which you are trying to prevent by studying privately-owned land. As soon as the private owners realize that there is something afoot, possibly a change in the zone, they rush in and get a building permit and they develop it to the maximum intensity they can. I think this a waste of the tax-payers' money and I am voting no and I would urge my colleagues to do the same.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. This is only a part of the recommendations that have been made to the District representatives and being in touch with the people. We want to see a "live" railroad station. We don't want to see the same thing happen to a brand-new railroad station that happened to the one we have now. We want a place that is opened 24 hours a day, and in order to get that, we are going to have to have this study. This is a must. It isn't something that we can wait for. We will have to develop it along with the station, and I would asked all these people to give me their support in getting this study to begin right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. A study may be necessary, but this is again another instance of not coordinating what's going on in this Community. Here, this Board, the City has approved a railroad station; an expenditure of millions, and millions, and millions of dollars which will be the hub of the transportation community, if you will, of our City, and now we are sitting down and saying, "Let's appropriate \$48,500 to find out what we are going to do around the Community." Why wasn't this thought about before? We knew we were going to have a railroad station and spend millions of dollars on our railroad station before. I think this is poor planning on somebody's part; whether it be the Planning Board or whatever. I really am very critical at this point in time, spending the \$48,500 for something that should have been looked into long ago.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would expect that this study had been made when the railroad station was planned. I would just like to ask a question. Have there been studies either under sort of a spin-off from the Urban Renewal Committee study or from the studies that went into the railroad planning, railroad station planning? It would seem that they would have to have made some planning here, and this may be duplicate service. Could you answer that question, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, can you answer that question?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, as far as I know there has been no study to determine the best use, the use that the City would like to see, of the surrounding area. This was first discussed as early as October of 1980, the questions that such a study was needed that the City should not allow this land to just develop at will, so to speak, but to have some sort of a guideline, and try to set some sort of guidelines as to how the City would like to see it go. But, as far as Mr. Bonner's question, no, a study of this kind; it is not a duplication, it has not been done of the surrounding area.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Bonner, do you want to continue?

MR. BONNER: One other question. What would be the result of the study after the study has been completed and approved; what would be the strength behind it to make sure that the planning was followed either by private or City building?

MRS. HAWE: The City-owned property, the City can do what they want with it. So, if the study came up with recommendations that the City felt were worthwhile, they could dispose of the property if they chose in that way. As Mrs. Contipointed out, it is, of course, more difficult when you are dealing with privately owned land, but not impossible. There are incentives that can be given to developers to have them develop it the way you would like them to. When an area has been planned for and the City's land is being developed in a certain way, it can urge the developers of the privately-owned areas to move in that direction also, and we spoke about this to Mr. Jon Smith at our meeting, and there are ways that private developers can be urged to move in this direction; not forced, of course, but it has been done in the past with some degree of success.

MR. BONNER: Has Planning and Zoning been consulted on this activity so that they would be able to incorporate into their plans and zones, the results of this planning and, perhaps, some strength in enforcing the results?

MRS. HAWE: One of the purposes of the study is to recommend possible changes in zones; that would be one purpose of it. The Planning Department is the department that has asked for this money, and Mr. Smith who is the Planning and Zoning Director came to speak to it. It is a coordinated effort.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to agree with Mike Wiederlight and Betty Conti. It disturbs me to think that we will soon be spending approximately \$20 million for the railroad station and no form of any input whatsoever was made regarding the areas in question.

MR. DeLUCA: (continuing) I feel that we have been spending too much money for consultants to come up with plans; there seems to be a mish-mash of what really happens, and lack of coordination as we see with the Downtown sidewalks.

Communities throughout the country are starting to seek support and assistance from the private sector. May be now would be a good time for some form of publication in the media seeking assistance and expertise from developers, not only in Stamford, but throughout the tri-state area; New York, Jersey, Mass., for any private developer to try to get their ideas on how they would develop the area. Let's use their expertise rather than to continue to spend \$48,000, \$50,000, \$100,00 for consultants.

I think, once again, the Planning Board to a certain extent, has missed the boat by not coordinating activities with other developers in the area, and, therefore, I plan to vote against this and hopefully, we will get the votes needed to defeat this item.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. Through you, Madam Chairman, to Mrs. Hawe. I have a question or perhaps two. Am I correct in assuming that this was not the only company that bid; that there was competitive bidding for this consultant's job?

MRS. HAWE: I'm reading from the November 4th letter from Patrick Grosso to the Mayor in which he asks the Mayor to request the money of the Boards, and describes the scope of the project. And then he says, "With this in mind, the Board has asked Cooper Eckstut Associates, the firm now doing the Central Business zoning study to submit a specific proposal. A copy of their response is attached. The fee suggested is \$48,500."

Since this firm was doing the zoning study of the Downtown area, they were asked to submit a proposal, and they submitted a proposal and this is the firm that the Planning Board wishes to retain.

MRS. GERSHMAN: It does seem to me that on any job whether it's a paving job, or a consulting job, that there should be open bids and a chance for other companies to come in and bid. Perhaps, they can do a different kind of study; perhaps, for less money. I think I would have to vote against this on the grounds that it was not competitively bid.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman.

MR. DONAHUE: First of all, on the questions of bidding, the firm that is currently under consideration, came in originally and submitted proposals to the Planning and Zoning Boards with a number of other firms as far as cost and scope of work. It was considered by those who interviewed them that they could do the best work at the cheapest cost for the City of Stamford. They have been in this Community for quite some time. This is an extension of their original task. I think everyone would understand that if we have a company already on board who is doing a study of the Downtown area, the Central Business District, since they are already here, to extend the scope of their work will be cheaper than going out to another company and having them start new, and possibly working in conflict with the original consultants that were hired.

MR. DONAHUE: (continuing) The real concern here is not for what can be developed on the parcels in question which surround the railroad station, it is instead what is best for the Community as a whole to be developed here. Discussions were made a year and a half to two years ago about the impact of the railroad station, the new railroad station and its surrounding areas.

If we allow private development to come in here and take over the parcels in question, we would have buildings built to the maximum, from sidewalk to sidewalk on both sides of the railroad station, and people would be getting out in somekind of a canyon out of this railroad station. It would be a deadend. We would be putting up a wall to what we hope to achieve here which is a transition area between a new railroad station conveniently located to the downtown and mass transit.

As far as private development is concerned, this study will seek to provide incentives to include them in a City planned development, and to make it attractive for that to happen. It does happen; it happens in many cities in the United States and people who own property in the area, if the study is undertaken, will be happy to be a part of something and in concert with something rather than opposed to it, and possibly be left with a piece of property that is in direct conflict with the surroundings. This money is well-worth being spent. As Mr. Bonner asked before, wasn't consideration given in the past, and yes, and in an informal way; it was during the planning of the Downtown, during comprehensive rezoning, a review of the City's Master Plan, the subject came up very often. I think there are concepts in mind; some of which are already touched upon as to what should be developed here. It is time now to come up with something concrete to provide the incentives I have mentioned. To provide the special zoning that may have to be put in place, and provide amendments to the Master Plan to bring this all about; not to exclude anybody from developing the Downtown area, but so that they all become a part of it, and willing to cooperate with the City so we come up with the best plan for the City as a whole. It's very important and the tax dollars that are already being invested by Federal, State and City government, have to be protected. We cannot afford to have a railroad station that no one seeks to use. We need this to be a transition area, a multi transportation center that will benefit all of us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Through you, Madam President, to Mrs. Hawe, from your report, Mrs. Hawe, it sounds like this study is being prepared with minute details. For instance, you mention models. Models are always interesting to see and give a very good perspective, but do we need such effort or did anyone ask if the cost of this study could be feasibly cut in any way?

MRS. HAWE: We didn't asked if it could be cut because the proposal submitted was for this amount. However, I didn't mean to give the impression that it would be in minute detail; I don't think that's an accurate assessment of it. The three-dimensional model; that is correct, it will be provided by this Company.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, are you finished?

MR. DIXON: We are talking about a multi-million dollar railroad station. I believe someone just mentioned \$20 million; could probably run more or less, but that is a lot of money. \$48,000 expended at this time and the study itself, may be untimely, but consideration of the fact that we are talking about an overall expenditure or multi-millions, perhaps \$20 million, it just seems to me that it would be wise to proceed and go forward with this study to give some kind of protection to the \$20 million or so dollar investment that we are pursuing.

This study will determine to a very great extent what is to happen in the surrounding area of the railroad, and I think we ought to know if we are spending \$20 million, by golly, what is going to happen in that area after we spend that money. I wouldn't want to see a \$20 million station built and people be afraid to use it. It will be utilized, or the intent's to utilize it to its fullest, and I think the whole area should be studied and, perhaps, secured to the point where it would be safe for anybody in Stamford to go to the railroad station at anytime. \$48,000 is minimal when you talk about \$20 million and I don't think we should discuss it any further. Let's just vote on it and get it on the way.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dixon.

MRS. GUROTÁN: I think some of the Representatives are under a misconception as to the powers of the Planning Board to effectuate any plan that comes from anybody; even the Urban Renewal Commission which has far more power to implement a plan, has problems as we all very well know, and the end result never resembles the beginning plan. This is a study by the Cooper Company. I heard them make their report on their BD district first draft last Monday, and they touched updithis particular area in their report as I imagine they will do in their final report as well. I don't know as they are going to say much more except in more specific detail in the second study as they will in this first study that we appropriated money for.

Second of all, the Planning Board has given attention to this many times; not once, not twice, not three time, many times as to what the railroad station area should be developed into, and no plan can tell developers what to build. They spend years proposing a plan across the river on West Broad Street. Nothing ever came of that because you can't tell a developer what to put on his property. As I say, even the Urban Renewal Commission has problems on property it itself owns as to what can be developed on that property. I'm voting against this simply because I don't think the plan could be done in time to be included in the comprehensive rezoning, because that's the only way you can push anything forward, is to limit the zoning in the area in some way or another, and second of all, I don't know as we are going to get anything of any substance that comes out of the report in the final analysis.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? No votes, please raise your hands. 3 no votes. Sufficient to Move the question.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: We are going to vote on the question which is the approval of \$48,500 for the Planning Board, Professional Consultants. We will use the machine, but before you vote, I shall notify the Caucus Rooms that we are going to proceed. You can now vote. There are 38 members present. 26 votes are needed for approval of this. Has everyone voted? The Motion is LOST, 19 yes, 16 no, 1 abstaining and 2 not-voting. Mrs. Hawe, do you want to continue with your report?

(6) \$275,249.44 - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS (Fiscal Years: '73-81)

CLOSING OUT AND TRANSFERRING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT and TRANSFERRING THE CLOSEOUTS TO

ACCOUNT #330-167 "Drainage South of the Parkway", per

Mayor's letters 12/3/82 and 11/12/82; (which consists of
52 Capital Projects, including \$170,000 from 310.305

Glen, Rutz, Derwin, DeLeo Dr. Imp.) - see data attached
to Mayor's letters. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

(7) \$409,750.56 - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS (FISCAL YEARS:

Adding to Project #330.167 DRAINAGE SYSTEM SOUTH OF THE

PARKWAY - for the purpose of implementing storm drain

projects for Intervale Road/Newfield Drive, and at Glen

Avenue/Rutz Street/Derwin Street, per Mayor's letters

12/3/82 and 11/12/82. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT SANTY: 6 is being Held, 7 is being Held.

(8) \$ 14,000.00 - GRANTS OFFICE - Code 248.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS - Additional appropriation per Mayor's request 12/6/82 to complete City's Cost Allocation Plan based on '81-82 expenditures; consultant to prepare plan by 3/31/83; see memo from Grants Dir. Gilbane to Budget Dir. Harrison 11/18/82. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

MRS. HAWE: This is to pay for an up-date of the City's indirect cost allocation plan. The purpose of this plan is so that the City can recover from the Federal Government, the indirect costs involved in running grants. Some of these costs include building use, equipment use, administrator's time, payroll, inter-office mail, etc. Some examples of some money which we have received back last year, due to the indirect cost allocation plan have been \$11,000 we received back from the Federal Government for indirect costs pertaining to the Sewage Treatment plant, \$24,000 has been approved for return to us by UMTA for the Commission on Aging Dial-a-Ride. Fiscal voted 6 in favor and none opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. E, W, and G?

MS. RINALDI: We concurred.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Rinaldi. Mrs. Hawe, do you have anything

further?

MRS. HAWE: No.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: To the Chairman of Fiscal, through you, Madam President, is this in essence an appropriation so that we can hire consultants to see how much it costs us to utilize the grants that we get? Is that correct?

MRS. HAWE: No, it's to break out the indrect costs involved with grants. For instance, the grants that the City administers, there are many indirect costs involved and if we have an indirect cost allocation plan in place, we can charge the Federal Government for these costs, and if they approve, will send us back the money. Some indirect costs which I mentioned are, for instance, use of the building. We have people who work in the building who are grant employees. If it can be ascertained what percentage of their time can be charged against the use of the building, we can charge it to the Federal Government for that. We can bill them for that. Inter-office mail; there's a whole list of indirect costs that are centrally budgeted that if they can be broken out, they can be charged to the Federal Government, and if the Federal Government approves, they will send back the money to us.

As I mentioned, quite a bit of money was received back last year. Much more than was spent in developing this plan. This plan is not something, in case the question comes out, is not something that can be done in the office here; in City Hall here. They brought a copy of last year's and it was a huge volume. It's quite an extensive thing that has to be done, and be done every year. We appropriated the money for it last year, and it really seemed to us that it was something that we were getting back more than we spent for it. So, it was worthwhile.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: ...did touch on something I was going to bring up, and that is, simply the capability of the staff of the City of Stamford to perform such a task. I should think that with the sophisticated equipment, i.e., computers, and with the intelligence level of the staff that we have here, which I consider very high, that we cannot perform such a function after all of these years that we've been getting grants, and knowing just what to do and what it costs.

MRS. HAWE: We spoke about this to Sandra Gilbane, the Grants Officer, and Commissioner Marra. They said that the ideal thing would be to have the capability here, in-house, to do it, and to set up such a program, to put it into effect would cost on the order of, I believe it was \$600,000; which is something that they thought may be in the future, we might want to do, however, at this point, we definitely don't have the capacity to do it or the capability. We did discuss this at some length with them, and there is no way that it can be done in-house at this time.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Is this a flat fee that we're paying these professional consultants, Mrs. Hawe?

MRS. HAWE: Yes.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Has the thought ever been broached to put them on a commission basis? In otherwords, any additional monies that we can get back over and above the certain amounts that we are getting, they would get a certain percentage.

MRS. HAWE: I don't know whether that has been pursued. I don't know whether it's possible to do that. I think it's something that, if you would like, we could pursue with the Finance Department for the future; however, at this point for this year, I don't think that it can be done. I think it's the end of March that the deadline is for filing this, but I do think that that might be something that we can pursue and see if it can be done in the future that way.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Widerlight and Mrs. Hawe.

MRS. McINERNEY: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and several Seconds to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, say Aye. Opposed? Unanimous. We'll Move the question. The question is the approval of \$14,000 Grant Office Professional Consultants. Use your machine. 26 votes are needed for the Motion to carry. Has everyone voted? The Motion is CARRIED 28 yes, 8 no, and 2 not-voting.

(9) \$ 9,860.00 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS

BUDGET by adding to project known as #530.211 BOILER

REPLACEMENT, the sum of \$9,860.00, to be financed by the

ISSUANCE OF BONDS, per Mayor's letter 12/3/82, to cover

deficit-spending as approved by Finance Board Chairman

on 11/22/82 pursuant to Charter Sec. 619.1. Board of

Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

(10) \$ 5,000.00 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - Code 240.5120 PROFESSIONAL

AUDITING SERVICES - Additional appropriation per Mayor's re-submission of 12/8/82 for professional review of City's tax-reporting practices to determine both the City's exposure and recommended corrective actions. Board of Representatives denied on 12/6/82. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

MRS. HAWE: This is for Professional Auditing services for the Finance Department, and Fiscal voted 6 in favor and none opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Several Seconds. E, W, & G, Ms. Rinaldi.

MS. RINALDI: We concur by a vote of 4 to nothing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Rinaldi.

MRS. HAWE: This amount is to perform a review of the City's tax compliance and reporting procedures. If anyone has any question, I will be happy to answer them.

MR. WIDER: Move the question, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? How many no votes? Two no votes. We're going to Move the question. The question is the approval of \$5,000.00 - Commissioner of Finance, Profession Auditing services, #10 under Fiscal. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? The Motion is CARRIED 34 yes, 1 no, and 3 not-voting.

(11) \$ 94,496.00 - VARIOUS DEPARTMENT - GASOLINE AND CAR ALLOWANCE - to fulfill Sec. 8.3 of Labor Contract with AFSCME/AFL-CIO Administrators - Additional appropriation for contractual obligation per Mayor's re-submission 12/7/82; Board of Finance approved 11/10/82 and 12/20/82. Board of Representatives denied 12/6/82.

1981/1982 Retro Car Allowance \$59,057.00 1982/1983 Car Allowance 15,600.00 1982/1983 Gasoline Reimbursement 19,839.00 \$94,496.00

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

MRS. HAWE: Fiscal voted 4 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. Personnel Committee, Mr. Stork.

MR. STORK: Yes, Madam President. Personnel voted 3 in favor, 2 opposed to deny.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 3 in favor and 2 opposed to deny. Thank you.

MRS. HAWE: Thank you. This appropriation consists of three separate areas: \$59,057 for 1981/82 retroactive car allowance, \$15,600.00 for 1982/1983 car allowance, and \$19,839.00 for 1982/1983 gasoline reimbursement. Thank you.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Madam President. It's really quite amazing to me that we are voting on this at all this evening since the money has already been paid. Probably, the first, if not, one of the first times in the history of this City that an appropriation has been paid prior to the City fiscal authorities voting in favor of the appropriation. I, for one, found it extremely distressing when there were members of this Board who obviously had questions about this appropriation to have a Commissioner of Finance violate the Charter, and pay this amount of money prior to this Board appropriating the funds. Since the monies have already been spent, I have no intention now of voting in favor of this appropriation. I certainly hope that no one else does. I don't know of any other means, short of censure, in conveying to this Commissioner that there are those of us on this Board who feel he has acted improperly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Goldstein.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I would like to agree with Mrs. Goldstein. I think this is just another act of by-passing the Board of Representatives. I think if we, the forty members of the Board, can come down here and sit every month, hour after hour, serve on committees, try to do our job, we have a certain amount of authority and what's happening now, one by one, different department heads are by-passing this Board. I don't intend to sit here and vote for an appropriation that the money has already been expended. If, indeed, it shows up as a deficit, so be it, but I think this Board is going to have to show department heads, this administration and any administration to come that we're not about to sit here and waste our time. We have some authority and we expect to use our authority and we expect the administrations to listen to us.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. DeLUCA: This is an item when I first read the Advocate article, usually I read the obituaries, but the headlines one particular evening really shocked me to know that our Finance Commissioner said it was not the responsibility of the Board. It was an obligation that had to be paid, and therefore, I wrote a letter to the Mayor requesting that the Leadership of the Board meet with the Mayor's Cabinet, and we met with the Mayor and his Cabinet on December 27th, with the full Leadership with the exception of Mr. Livingston, present, and we were assured that this was an isolated case, and it would never happen again. They realized that they circumvented the Charter. I guess I would have to agree that the money has already been spent; the Charter was circumvented regardless if it was a State law or an obligation to be paid. Therefore, as a matter of principle, I would have to agree with John Boccuzzi and Sandy Goldstein to vote no on this, also.

MR. STORK: Thank you, Madam President. Mrs. Goldstein, I certainly don't disagree with anything you've said. However, in addition, I would give my personal reason, and again, I don't disagree with what you have said.

As you notice, the Personnel Committee voted 3 to 2 to deny this. I was one of the 3 that voted to deny this. My personal reason is that I think it's time to put our City unions on notice that some of these flamboyant, if you will, benefits that they have accrued in their contracts over the years are going to come to a screeching halt, and it's going to start in 1983, and I'm starting with this right here. If you want to consider my no vote a protest vote of these outrageous benefits, then consider that as a protest vote. I'm voting no on this \$94,496.00 appropriation as a signal to the unions of things to come. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Stork.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to remind all of my peers voting on this appropriation tonight that the payment was made after this Board denied the appropriation at the last meeting, the payment was made in a matter of days. It was fresh in everybody's mind. At least, the payment after we had voted down the appropriation represents a circumventing of Charter authority. Not only that, we have been told that the Mayor stated, "Oh, this will never happen again." It happens all the time and it's happening with increasing frequency.

MR. BLAIS: (continuing) For example, we have another item under Public Works that constitutes the same circumventing of Charter authority. So, I would urge all Members of this Board to protect the provision of the Legislative Body of this City to vote against this measure

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? How many no votes? We'll Move the question. We are going to Move the question. We are going to use the machine and we will notify the Caucus rooms. We are voting on \$94,496.00 for the gasoline car allowance #11 under Fiscal. Please use your machine. The Motion is LOST 10 yes, 24 no, 2 abstaining and 2 not-voting.

(12) \$136,446.00 - TEACHERS' AIDE CONTRACT - Board of Education - Additional appropriation to implement Teachers' Aide Contract for 1982/83 fiscal year, per 12/1/82 letter from Benjamin R. Reed, Asst. Supt. of Schools/Business Affairs, and attachments.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Franchina is leaving the Floor, Mr. Boccuzzi is leaving the Floor, Mr. Dziezyc, Mr. Donahue and Mr. Tarzia are all leaving the Floor, and will be recorded as absent during discussion and the vote on this item. Mr. Dziezyc, Mr. Boccuzzi, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Tarzia, Mr. Franchina.

MR. ESPOSITO: Madam President, how many does that leave and what are the two-thirds?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Everyone in their seats now. Please raise your hand; one teller that is left. Would you take a count with Ms. Summerville and see how many Members we have present? I'm sorry, Mr. Stork. Mr. Stork and Mr. Wiederlight, do a count. All the Members on the Floor will be partaking in this and voting. There are 33 Members present and voting. 22 votes will be required for passage. Mrs. Hawe, I'm sorry, continue with your report.

MRS. HAWE: Thank you. Fiscal voted 2 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions, but for the matter of clarity, as our past practice, I will make a positive Motion, keeping in mind that it was not a positive recommendation from the Committee so I Move for the approval of this amount.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. E, W, and G, Ms. Rinaldi, your report, please.

MS. RINALDI: We concurred unanimously.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Madam President, I don't believe we did concur.

MS. RINALDI: I'm sorry. To correct that, it was 3 with 1 abstention.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 3 yes with 1 abstention. Thank you, Ms. Rinaldi and Mrs. Gershman

MRS. SIGNORE: Thank you, Madam President.

MRS. McINERNEY: Excuse me. As a Point of Information, Madam President, I'm sorry, Mrs. Signore.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes.

MRS. McINERNEY: I would like to clarify that. I don't believe that I voted for that contract in E, W, and G, and I don't know if Mrs. DeGaetani voted for that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Ms. Rinaldi, do you want to give your report again?

MRS. McINERNEY: She said 3 with one abstention, and there's 5 people on that Committee.

MS. RINALDI: That's four votes; 3 yes, 1 abstention, and 1 absent, yourself.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Ms. Rinaldi gave a report; 3 yes votes, 1 abstention, and 1 absent.

MRS. McINERNEY: I'm sorry, I thought Mrs. DeGaetani said she didn't vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That report is correct.

MRS. SIGNORE: Thank you, Madam President. I received some calls this weeks about the Aide's contract. 9% was the first thing I heard; 9%, I got a little upset. Finally, I said to the first woman who called, "How long have you been a Teachers' Aide?" She said to me, "Five years," and I said, "How much money do you make?" I really had to pull it out of her, and she said to me, "\$5,400.00." The second woman who called and said that she has been with the program 13 years as a Teachers' Aide, and I said to her, "How much money do you make?" I don't like to ask people how much money they make, but I felt in this case, it was necessary. After 13 years as a Teachers' Aide, she makes \$6,300.00 a year. This a a 6-hour day. It is a teachers' full year; so she is on the teachers' schedule; she's on the childrens' schedule. There are no medical benefits. She gets 5 sick days a year and under this new contract to a total of 70; to exceed no more than 70, and upon retirement, I believe, would get paid for one-half of the unused sick days.

When you work with children on a day-to-day basis, believe me, 5 sick days during the school year is not excessive. The top salary for a Teachers' Aide is \$6,500.00. It's indeed interesting to note that our society gives greater financial compensation to one who is able to fix a leaky pipe, or repair a cranky carburetor than to one who directly touches a child. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Signore.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Through you to Mrs. Signore, I'll make my prices. As one who was at the beginning of the Teachers' Aide program, by sending some people from Southfield Village who could understand the kids that the teachers were teaching, I feel bad to sit here tonight and listening to people putting in pratically full-time and including some time on buses too, for \$6,000.00 a year. I don't see how any person could work for that living in the City of Stamford today. I am afraid that we have been and we are guilty of neglect in not attending to some of our duties; this is to look around and see

MR. WIDER: (continuing) what our people are living off, and I begin to wonder what are we talking about when we are talking about 9%. I think they have been entitled to this a long time ago, and I would ask this Board, I'm a taxpayer like all the rest of you; I don't have one place, I have a couple of places I have to pay tax on, and I don't mind a little additional tax if it is going to help some poor person that's working for a living. These people are working for a living and they are doing a fantastic job, and I'm asking your support for this contract. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I couldn't agree more with both Mrs. Signore and Mr. Wider. The Teachers' Aides are the most underpaid group in the City, and ironically, people think of them as just auxiliaries to the teaching day; they are such an inte gral part of the staff of the school. They work one-to-one with children. They are teachers' right hands, and in many respects for many of them, have the same education as teachers. I can't think of a more worthwhile group of people; I can't think of a more underpaid group of people; I can't object to 9% because it's 9% of such a low base. I wish the raise was higher. I wholeheartedly support the salary increase and I hope everybody on this Board does.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Goldstein.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I agree with many of the comments made this evening and there is no doubt in my mind that this is a fair contract, that the Teachers' Aides are the lowest paid in the City. A 9, 10% increase based on a \$4,000 base is really nothing compared to the person making \$60,000 or \$40,000 if it is 9%.

I think the main question this evening is not whether or not we think the merits of the contract are fair, whether the Teachers' Aide deserve an increase. I received many phone calls yesterday, the day before; even at the office today requesting support for this contract. To each person, I told them I wholeheartedly support the contract, but there is one thing that bothers me very much and it's who should pay? I look at it that the Board of Education, once again, is trying to make the Board of Reps that scapegoat, the fall-guy. You all recall, several months ago, that this vital \$2.8 million cut, the Board of Education conveniently found \$59 to \$65,000 to increase the administrators; a certain select few. I had planned to vote yes, but once again on the grounds of being redundant like I explained to the people, I must reject the contract without prejudice based on a phone call I made yesterday inbetween halves of the football game.

I was told to call a certain person and made my phone call. We start talking about money. He says, "Gabe, if you recall less than a year ago, when pressure was being put on the Board of Education regarding insurance benefits for medical payments, the insurance carrier voluntarily returned \$162,000 back to the Board of Ed." He said, "I have been trying to get answers as to what happened to this money. No answers are forthcoming." I feel that the Board of Ed found \$59 to \$60,000 to reward the administrators. They had this \$162,000 floating around somewhere. I feel that the Board of Ed has the money to pay for this contract. Granted, we received a letter from their attorney, Mr. Reider, who says the money must be paid, but I understand that in our Caucus, our Corporation Counsel, Mr. Hennessey, stated that since the Board did not have the right to review the contract, we are not legally bound to fund the money. Therefore, as I told the people yesterday and as late as this morning, against my better judgement but on the matter of principle, I have to reject this contract without prejudice because I firmly believe that the Board of Ed should come up with the answers

MR. DeLUCA: (continuing) as to what they did with this \$162,000 refund, and this is the money that should be used to fund this contract. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. I would agree with Mrs. Signore and Mr. Wider, and I think we are fortunate that Mrs. Signore went through so much to bring such important information back to our Board. I have listened very carefully to Mr. DeLuca's statements and I sincerely feel that his objections are reasonable, therefore, I would like to make a Motion that we Return this back to Fiscal and E, W, & G Committees to receive the additional information that would satisfy Mr. DeLuca's request.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're making that Motion, Mr. Livingston, to Return to Committee. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. We are now addressing the Motion to Return to Committee. We have another list.

MRS. McINERNEY: I Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. The question is on sending this back to Committee. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We're going to Move the question on referring it back to Committee. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? We're voting on returning this item back to Committee. Mr. Franchina, you're taking part in this? Mr. Franchina, you are taking part. Has everyone voted? The Motion to return to Committee has PASSED 18 yes, 16 no, and 4 not-voting. This item is returned to Committee. The vote is 18 yes, 16 no, and 4 not-voting. Just a simple majority to refer back to Committee. That's what the tally is.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: How many did I say we had voting, Madam President?

PRESIDENT SANTY: 33 and Mr. Franchina returned. You don't need two-thirds; you just need a majority. Mr. Franchina returned to the Floor to vote. He came back and said that I'm going to vote on it. This item is referred back to Committee.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to now Move the Consent Agenda. Item #2, \$535,000 for the Welfare Department Code 510.3601 Cash relief. Item #2, \$3,277 for the Welfare Department Code 510.3620 Clothing and shoes. Item #4, \$1,512.75 for the Recreation Department Code 655.4188 Self-sustaining programs co-ed volleyball. Item #9, \$9,860 for the Welfare Department, amendment to the Capital Projects budget by adding to the project known as 530.211 boiler replacement, the sum of \$9,860 to be financed by the issuance of bonds, and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the Consent Agenda. All in favor, please say AYE. Opposed? PASSED. Thank you, Mrs. Hawe.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Chairman Philip Stork

MR. STORK: The Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, January 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the Republican Caucus Room. Members of the Committee in attendance were Reps. Dziezyc, Gaipa, Gershman, Dixon, Dudley and myself. Rep. Hogan was excused. Other Members of the Board present were Reps. McInerney, Blais, and Esposito.

(1) CONCERN ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO RESPOND AND SERVE THE PUBLIC REGARDING INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES - submitted by Rep. McInerney 9/15/82. Held 10/4/82 and 11/8/82 and 12/6/82.

MR. STORK: This item was withdrawn at the meeting by Rep. McInerney. I understand that Mayor Clapes has assured her that the Corporation Counsel's office will be looking into the matter.

REQUEST FROM REP. GERSHMAN FOR: INVESTIGATION INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF FREEZING THE ENTRANCE OF ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN ANY CAPACITY BY THE CITY INTO THE CITY PENSION FUND AND MEDICAL BENEFITS, UNLESS SUCH EMPLOYEES ARE NEW EMPLOYEES AND QUALIFY FOR ENTRANCE. THE FREEZE WOULD BE IN EFFECT UNTIL GUIDELINES ARE AGREED UPON TO ALLOW OR DISALLOW ENTRANCE INTO PLANS AND BENEFITS. Rep. Gershman's letter 10/13/82; also Rep. Stork's of 11/15/82. Held 11/8/82 and 12/6.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. STORK: This item was Held by a vote of 5 to nothing to allow Mrs. Gershman time to obtain additional information from several insurance companies.

(3) REQUEST FROM REP. BLAIS 10/6/82 that the Personnel Committee review the possible conflict with the Freedom-of-Information Act of a letter instructing employees on the subject of "Release of Employee Information" dated 9/7/82 from the Public Works Commissioner. Held 11/8/82 and 12/6/82.

MR. STORK: This item was responded to by the Personnel Committee in the form of a request for a legal opinion from Corporation Counsel asking if Commissioner Spaulding's directive conflicted with the Freedon-of-Information Act. Staff Counsel Bill Hennessey states in paragraph 1, page 4 of his opinion that is dated November 4, 1982, "Commissioner Spaulding's directive does not appear to violate the Freedom-of-Information Act in any manner whatsoever. The Commissioner's directive merely sets up the procedure for the dissemination of material. It does not bar the release of any information." In his concluding sentence on page 5, Mr. Hennessey further states, "The directive is nothing more than a proper exercise of one of the Commissioner's many managerial prerogatives."

The Committee accepted that interpretation and Rep. Blais, appearing before our Committee agreed with us, therefore, completing our assignment with regards to this item.

MR. BLAIS: At the Committee meeting, I don't think I said I agreed with the findings of the Committee; I think what I said is there is a grave issue here that requires public airing, and I think the issue goes into the area, if not the Freedom-of-Information, then on a relationship and separation of duties between the administrative and legislative branches of this City. My purpose in presenting this to the Steering Committee for work on by a Committee was to air these views. The debate in the Personnel Committee was limited, and I agreed at the end of the Committee meeting that yes, they had reviewed the potential problem. I did not say I agreed with their vote.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Mr. Dudley, did you want to address this item?

MR. DUDLEY: I am not one to argue, but I didn't agree either. I did not agree in full to the ruling, but I did agree in principle that I would abide by the ruling That is all I wanted to say.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dudley.

MR. STORK: I apologize if I misunderstood your opinions, Gentlemen.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask Mr. Blais a question in regard to his asking the Personnel Committee to review this Freedom-of-Information Act. What type of information did you want on the employees? You know there is such a thing as Freedom-of-Information but when it comes to employees, the City when they discuss each individual employee, they have to go into a closed session where the public is not present when you're speaking of a specific employee. Question to you is what type of information were you trying to secure?

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Mr. Blum. Through you, Madam Chairman to Mr. Blum, David, I am fully aware of the requirements of the Federal privacy act. In this case, I think the misconception is I was not referring to discussions of personnel. What had happened is Commissioner Spaulding had sent around a memo to all employees under the threat of personnel action, not to speak to any member of the Board of Representatives without prior clearance by him, and there is a big question under my mind in view of the Sunshine and Freedom-of-Information Act Laws that this City is subject to: 1. Whether it was legal, and 2. There should be an open-air discussion of how this affects the relationship between the legislative and administrative branches of the City of Stamford. It was not a request to look at personnel files; it was a request to view on action that may adversely affect the workings of this Board, and further erode its powers.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

MR. BLUM: Based on what Mr. Blais has just said, I don't think that the Personnel Committee actually looked into what he really wanted. If the Public Works Commissioner had sent out a memo to the employees not to speak to Members of the Board of Representatives or any person in government, then I think this Committee, or the Personnel Committee should look further into this particular letter because, in a sense, that's what the Board of Representatives is all about. We are supposed to be able to get information from the employee or whomever we can regarding to personnel. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Stork, do you have the letter?

MR. STORK: I'm looking for Mr. Blais' original request, Madam President. To disagree with you quite bluntly, Mr. Blum, we did answer the question that Mr. Blais put before the Personnel Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do you want to continue with your report, Mr. Stork? Mr. Blais, you still want to go back to this item?

MR. BLAIS: I would make a Motion at this time to request the Personnel Committee to review the affect of this memo on the relationship between the legislative and administrative branches of the City of Stamford.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You want to make a Motion to refer this back to Committee, this item?

MR. BLAIS: O.K.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Make a Motion to refer this back to Committee and it's been Seconded. That's the Motion on the Floor now because, Mr. Stork, you're reporting this out of Committee as resolved. The Motion has been made and Seconded to return this item to back to Committee. We are now discussing that. Any discussion? We are going to move right to a vote. The vote is on returning item #3 under Personnel, back to Committee. Please use your machine on referring #3 back to Committee. I'll give you a chance to vote. Has everyone voted? We are now voting on whether to return item #3 back to the Personnel Committee. The Motion to return to Committee has LOST 18 no, 15 yes, and 5 not-voting. Do you want to continue with your report, Mr. Stork?

(4) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERING PENSIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Request from Rep. McInerney received 11/16/82 that the two Registrars of Voters be permitted to buy back City service time and enter the pension system. Held in Committee 12/6/82.

MR. STORK: Appearing for this item were the Registrars of Voters, Nancy Tatano and Mary McCauley, along with Rep. McInerney. This is an issue that goes back many years as you all know, Madam President. I'd like to read some highlights of several pieces of correspondence, and refer to some events that relate to this matter.

First one is July 10, 1975, Gloria Sheaffer, Secretary of the State, in a letter to Mayor Lenz says, "I urge you to support legislation which will place the Registrars under your City's pension system. As dedicated, hard-working, and professional full-time employees of the City of Stamford, they merit equal consideration." Secondly, August 14, 1975, Joel Freedman's legal opinion concerning authorization of funding a pension for the Registrars of Voters says, "Our Charter, Section 41, subdivision 66, provides among our ennumerated powers to establish pension systems for municipal employees. Pursuant to the above authority, I am of the opinion that the City may provide by law for a pension system for the Registrars of Voters." Third, in the same opinion, Mr. Freedman goes on to say, "A retirement fund may be provided for the Registrars of Voters by local ordinance for the establishment of a retirement fund separate and apart from those provided for the Classified service." Fourth, November 10, 1980, a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution was adopted by the 16th Board of Representatives recommending pensions for Stamford's Registrars of Voters. Fifth, and finally, March 12, 1982, the Board of Finance announced in a letter to Stamford area legislators their unanimous support and endorsement of the November 10, 1980 Resolution by the Board of Representatives.

In consideration of these facts, the presentation made by the Registrars of Voters, and Rep. McInerney, the Personnel Committee has supplied the Members of this Board with an ordinance which will once and for all, lay the ground-work necessary to gain a funded pension for our Registrars of Voters. The Personnel Committee voted unanimously 6 in favor and none opposed to approved publication of this ordinance, and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to approve the ordinance granting the two Registrars of Voters a pension. It has been Seconded. We are now speaking to that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: First to speak is Mr. Dudley. While we are waiting for Mr. Dudley, Mrs. McInerney.

MRS. SAXE: Thank you, Madam President. May I ask the Personnel Committee if these two young ladies are on Social Security coverage?

MR. STORK: If I understand that correctly, do you mean are they collecting Social Security benefits at the present time?

MRS. SAXE: No, are they part of the program? Are they part of the Social Security program?

MR. STORK: I really don't have an answer for you on that.

MRS. SAXE: I think that not knowing that answer we should return it to Committee to find out.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now discussing the publication of this ordinance.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'm opposed to this move. This has been voted on before, but in this elective office, it is known before the person ran that there was no pension, and the persons were satisfied to run and to serve under these conditions. The Charter indicates that the following named officers shall be elected by the qualified voters of Stamford. These people are part of the officers who are elected and voted upon. Now it can be said that sooner or later, they will be receiving pensions, but I think that the taxpayer has to have a hand and has to have an opportunity to say whether or not they would like elected officers to have pensions under these conditions. It might be said that there are only two more that might be eligible, but under the studies that are being made by the Charter Revision Commission, it may be possible that in the future, the Board of Representatives might be paid. This is a precedent that I think is going to cost a great deal of money to the people of Stamford. I think the people of Stamford have to vote on something like this. If this is to be made a type of job which is to have a pension, then I think it should be part of the Charter Revision program. I would vote against this as being, as I feel, against the Charter at against the purpose of pensions in the City of Stamford. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

MRS. GERSHMAN: We had already stretched the pension plan to include, allowing other people in the last couple of months to buy-in, leads me to believe that this is only the beginning of, perhaps, many people wanting to buy-in. We have asked repeatedly, the question, "How many people might be involved in City Government," and so far, no one has come up with an answer to this, and one of the things we are holding in Committee is a request of mine to put a freeze on all pensions other than people who are coming new to the City and qualify for it. Until we can get some guidelines set, this is not to say that we might not in the future decide to fund all people who want to buy-in. It is simply that we are now in the dark and we are saying, "Oh, alright, so and so can buy in, and so and so can't and so and so can, and this is no way to run a business. The City is a business. I would urge you to please either return it to Committee to be held or not vote for publication until we get these guidelines.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion made is to publish the ordinance. There's no Motion to return to Committee. We are now speaking to the publication.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I concur with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Bonner and Mrs. Gershman, and I would ask the question, "Have we determined what the cost will be to the taxpayer for these two pensions?"

MR. STORK: It is my understanding, Madam President, that Rep. McInerney has written a letter to the Mayor to get that specific information. She could correct me if I am wrong. I believe that's what she has done.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Mrs. Conti, are you finished?

MRS. CONTI: Are we still moving for publication without full information?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is to publish, and we have Mrs. McInerney next to speak. That's the Motion on the Floor now to publish this ordinance.

MRS. CONTI: I think it should be returned to Committee and I would so Move until such time as we have that information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made to return to Committee. It has been Seconded. We are now speaking to that Motion.

MRS. McINERNEY: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question which is to return item #4 back to Committee. We are now going to vote. All in favor of that, please say Aye. Of Moving the question. All opposed? We are going to Move the question, and the question is sending this back to Committee. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? The Motion is on returning this item to Committee; the Registrars of Voters buying into the pension which is an ordinance which they wanted published. Has everyone voted? The Motion to return to Committee is LOST 26 no, 9 yes, 1 abstaining and 2 not-voting.

We are not going back to the main Motion which is to publish.

MRS. McINERNEY: Contrary to what people believe, when we voted to allow an appointed official of the City to buy back time that he served as an appointed member of any City agency, we did liberalize, in fact, our pension rights within this City. These ladies, this office is not what it was 22, 23, 24 years ago. These positions have been filled by two people who are considered experts throughout the State of Connecticut. They are full-time career employees whether we like to admit it or not. They are eligible possibly, in the future, to receive full funded pensions without any type of payback or buy into the City of Stamford. Social Security to my knowledge is not deducted from their paychecks, however, that is something that could be found out very easily prior to a public hearing date.

The Mayor of this City, obviously, has the power to direct the appropriate Board to get a cost figure on this. I think that could be found out within a week and a half to two weeks. The studies as far as the Charter goes, don't really apply in this manner. Yes, there is a possibility we could receive compensation for expenses. However, I would like to point—out that under Section 734, listing the people in Classified and Unclassified Service of the City of Stamford, that there is no mention at all of any type of pension rights.

MRS. McINERNEY: (continuing) Under the Section of the Connecticut General Statutes 9-194, Madam President, I think I have been patient with everybody else when they spoke.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I agree with you, Mrs. McInerney. I would please ask all the Representatives to please give Mrs. McInerney your attention.

MRS. McINERNEY: Thank you, Madam President. Under Section 9-194 of the Connecticut General Statutes, compensation of Registrars is clearly indicated that the City has the ability and can be allowed to pay any expenses incurred in the discharge of duties of any of these offices. Also, the corporate powers that were given to this Board, doesn't say we cannot set-up a pension plan for anybody we desire. We, obviously, have already changed and used our corporate powers when we did indeed allow someone to buy into a pension plan.

We have ample time as we do with any other ordinance once it is published to allow the public to come forward, to allow the Registrars to fully present their case, and to make a decision fairly. I feel that at this point, when the Board voted in 1980, to support a Sense-of-the Board Resolution indicating their desire to include the Registrars of Voters into a pension plan, that it indicated its intent. Its intent was loud and clear in 1980. I think, at this point in time, we should publish this ordinance and I would hope that everybody would at least allow publication and allow for a public hearing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to the publication of this ordinance.

MR. BLUM: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We're going to Move the question and the question is on whether to publish which is #4 under Personnel. Use your machine. Has everyone voted? The Agenda does not call for an ordinance to be published but Mr. Stork did give that in his report, and that's what the Committee's vote was. Do all the Members have the ordinance for publication?

MR. STORK: Yes, Maam, they were mailed out on Friday. I believe everybody got them on Saturday.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine. We are now in the process of a vote. I want it to be clear what you are voting on. Has everyone voted? We are voting on the publication of this ordinance. Has everyone voted? The Motion is CARRIED 30 yes, 4 no, and 4 not-voting. Continue with your report, Mr. Stork.

(5) CLARIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1038 CONCERNING MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES PASSED BY BOARD ON JANUARY 5, 1976, PERTAINING TO PAYMENT OF MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR THE OMBUDSMAN IN THE S.H.A.P.E. PROGRAM submitted by Reps. McInerney and Wiederlight 12/16/82.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. STORK: Held in Committee by a vote of 5 to nothing.

(6) PROCEDURE USED FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF GAS ALLOTMENTS - submitted by Rep. John Boccuzzi 12/13/82.

UNAUTHORIZED CITY GASOLINE USAGE AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR GASOLINE RATION CARDS - submitted by Rep. John Zelinski 12/13/82; which memtions gas issued to Acting Supt. of Sanitation and two Clerks of the Works.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. STORK: That item was also held by a vote of 5 to nothing in Committee. That concludes the report of the Personnel Committee, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Stork.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - Chairman Donald Donahue

MR. DONAHUE: The Planning and Zoning Committee met on January 5, with Reps. Stork, Rinaldi, Signore, Dudley, White, and Donahue attending. I would first place a number of items on the Consent Agenda. Item #1, the acceptance of Merriland Road as a City Street.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #1 is on Consent.

MR. DONAHUE: #3 on Consent.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #3 on Consent.

MR. DONAHUE: #4 on Consent.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #4 on Consent. Mrs. Saxe wants #1 off Consent; #3 and 4 are on Consent.

(1) ACCEPTANCE OF MERRILAND ROAD AS A CITY STREET - submitted by Joseph A. Esposito Construction Co., Inc., 46 Frank St. Letter from John C. Fusaro, Atty., 10/14/82. Held 12/6/82.

MR. DONAHUE: This road is off of Shady Lane in north Stamford, off Briar Brae Road. It has been recommended for acceptance and certified by the City Engineer, and the Committee voted 5 in favor and none opposed to accept this as a city street and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Seconded. We are now discussing item #1 under Planning and Zoning.

MRS. SAXE: Mr. Donahue, in our Caucus, we were told there was a special exception given to this particular road. Can you explain that, please?

MR. DONAHUE: There was not a special exception granted; there was a waiver granted by the Planning Board which affects the minimum width of the street. Most streets must be 24 feet wide. Because of the special lay of the land in this area, because it is a dead-end street ending in a pernament cul-de-sac, because there is only room for five building lots, I believe, on the street, it was recommended and accepted by parties concerned that the street be allowed to be 18 feet wide. I have inspected the street and found it to be wide enough for our only major concern, and that would be the accessibility of emergency vehicles, and in all other ways, it meets the standards set by the City.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: (Continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

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MRS. McINERNEY: Since the road is in my district, I had questioned Mr. Donahue about this several times. I had also questioned the City Engineering Department because I truly am not satisfied with an 18 foot wide road. However, I was advised by Mr. Donahue that under advisement of the Corporation Counsel, there is not much we can do in this case since the road has already received a waiver of the regulations within the City of Stamford by the Planning Board.

I happen to have a letter here from Mr. Smith indicating that waiver on October 21, 1981, and it indicated that there was approval by the Superintendent of Parks; there was a filing of a performance bond, conditions were set-forth in a letter from the Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Board in 1978. There was a submission of a final map. The right-of-way known as Parcel A on the map shall not be used for access. There was a filing of a stream maintenance agreement, and under Section 8 of the sub-division regulations, the Planning Board waived the pavement width to 18 feet and the shoulder area. The Board accepted the road off-set as shown on map dated September 2, 1981, on file in the Planning Board office. A certificate of approval has been filed with the Town Clerk, and notice of approval will be published on Friday, October 23, 1981.

Unfortunately, it is not something that I was totally in favor of, however, it did receive the approval in May, 1981, of Mr. Sabia, then the City Engineer, and it also received approval from the Environmental Protection Board. It is not something I like to do, Mrs. Saxe. I think it established a bad precedent. Mr. Donahue indicated that he was going to meet with the Planning Board and discuss the whole issue, but under advisement of the Corporation Counsel, I see that we have no other choice because if we don't approve it, we will be taken to Court by Mr. Fusaro because it's clearly indicated that he lived up to all of the specifications that were given to him by the Planning Board, unfortunately.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. GAIPA: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's no further speakers. We will just proceed with the item. A Motion has been made to Move the question. Is there a Second to Moving the question? Seconded. A Motion has been made to Move the question, Mr. Blum. All in favor of Moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? Moving the question, the acceptance of Merriland Road. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? We are now voting on the acceptance of Merriland Road as a city street. Has everyone voted? The Motion has CARRIED 29 yes, 2 no, 2 abstaining, and 5 not-voting.

(2) SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY - List received from Planning Board 9/20/82 with recommendations. Board of Finance to send their recommendations. Held 11/8 and 12/6/82.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. DONAHUE: Item 2 is held pending receipt of the report of the Board of Finance.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: (Continued)

(3) ACCEPTANCE OF TAYLOR-REED PLACE AS A CITY STREET - per Acting City Engineer Roloff's certification of 12/20/82; extending westerly and southerly from Courtland Avenue opposite Maple Tree Avenue, approximately 640' to a dead end. That portion of Taylor-Reed Place extending westerly from this dead end will remain unaccepted.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

(4) ACCEPTANCE OF CRESCENT STREET AS A CITY STREET - per Acting City Engineer Roloff's certification of 12/20/82; reduced in length by 105' to a new length of 1,055' extending from Glenbrook Road to Taylor-Reed Place.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MR. DONAHUE: I would now Move the Consent Agenda; the acceptance of Taylor-Reed Place as a City street, item #3. The acceptance of Crescent Street as a City Street, item #4. I so Move the Consent Agenda.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Seconded to the Consent Agenda. All in favor of the Consent Agenda, please say Aye. Opposed? PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DONAHUE: That concludes the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein - NO REPORT

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. At this time, I would like to ask my colleagues to Suspend our Rules to take-up an item under L&R which is item 4, which is a request for waiver of a building permit fee and refund of \$12,348 fee paid. We have Mrs. Wormser here tonight who is waiting for this item, and in fairness, I'd like to have it taken-up at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made to Suspend the Rules to consider an item out-of-order on the Agenda. Is there a Second to that? Seconded. All in favor of Suspending the Rules, please say Aye. Opposed? We are going to have to use the machine. If you are in favor of Suspending the Rules, now you can use the machine. Has everyone voted? We are voting on whether to Suspend the Rules. Two-thirds or 26 votes is needed to Suspend the Rules to take an item out-of-order. Has everyone voted? The Motion to Suspend the Rules has LOST 22 yes, 13 no, and 3 not-voting.

PUBLIC HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Co-Chairmen Wider and Blum

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Public Housing and Community Development met on January 4. Present at the meeting was Ms. Summerville, Larry Ceci, Delores Ali Beach, Donna Coppola, Linda Regas, along with Mr. Lewis and myself, Lathon Wider.

(1) SET UP WORKSHOPS WITH THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD TO DISCUSS STATUS AND FUTURE PLANS FOR RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY. Submitted by Rep. Summerville 9/14/82. Held 10/4, 11/8 and 12/6/82.

PUBLIC HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: (Continued)

MR. WIDER: We worked on setting-up a Housing Workshop. A Resolution is being drafted and we should have it ready for the Board by next Steering. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

<u>URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE</u> - Co-Chairpersons John Roos and Annie M. Summerville - NO REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Audrey Maihock

MRS. MAIHOCK: There were no items on our Agenda. We have no report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Co-Chairwomen DeGaetani and Rinaldi

MS. RINALDI: The E, W, and G Committee met on Tuesday, January 4, at 7:30 and again on Monday, January 10.

(1) PROCEDURES TO CONTRACT OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTANTS - Requested by Rep. Walter Gaipa 7/9/82 referring to the Law Department's request for \$75,000 for outside legal counsel. Held in Committee from 7/12 through 12/6/82.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MS. RINALDI: Item #1 will be held in our Committee pending Mr. Blais' report.

(2) CLARIFICATION OF THE CREATION OF THE POSITION OF "PROJECT MANAGER"

FOR LUIS MAPPING SYSTEM - submitted by Rep. John J. Hogan, Jr. 8/23.

Held in Committee 9/20, 10/4, 11/8 and 12/6/82.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MS. RINALDI: Item #2 is also held since Mr. Hogan was again unable to attend our Committee meeting. So ends our report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Rinaldi.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Co-Chairperson Mary Jane Signore & Handy Dixon

MRS. SIGNORE: Thank you, Madam President. The Appointments Committee met on Thursday, January 6, at 7:30 in the Democratic Caucus Room. In attendance were Mr. Boccuzzi, Mr. Conti, Mr. Dixon, Ms. DeGaetani, and Mrs. Signore. During the course of the Committee meeting, we were joined by Mr. Owens, Mrs. Gershman, and Mrs. Conti; all of whom participated in the interviews.

I now Move to the Consent Agenda item #1, Mr. Philip Swan for Welfare Commission.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item 1 on Consent.

MRS. SIGNORE: Item 2 is off Consent; that's Zoning Board, Mr. Alvin Siegartel.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Just give me Consent.

MRS. SIGNORE: Item #3 on Consent, Mr. Thomas Burke for Health Commission.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #3 on Consent.

MRS. SIGNORE: Item #4, Mrs. Betsy Rich for Colisum Authority.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #4.

MRS. CONTI: I would like 4 and 5 off the Consent Agenda, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 4 and 5 off the Consent. We just have two on Consent; #1 and #3. Continue with your report, Mrs. Signore.

WELFARE COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

(1) MR. PHILIP SWAN (D)
121 Little Hill Drive

Re-appointment

December 1, 1985

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

ZONING BOARD

(2) MR. ALVIN SIEGARTEL (R) Replacing J. Ketcham December 1, 1986 whose term expired.

MRS. SIGNORE: Mr. Alvin Siegartel has been an alternate for a year on the Zoning Board. He's been a Stamford resident for 15 years living at West Hill Circle. He's a Republican. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Brooklyn College, a Master of Business Administration in Accounting from N.Y.U. He's a Certified Public Accountant with a company based in Norwalk.

He was asked about his attendance at meetings as an alternate, and he said he had been at almost all of their meetings in the year that he had been an alternate. We spoke at length about the feeling of combining the Planning and Zoning, and he felt that they should not be combined and gave us his reasons for feeling so. We felt that he was knowledgeable and sincere and the Committee vote on Mr. Siegartel was 5 in favor, none opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Several Seconds.

MR. CONTI: May I ask why he wasn't put on the Consent Agenda?

MRS. SIGNORE: He was not put on the Consent Agenda because I understand that the Democratic side of the aisle wished him off.

MR. CONTI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does anyone wish to speak on item #2?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Just for clarification; as long as one member asks for an item to be off, so be it. It wasn't the Democratic side of the aisle. It was one member.

MRS. SIGNORE: I'm sorry, I stand corrected, Mr. Boccuzzi.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Everything is on the Consent Agenda unless one person doesn't want it on, and they don't have to give their reasons at all. They just don't want it on the Consent Agenda.

MR. WHITE: Concerning Mr. Siegartel, I have nothing against the man personally, it is just that as I look over these appointments that come down appointment after appointment, especially for such positions as Zoning Board, I begin to get increasingly disturbed at what I see. I see people the exact same background, again, and again, and again; almost invariably they're from north Stamford; almost invariably they're from a business background; almost invariably they lived in Stamford a relatively short time; 15 years, frankly, I think it's a relatively short time. After all, you're talking about only since the late sixties, and our town began a change very drastically from the mid-sixties onward.

I don't say these people should be excluded. My point is that for some reason or other, they seem to have bewitched Mayor Clapes, and that's the sort of people we see on commission after commission especially the critcal commissions like Zoning Board, and I frankly, am the one who asked that he be put off the Consent Agenda, and quite frankly, to merely make the point that I'd like to see people of a somewhat different background get on here for at least—some of the positions. In other words, we never seem to see anybody on these commissions from the East Side, Shippan, or the Cove and so on, We never seem to see people with 30 years experience or lifelong residents, get on. May be it's just coincidents, may be there are other legitimate factors. I'm just saying that I have nothing against the man personally, I'm sure he is very competent, but I would just like to make this point.

Furthermore, when the Committee questioned these people, you seem to talk an awful lot about expertise. Well, somebody can be be very expert in and at the same time, have a malignant personality. In other words, I can be an expert in zoning, and at the same time, have an absolute Neanderthal concept of what I want to do. I can name you chapter and verse of people in Stamford who are absolute experts on zoning, but in terms of putting them on the Zoning Board, I wouldn't let them within 10 miles of the Zoning Board. I am not saying that this is true of Mr. Siegartel. I've heard some very good things about him. I just wanted to make this point, publicly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. White.

MRS. GUROIAN: I would like to thank Mr. White for saying exactly what I've thought for very many years, but having said that, I would like to speak on behalf of Mr. Siegartel whose performance I've watched as an alternate on the Zoning Board, and I cannot do anything but vote for him on his personal qualifications and his performance on the Zoning Board. That does not mean that I don't re-emphasize what Denny said about the same types of people getting placed on these land use Boards, and I would hope that more effort be made by the people other than these same types, putting their name in for appointment to these Boards because I think these Boards need them very badly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Guroian.

MR. DIXON: May be I can clear the air just a bit. I believe about once a year, the openings and vacancies on the various Boards and Commissions are advertised, and only those people who are interested in serving the City of Stamford respond with an application to either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party expressing their interest and their desire to serve the City in the various capacities on the Boards and Commissions.

Those who you might think ought to be serving on the Boards and Commissions, some of them just aren't filing applications. They are not responding to the advertisement. I don't think it would be in order at all for either the Democratic, or the City Committee, or the Mayor to go soliciting city-wide for names to place on the Agenda. If they come through voluntarily through the normal process of the two parties to the Mayor's office, and ultimately, get before the Board of Representatives for confirmation, and the Board of Representatives never appoints anybody, I'd like to clear that up at the same time. The Board of Representatives only confirms, so we have nothing to do with the name before it gets to us.

I think we would do well to leave the matter to the Town Committees and the Mayor's office and then act accordingly on it when it comes before us according to our authority and jurisdiction over Appointments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dixon.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I certainly enjoyed Rep. White's general indictment of the kinds of people who come before us from the Appointments Committee. I would just like to point-out that Westhill Circle is not north Stamford. It's in my district so I know that.

I also know Mr. Siegartel very well, and the reason that he's up for this Appointment, is simply because the man is interested in civic activities; he cares about Stamford; all be it only a citizen for 15 years, he is genuinely interested. I know people who have been in Stamford for 35 years and who couldn't care less about the City and participating in its activities, and I don't think that the length of time a person has been a resident of Stamford has much to do with the price of beans. I would like to say that I, personally, know Mr. Siegartel. He's an outstanding man, and he deserves every serious consideration. I think we are very lucky that he is interested in serving on this Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MRS. SAXE: Thank you, Madam President. I concur with Mr. Flounders remarks. The man if very good for the job and I think it would be an injustice to the City not to support him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MRS. McINERNEY: I was on the Appointments Committee on the last Board when Mr. Siegartel was first interviewed for the position as an alternate to the Zoning Board. He was very sincere, very interested and had taken the time to find out about the zoning within the City of Stamford. I think that somebody who has lived here for 15 years, and has a sincere desire to serve his community, should be a welcomed asset, and I would also note as Mr. Flounders did, that

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MRS. McINERNEY: (continuing) Westhill Circle is not north Stamford, neither does Mrs. Ross live in north Stamford, neither does Mr. Wellington , neither does Mr. Levine and neither does Mr. Martin. So, Mr. White, I would tell you that none of the people who will be serving on the Zoning Board come from north Stamford, and certainly, if any of us had any kind of information that we would like to hear or any remarks, any questions we would ask any of our candidates, be they Republican or Democrat, the Appointments Committee is an open public hearing and any of us is invited to attend, and ask questions.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. I will be brief because a number of comments have been made. It seems to me that if any of us are really upset with the kind of candidates that have been presented to us from the Mayor, you know that we are all part of this government, we all know the routes that should be taken, and we all have the right to nominate and persuade and talk to our respective City and Town Committees to get the kind of candidates we would like to see. Not only that, we can't wait until a person has gone all the way through the process and then to look back and reflect and say, "We don't like this kind of a person because they are not this, that, or the other," and we are not really specific. If our Appointments Committee unanimously endorsed this candidate, I would think dispite the fact that some of my colleagues that I would disagree with are in favor of him, I would think that he is a good candidate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, which is the confirmation of Mr. Siegartel, please say aye. Opposed? We are going to move right to the question which is confirming Mr. Siegartel. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? Mr. Siegartel is CONFIRMED by a vote of 34 yes, and 4 non-voting.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Madam President, a Point of Information?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mrs. Gershman.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Mr. Martin Levine does live in north Stamford.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman. Mrs. Signore, continue.

HEALTH COMMISSION

Replacing Dr. Michael December 1, 1985 (3) MR. THOMAS F. BURKE (R) 33 Loughran Avenue Sabia

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (MRS. SIGNORE ABSTAINING)

COLISEUM AUTHORITY - ADVISORY PANEL

These are initial appointments of 9 members to the Advisory Panel of the Coliseum Authority, pursuant to Ordinance #480, effective July 15, 1982; each to serve for a term of two years.

(4) MS. BETSY RICH (R) 24 Sweet Briar Lane

MRS. SIGNORE: Mrs. Betsy Rich appeared before us. She has been a Stamford native for 28 years. You see we are progressing a little bit in length of residency. She's a consultant and program officer of an affiliate of the New York Trust. She worked in research for grants requests. Her background is impressive in many foundation activities. She was Executive Director of VAC, Voluntary Action Center. She has been on the Boards of Stamford Hospital, Stamford Community of the Arts Council, Red Cross, Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Handicapped, and I could go on. Her qualifications are impressive. Her knowledge of the government structure came through quite clearly to the interviewing Committee, and we felt that she was interested and knowledgeable, and recommended her with a vote of 5 in favor and none opposed and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to this confirmation? Several Seconds.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. As Mrs. Signore stated, several of us attended the Appointments Committee meeting, and I can't help but note that there is the possibility of the appearance of a conflict-of-interest with Mrs. Rich inasmuch as she is employeed by this privately endowed foundation, which entertains requests for Community grants, and I do see the possibility of the appearance, if not a direct conflict, the appearance of a conflict, and under those circumstances I could not support this appointment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. I want to call on Mrs. Gersham next. The Coliseum Liaison Committee also met with Appointments. Do you want to give a report or react to the questioning here?

MRS. GERSHMAN: The Committee does not have a report because we did not have an official meeting, but I would like, if I may add at this time, that I was concerned as Mrs. Conti was about the funding of the Foundation which Mrs. Rich is Program officer for, so I took the liberty of speaking with her directly by phone and asked her what kind of organizations or foundations, or people, or corporations funded this Foundation? She said that it was not corporations, it was funded through family foundations in the area.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Gershman.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made to Move the question. Is there a Second to Moving the question? Several Seconds. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? The no votes, please raise your hand. Non-sufficient. We are going to Move the question which is the confirmation of Mrs. Rich to the Coliseum Authority. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Rich is CONFIRMED by a vote of 31 yes, 5 no, 1 abstaining and 1 not-voting. Mrs. Signore, continue with your report.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (Continued)

COLISEUM AUTHORITY - ADVISORY PANEL

These are initial appointments of 9 members to the Advisory Panel of the Coliseum Authority, pursuant to Ordinance #480, effective July 15, 1982; each to serve for a term of two years.

(5) MS. SANCHIA SPANDOW (D)
255 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Apt. B-9

MRS. SIGNORE: Thank you, Madam President. Mrs. Spandow has been in Stamford 14 years. She is currently the Director of the Governor's Southern Office. She has an impressive background. She graduated from London University in London, England. She has lived all throughout the world and has traveled extensively to Southeast Asia, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand; a very interesting person; very interested in this newly formed Committee. Also, she seems to be well-informed about some of the State regulations for the Coliseum Authority that many of us were in question about. I think she would be a good research person on that Committee. The Committee voted 5 in favor and none opposed for Mrs. Spandow's appointment and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mrs. Spandow? Several Seconds. Any discussion?

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. Here again, I attended the Appointments Committee meeting, and I find a conflict here. Mrs. Spandow is employeed by the State of Connecticut; earns here living from the State of Connecticut, and the Coliseum Authority money comes from the State of Connecticut. I cannot help but see this as a conflict, and I could not in good conscience vote for this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. Mrs. Signore, did you finish with your report?

MRS. SIGNORE: Yes, I did. I have one more comment that I wanted to make. We did question her, at length, as we did Mrs. Rich about a possible conflict-of-interest; wait a minute, I'm wondering if I am confusing the two. Mr. Dixon, was it Mrs. Spandow who had worked for SACIA? It was. We did question her at length on that and she said that because she had been employeed by SACIA, she was in no way a spokesman for that organization at this time. She said she had learned many things from SACIA. I just wanted to clear that up that she is not coming to this Authority as a representative or in any way connected with SACIA.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Signore.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? 1 no vote. How many no votes? Please raise your hand. Sufficient to Move the question. We're going to Move the question which is the confirmation of Mrs. Sanchia Spandow to the Coliseum Panel. Has everyone voted? Mrs. Spandow is CONFIRMED by a vote of 26 yes, 6 no, 4 abstaining and 2 not-voting.

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MRS. SIGNORE: At this time, I would like to Move the Consent Agenda; that's item #1, Mr. Philip Swan for Welfare, and item #3, Mr. Thomas Burke for Health Commission, and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? Several Seconds. All in favor of the two on the Consent Agenda, please say aye. Opposed? PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MRS. SIGNORE: I would like the record to show that I'm abstaining on item #3.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Signore is abstaining on item #3.

MRS. SIGNORE: And I may state the reason because of a possible conflict-of-interest. That concludes the report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Signore.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Co-Chairmen Burtis Flounders & Alfred Perillo

MR. FLOUNDERS: The Public Works Committee met on Monday, January 3. Present were Reps. Boccuzzi, Blais, Bonner, Perillo, Roos and myself, Burt Flounders.

(1) REQUEST FOR REPAVING OF DERWEN STREET, RUTZ ROAD, GLEN AVENUE, AND DeLEO DRIVE - Submitted by 15th Dist. Rep. Paul Dziezyc. Held 7/12.

Report made 8/2 that DPW will submit their report and request appropriation. Held 9/20, 10/4, 11/8 and 12/6/82.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. FLOUNDERS: Public Works is the Secondary Committee to Fiscal on this ordinance which the Board voted tonight to hold in Committee pending action at the February meeting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: #1 is Held.

(2) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #80-21 SUPPLEMENTAL SEC. 5 PERMITS & FEES, CHANGE IN FEE SCHEDULE. This is the ELECTRICAL ordinance. (Per addenda to Agenda)

MR. FLOUNDERS: The Committee voted 6 to 0 to approved this with a revision in that the fee shown for circuits for electrical work when a building permit is not required, shall be \$ 3.00 instead of the \$ 5.00 shown in the ordinance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders. If you all have your ordinance in front of you, it is the first item under fees; Circuits which says \$ 5.00. You are amending?

MR. FLOUNDERS: We're changing it from \$ 5.00 to \$ 3.00.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do you want to put that in a Motion, Mr. Flounders?

MR. FLOUNDERS: I Move that the circuit fee in Ordinance #80.21 should appear as \$ 3.00 instead of \$ 5.00 as currently shown.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. We are now discussing that. Is there any discussion to that? No discussion. We will proceed to a vote.

MR BLUM: I'd like to ask a question of Mr. Flounders. I am asking the question when a person goes to the electrical inspector, and he wants to put in a circuit, he might want to put in 5 circuits. Is that going to cost him \$15.00 for 5 circuits?

MR. FLOUNDERS: Yes, Mr. Blum. If it's a renovation, and he's putting in 5 circuits, that would cost him \$15.00. Yes.

MR. BLAIS: Yes, Madam Chairman. Just to clarify to the other Board members the affect of this ordinance, all we are doing is changing the ordinances so that these particular services that are rendered to third parties, are more self-sufficient in bringing in income, and that's the whole purpose of this amendment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. Anyone else that wishes to speak to the amendment? We are now going to vote on the amendment which is changing the circuit fee from \$ 5.00 to \$ 3.00. We will use the machine. We are voting on the amendment as presented by Mr. Flounders. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? The amendment has PASSED 32 yes, 3 no, and 2 not-voting.

We have to Move for final adoption of the ordinance. Now Move for the adoption of the ordinance as amended.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I Move for the adoption of ordinance 80.21 as amended.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second. Several Seconds. Discussion.

MRS. McINERNEY: Last month, I started to ask Mr. Flounders a question when it was pointed out that this item was not properly before the Committee and had to be held. Mr. Flounders, could you please tell me how your Committee proposes to regulate or enforce a permit for wood stoves, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Flounders, would you care to speak to that? Mr. Boccuzzi, Mr. Blais would like to speak to that too, if you would like to defer to them?

MR. FLOUNDERS: I'll defer to Mr. Boccuzzi or Mr. Blais.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Mrs. McInerney, I don't think it is our job to enforce it. Mr. Spaulding ask for these permit fees. I think Mr. Spaulding is going to know how he is going to enforce them. If you want to find out how he is going to enforce wood stoves, I suggest you ask him.

MR. FLOUNDERS: That's correct, but I might add that the requirement of the fee on wood stoves would be enforced the same way the fee on unit heaters or air conditioners are implemented. I don't know exactly how to answer that question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam President. If you have a wood stove in your home, and the City requires you to have a license for that wood stove, you do not and something happens, you try to collect from your insurance company.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais. We are now speaking to the main question which is the final adoption of the ordinance as amended by Mr. Flounders.

MRS. McINERNEY: I am glad that I was told it was Commissioner Spaulding's responsibility to enforce this ordinance and also that it's the responsibility of the insurance company not to insure somebody if they don't have a permit. Who is going to police this? Are the stores that sell these wood stoves going to have to tell each person who comes in to buy one and install one, that they need a permit? That's what I want to know.

MR. FLOUNDERS: All I can say, Mrs. McInerney, is that I shall take this up in the morning with the appropriate authorities, and in the meantime, I can only repeat what I have said earlier, "How does one know that any part of any ordinance is enforced?" It is a law. It is an ordinance. The word gets out that the law must be obeyed and that's what happens.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MR. BLAIS: Mrs. McInerney, respectfully through you, Madam Chairman to Mrs. McInerney, we would entertain any system of enforcement that she would care to bring before our Committee.

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, I really do not want to belabor this, but I think it's a matter of practicality. There are many people who have wooden stoves within the City of Stamford now. Are they going to have to come in for a permit, or are they under the grandfather clause? Since no one seems to know, who is going to be in charge of notifying people that permits are necessary, perhaps, I would like to make a Motion to return this to Committee until we know exactly how it's going to be pleased.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. McInerney has made a Motion. It has been Seconded to return this to Committee. That's what we are addressing now. Mr. Wider, do you want to address returning this to Committee?

MR. WIDER: That was my move to return it back to Committee and let it die in Committee. Thank you.

MR. FLOUNDERS: May I respond?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Flounders, certainly.

MR. FLOUNDERS: May I say that this ordinance is currently in effect. It has been in effect since 1969. The current cost for inspections of circuits, circuitry is \$ 1.00 per circuit. The cost-of-living, the CPI since 1969, has gone up well more than three times. The cost of inspection of fixtures since 1969 has been \$ 2.00. We are going to \$ 5.00. Someone made the comment earlier that the purpose of this ordinance was to increase the revenues for the City of Stamford. That is really not technically correct. The purpose of this increase in the fee charged is to recover the cost of performing this service. The increases considering the inflation which has occurred since 1969, the past 23 years, has been significant.

In answer to Mrs. McInerney's question about the wood stoves and will everyone have to pay a fee who has a wood stove, the answer is no, they will not. Those people who acquire wood stoves after the ordinance is passed are the only people who are going to have to pay a fee. This is all renovation. This has nothing to do with what exists today. It is for renovations that take place following the passage of the ordinance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MRS. HAWE: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded on the question of returning this to Committee. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? We're going to Move the question. Please use your machine. Returning this to Committee; this ordinance as amended by Mr. Flounders. We are now voting on whether to return this ordinance to Committee. Has everyone voted? The Motion to return to Committee has LOST 23 no, 11 yes, and 4 not-voting. We are now back to the main Motion for the final adoption of the ordinance as amended.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. With all due respect to all concerned about enforcement, we have many regulations and many ordinances on our books. What generally happens is when there is a violation and another individual is aware of it, they report it to the proper authorities. This is the way most of our ordinances, and most of our regulations are enforced. I don't think that there is any necessity to go beyond that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Conti.

MR. CONTI: I'd like to ask a question to Mr. Flounders through the Chair?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Certainly.

MR. CONTI: Is the taxing or registering a fee against wood stoves, does this necessitate a check-up by the City to see that the stove is alright? What is the reason for imposing a fee on that.

MR. FLOUNDERS: It is precisely that, Mr. Conti. Wood stoves have become popular as you know, since the price of home heating has gone through the roof. There are a lot of wood stoves being installed, and some of them simply are not safe. It can be very, very dangerous if they are not properly installed. The purpose of including wood stoves in this ordinance today is to recognize that fact, and in the interest of the safety of the people who are using the wood stove as well as the people who live in the surrounding area, we feel that wood stoves are very properly being included. They are very tricky to install properly and this will help to insure that the safety of those that will be exposed to them are protected.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MR. CONTI: Again, another question to follow this up. If wood stoves are going to be inspected, how about the new kerosene heaters that have come upon the market? Has there been any precaution taken against those?

MR. PERILLO: If I may, Mr. Flounders? That goes through the Fire Department, not through the Building Department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further questions?

MR. CONTI: Yes, one more. How about coal stoves? That would be on the same order as a wood stoves; they would have to be installed. Some use wood, some use both, and some use coal alone.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Is it not true that most wood stoves also can use coal? Or is that not correct?

MR. CONTI: No.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I don't know.

MR. CONTI: I would like to make a Motion to delete wood stoves from the ordinance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You want to amend the ordinance to delete wood stoves, \$15.00 each from the ordinance?

MR. CONTI: Yes, I would.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Several Seconds. We are now speaking to that amendment to delete wood stoves from the ordinance.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to ask a question concerning the wood stove. Is that pertinent now? This question, if answered, it would help me decide whether to vote yes or no on removing it.

What I was wondering since it says, "The permit fees for electrical work when a building permit is not required shall be," and, Mr. Flounders, it lists these, and it list wood stoves among them. Is there electrical work involved in installing a wood stove?

MR. FLOUNDERS: Yes, it's true that a wood stove is not electrical, nor a coal stove nor kerosene. This happens to have been since 1969 referred to as the electrical ordinance. It happens that energy under the general heading of energy producing devices, currently, wood stoves are back in favor. Even in 1969, they were not very popular. There was no need for them because electricity and oil were so cheap. You're correct. Technically, they are not electrical, but they do produce energy.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders. We are now addressing the amendment to the ordinance to delete wood stove, \$15.00 each from the ordinance.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I am a little upset. If some people didn't use their heads, most of the houses that we are living in today would not be here. I think we are taking all the responsibility of the citizen to look out for their safety, and we are trying to legislate safety to them. I can't see that. I think a person should be able to use their ability, and their initiative in stalling stoves and if they want to have them inspected they could. I don't think it should be forced on them.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wider, we are speaking to the amendment which is deleting wood stoves.

MR. WIDER: That's why I Seconded the Motion to delete.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. I am going to agree with Mr. Conti's Motion. At this point, I feel that we are being discriminite towards people who own wood stoves. As for the entire ordinance itself, it should be uniform and cover all, I imagine what you would call, auxiliary heating type devices rather than this scatter-gun approach to it. As I see it, we are looking at a piece of bad legislation.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MRS. McINERNEY: I agree that it should be deleted because I really do not feel that it is in this particular Section 80.21 as an electrical type of product. It does not clearly belong here. It is to be reworked and come back to this Board. It should be strictly as Mr. Livingston indicated, with all other auxiliary types of heating units.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would like to point-out to the Members of the Board of Representatives that tonight we have a Motion before us simply to increase the fees for inspection of wood stoves. Should we remove this fee tonight, it would not remove the City's responsibility to inspect wood stove; nor do I think it prudent that the City be released from this responsibility. For instance, we have a great growth in the City of multiple-dwellings called, condominiums. When somebody installs a wood stove in their own single-family home, that's one thing. When somebody starts installing wood stoves in multiple-dwellings, then I think that the City has a responsibility to the other members of that dwelling to insure that there are proper safety procedures and precautions taken. I would remind you again, deletion of this fee would not remove the City's responsibility. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blais.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I'd like to speak against deleting this particular item. want to argue whether it's in the right ordinance, right place, or right number. I think what is happening, and nobody brought it up, I know for a fact, people are building their own wood stoves. They are taking two 50 gallon drums, putting one on top of the other, burning wood in the bottom, go through a little stack, store the heat in the second drum, and pumping it out at the house. This is dangerous. If you live in a two-family house and you decide that is the way you are going to heat your apartment, and nobody is going to be there to check you, then the people who live in the apartment house are also put to a hazard of having a fire that would destroy anything they own. There's a lot more to it than just the inspection fee. I think you have to remember that some wood stoves are installed in multi-family homes. What may be satisfactory to the person who installed the wood stove, may not be a safety factor for the other people who live in that particular home. I think we have to have some sort of control. some sort of inspection to make sure that it is installed right. Personally, I can tell you, unfortunately, I've had someone in my family lose a whole home because of a wood stove, and I don't know if the inspection would have saved the the home or not. It might have.

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made to Move the question. Is there a Second? Seconded to Move the question. All in favor of Moving the question which is Mr. Conti's Motion to delete wood stoves from the ordinance as proposed, please say aye to Moving the question. Opposed? All the no votes raise your hand. This is on Moving the question. The question is not Moved. There's too many. We'll continue with the next speaker to speak for the first time.

MR. DONAHUE: There's a very serious question of health and safety here that I think we should be considering tonight. Considering some of the logical I heard, may be we should be adding the word coal stove to the ordinance, rather than taking wood stove out. An improperly installed can have serious affects and those have already been outlined. This is a very dangerous.

The amendment should be defeated, and we should go on from there.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. I think if there is one thing that is evident tonight from this discussion, and that is there is a lot of confusion about what we are doing at this point with this amendment, and with this ordinance. Therefore, I would like to make a Motion to return the entire thing back to Committee so the Public Works Committee can give us direct, concise, exact answers to all of the questions that have been raised tonight.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made. Is there a Second to return to Committee? Seconded. We are now addressing that now. Anyone wishing to speak on returning this to Committee? The maker of the Motion, you can speak, Mr. Wiederlight.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you. It is indeed serious what we are talking about here. Many, many, issues have been raised which affect many people in this Community, and I think there are many answers which we do not have, and we're going to make a decision not based on all that facts which prevail. I think that Mr. Flounders and his Committee are, indeed, qualified to seek-out all of the answers that we have brought up tonight and bring it back next month, and we can vote accordingly with the proper knowledge. That is why I made that Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion on the Floor is returning this to Committee.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to see it returned to Committee, and when it is returned to Committee, I would like the Committee to consider exempting one-family homes from this ordinance. In otherwords, anybody installing an auxiliary or a space heating unit in a one-family home should be exempt, but we do have to consider the dangers to multiple-family units. Owner occupied one-family homes should be exempted.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion before the Floor is returning it to Committee.

MR. ROOS: I don't really see why we should exempt one-family homes. I feel we should return it to Committee.

MR. ESPOSITO: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made and Seconded to Move the question which is returning this to Committee. All in favor of Moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? We're going to a machine vote on Moving the question. Has everyone voted? We're voting on returning this to Committee. The Motion to return to Committee has PASSED 30 yes, 7 no, and 1 not-voting.

(3) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 21-49 AND ORDINANCE NO. 462 ENTITLED, "DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE, CHANGE IN DISPOSAL FEE," (and conversion table). (Per addenda to Agenda)

MR. FLOUNDERS: This was approved at our December 6, meeting. However, at the time, it did not have the conversion table attached. The conversion table has now been supplied to each Member of the Board, and I Move for approval of this ordinance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made. Is there a Second for final adoption for proposed ordinance amending Sec. 21-49? Several Seconds. Any discussion? No speakers. We will move right to a machine vote on final adoption of the proposed ordinance. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted on final adoption of the proposed ordinance amending Sec. 21-49 and Ord. No. 462, entitled, "Disposal of Sludge?" We voted on this but we did not have the conversion table; we now have that. Has everyone voted? The Motion is CARRIED 28 yes, 5 no, and 5 not-voting.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam President. That concludes the report of the Public Works Committee.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Point of Information?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Ms. Summerville.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Through you, Madam President, to the Chairperson Mr. Flounders, if he will read into the record why items 2 and 3 were not on the Agenda as sent out; for a matter of record?

MR. FLOUNDERS: The addenda reads, "The following two items were inadvertently left-off the Agenda for the regular meeting; item #2, for final adoption 80.21 and item #3, for final adoption proposed ordinance amending Section 21-49 and ordinance #462, entitled, "Disposal of Sludge, change in disposal fee."

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Flounders.

CHARTER REVISON COMMITTEE - Co-Chairmen Jeremiah Livingston and John Roos - NO REPORT

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Tarzia is leaving. We now have 37 members present.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Chairman Robert "Gabe" DeLuca

MR. DeLUCA: The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, January 4, 1983, in the Republican Caucus Room to discuss the items on this evening's Agenda. Attendees were Committee Members Owens, Gaipa, Franchina, and myself, Robert "Gabe" DeLuca. Park Commission Members Chairperson Polly Vanderwaart, George Ravellese, Park Department personnel Mark Magliola and Ed Condon, Recreation Superintendent Bruno Giordano, Reps. McInerney, Maihock, and Gershman, Dave Blum; Mary Jane Hagen, Physical Ed Coordinator for the Stamford School system, Tracy Nicholas, Stamford Catholic High School Athletic Director, Dr. Kahn, of the Long Ridge Association, Dan Bellantonio, President of the Stamford Bocci League, along with several of his members, and Morris Rubel of the Stamford Tennis Association.

Our Committee voted 4 in favor and none opposed to place the following items on the Consent Agenda: Item 3.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #3.

MR. DeLUCA: Item #4.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #4.

MR. DeLUCA: Item #5.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #5.

MR. DeLUCA: Item #7.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Item #7.

(1) LETTER OF 10/25/82 FROM PARKS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WM. SHECK REGARDING TERRY CONNERS RINK FEES which Board of Education has indicated inability to pay which may jeopardize the Rink's self-sustaining fiscal status. Held in Committee 12/6/82.

MR. DeLUCA: We voted 4 in favor and none opposed to recommend that the Terry Conners Rink and Parks Department submit this item in their fee schedule which they will submit to us in May of this year.

(2) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PARKS DEPARTMENT FEES - letter 12/20/82 from Parks Supt. Robert Cook; also Revenue Report for 1982.

MR. DeLUCA: Our Committee voted 4 in favor and none opposed for approval with the following changes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca, were those the fees that were on our desks this evening?

MR. DeLUCA: What I left on your desks this evening is a re-hash of a comparison from 1981 to 1982. The fees were already mailed out to each and everyone a month ago. Everyone should have received them. All I left in front of you this evening, was something to re-enforce our position as to why we made certain recommendations.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does everyone have that list of fees?

MR. DeLUCA: On the first item, we are discussing Marina fees. The Park Department has proposed for all other fees with the exception of senior citizens, a \$ 5.00 increase from 1981, and they recommended a 25% discount for senior citizens. Our Committee felt it would be more favorable and beneficial if we were to follow the same rate of increase as noted for other people than senior citizens. Therefore, on the first item under Marinas, which is dockside mooring, the senior citizens' fee as proposed with a 25% discount would have been \$71.00. We're recommending this fee to be \$65.00.

Item #2, dockside mooring over 16½', the 25% discount would have been \$82.00; we're proposing \$80.00. This is for senior citizen fees; where we made the changes. On dockside mooring for Southfield up to 18', the fee recommended was \$30.00. 25% discount would have been \$37.50; we're recommending just the \$30.00 fee since there is no increase for the people other than senior citizens.

Outside moorings, the recommended 25% discount for seniors would have been \$ 3.19 a foot; we're recommending \$ 3.00 a foot, which would be an increase of \$.25 over the prior year. Outside mooring, minimum under 1982 fees, there was a typo error. Where they had \$25.00, it should have been \$35.00. Our recommended fee is a \$ 5.00 increase to \$40.00 whereas with a 25% discount, would have been \$49.00.

Small boat-rack, we're recommending that this stay at \$10.00; whereas if we gave a 25% discount, it would have been down to \$7.50; would have been a reduction. Since there is only one boat involved as far as senior citizens, we feel even the \$10.00 would be no hardship. These are the changes that we are recommending as far as the Marinas go.

I'd like to make a Motion to accept the fees with these changes for the Marina.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion. Several Seconds.

MR. DUDLEY: While I am in agreement with most of the fees, I do have to bring something up which I feel is of importance. On the launching ramp for the seasonal and the daily.

MR. DeLUCA: We are getting to that; we're just talking about Marina fees.

MR. DUDLEY: I pass for now.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No further speakers?

MR. WIDER: Madam Chairman, through you to Mr. DeLuca. You raised the fees on the dockside moorings?

MR. DeLUCA: Yes. Which one? We're talking about the 16?

MR. WIDER: No, the 18; 16 to 18.

MR. DeLUCA: No, we're leaving that the same as last year.

MR. WIDER: The same as last year?

MR. DeLUCA: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: For senior citizens?

MR. DeLUCA: For both; for everybody. That is staying the same.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further speakers. We will move right to a machine vote on the approval of the fees as stated by Mr. DeLuca. Please use your machine.

MR. ZELINSKI: I think there is some confusion here. I think Rep. Dudley was going to ask a question here on something pertaining to the fee schedule further down.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, Mr. Zelinski. I'm coming right down the line on this.

MR. ZELINSKI: Didn't you Move to approve the fees just now; that was the Motion?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Just the fees that Mr. DeLuca made the Motion. That's what we are voting on now.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'm sorry, Madam President, I misunderstood you. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There was no speakers. Now we have speakers.

MR. GAIPA: Point of Information. Why are we having a Motion and voting on each of these fees by sections?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. DeLuca made that Motion. He can make any Motion he wants.

MR. DeLUCA: I'll make it anyway we want to.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, I think Mr. DeLuca is changing the fees given to him by the Parks Department. We have to accept the changes and after we are all through, we accept all the fees.

MR. DeLUCA: I'll try to go through each section rather than try to confuse the issue. This way you can get an idea what the changes are.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There are more changes. We are going to vote on the Motion as proposed by Mr. DeLuca at this time. Mr. Blum, do you have a question?

MR. BLUM: Through you, I would like to ask Mr. DeLuca, I didn't hear in his report, the reason why fees have to go up in the Marina and the various? I look at this and I see the total amounts of money that are received from fees. I believe at the end here, the total amount of money that we get from fees was a \$134,085.93. Can you tell me why we have to raise the fees?

MR. DeLUCA: I would say for several reasons: #1, labor increases, material increases for paint, electrical; #2, the emphasises throughout the country to let the user pay for the cost rather than keep on increasing our taxes, and for a \$ 5.00 nominal increase, when inflation has gone up 10, and 12, and 15%, for a \$ 5.00 increase from previous years, I think is still a good bargain for what the people are getting.

MR. BLUM: A lot of people are not using that luxury anymore. We might see a downward trend too.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum. No further speakers, we are going to move to a machine vote on the changes in the fees as presented by Mr. DeLuca. He is taking this in sections; just the changes that Mr. DeLuca recommended in his Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please use the machine for a vote. Has everyone voted? The Motion has PASSED 29 yes, 1 no, and 8 not-voting. Continue with your report, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. DeLUCA: On lighted fields, the only change we have is for the Bocci courts. The proposed fee was \$150.00 per season. Our Committee recommended that it stay at \$100.00 per season. The reason being that the \$50.00 increase was based on the presumption that the Stamford Bocci League, the name has been changed from West Side Bocci League to Stamford Bocci League. The Park Department was erroneously under the impression that the Stamford Bocci League would be using the Courts an extra night, or three nights per week, and, therefore, they felt that it would be equitable to increase the fees \$50.00. In view of the fact that the courts would only be used two nights per week, we recommended that the fee would stay at \$100.00 per season for the Stamford Bocci League or the Bocci courts. The other fees remain the same.

I make a Motion that we vote on the Lighted Fields with the reduction from \$150.00 a season to \$100.00.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Which stays the same. Is there a Second? Several Seconds. Any discussion? We will move right to a machine vote on the one change to keep the Bocci fields to \$100.00 per season. Has everyone voted? The Motion has CARRIED 29 yes and 9 not-voting. Continue, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. DeLUCA: Our next section deal with tennis. We have made three changes here. Our first recommendation if you look under Tennis, it gives a description. It says, "Resident Daylight (Sr. Citizens & youth under 17, no charge prior to 6:00 P.M." We are changing this to read, "Senior Citizens and youth under 17, no charge prior to 3:00 p.m. - Mondays through Thursdays," and our rationale for this is that after 3:00 p.m., people are getting out of work, and this is more or less prime time from 4:30 on, and likewise, Friday, Saturday and Sunday is considered prime time. This is more or less in keeping with other recreational facilities just like at the golf course where seniors can play during the week at no charge, but during the week-ends, they have to pay.

Our other change deals with Non-Resident-Daylight. The proposed fee was \$ 2.00 per person. We changed this to read, \$ 2.00 per person - \$ 7.00 miminum per court. Using the simple logic that if two non-residents went to the courts to play tennis, would come out to \$ 4.00 for two people for one-hour of court time, whereas, in 1981, the fee was \$ 5.00 per hour which means that non-resident daylight person would have a \$ 1.00 reduction. Therefore, we felt by putting a \$ 7.00 minimum per court would eliminate this loop-hole.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's for non-resident-daylight.

MR. DeLUCA: And likewise for Non-Resident - Nights, we have amended this to read \$ 3.00 per person - \$10.00 minimum per court. Once again, the simple logic could be that if two people were playing at night, it would be \$ 6.00 for two people for the court for one hour versus \$ 8.00 last year, whereas, by putting a \$10.00 minimum, we feel that this would not be a hardship to anyone. Therefore, I would recommend and Move for adoption of these three changes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? Several Seconds. Any discussion?

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. Through you to Rep. DeLuca, pertaining to any discussion was given by your Committee or the Parks Department pertaining to the suggestion by the Tennis Association to have some type of a seasonal fee rather than having to pay by the hourly rate? I think that last year when we were discussing the fees, I think that was brought up, Gabe, bear with me, I wasn't able to attend your meeting. Could you just give an explanation on that, please?

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, we brought this up about having a season permit, our Committee felt as many of the other people, that if you were to charge a \$25.00 season permit, a certain group of people that played quite a bit of tennis would benefit considerably. Within the first week, they would have more than their monies' worth. As a compromise, we went along with the Park Commission's recommendation of a discount ticket, whereas, a person can buy 10 hours of playing time for \$7.00 for daylight resident discount, or a resident discount ticket for night-time, you can buy 10 hours for \$14.00 for playing time, which is a 30% savings. We felt that we should try this out for this year, and may be next year, we can pursue a season permit.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K., thank you. The only thing I would suggest, Rep. DeLuca, is possibly between now and next year if may be you could check with some of the surrounding towns to see how they work it with their season permits, but for now, I would accept that.

MR. DeLUCA: We have already done that. We felt that the surrounding communities are not in the same kind of a tax bind as we are, and their fees were \$ 5.00, \$10.00, which we felt that with the way Stamford's tax crunch keeps going up, that we cannot afford to give that luxury out.

MR. ZELINSKI: Excuse me, Madam President. I don't want to delay this, Rep. DeLuca, but the only problem is I think your point is well taken, however, you have to stop and think that not everyone in Stamford is in a position to be able to afford these fees such as students or possibly people who may be with the economic crunch, may even be unemployed. I think we have to look at both sides of the picture; those that can afford it, those that can't afford it. So, as I said, I'm not going to make an issue this year, but I hope between now and next year, some consideration can be given. Thank you, Rep. DeLuca.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further speakers on the Motion to change the fees of the tennis section of the fee schedule? No further speakers, we'll move right to a machine vote on the approval of the fee schedule as presented by Mr. DeLuca under the tennis part of the schedule. Has everyone voted? The Motion is CARRIED 31 yes, and 7 not-voting. Continue, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. DeLUCA: At the bottom of the page, we have an item called Vending Trucks. The permit last year was \$50.00 per season. They were proposing the same, \$50.00 per season this year, but our Committee recommended that this be increased to \$100.00 per season, and our rationale is that being realistic, the vending truck operator is going to increase the price of his hotdogs, his soda, and ice cream, therefore, a \$100.00 fee is not out of line. One other change also as far as vending trucks, adding the sentence, "No vendor can be located 100 feet from the Cubeta concessioner during tournament play. During tournament play, we have a concessioner that pays a fee, and we felt that it would be an imposition not fair to him if a vending truck given a permit, was within 100 feet of his concession. Therefore with these two changes as far as vending trucks go, I Move for approval.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds. Any speakers? No speakers, we will move right to a machine vote on the approval of the Motion as presented by Mr. DeLuca. Has everyone voted? The Motion has CARRIED 26 yes, 2 no, and 10 not-voting. Continue, Mr. DeLuca.

MR. DeLUCA: Now we come to the subject that Mr. Dudley was asking about. Launching Ramp fees: This area here we have made two changes; Connecticut resident, the proposed fee as recommended by the Park Commission and Parks Department was \$30.00 per season and \$7.00 daily. Once again, we felt that an increase should be made since our taxes are maintaining the launching ramps. Therefore, for the Connecticut resident, we are recommending an increase to \$40.00 for a season, \$10.00 daily. For out of state resident, we are increasing this to \$85.00 per season, \$20.00 daily, and I so Move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? Several Seconds.

MR. DUDLEY: I have a few questions that I would like to raise at this point. I witnessed in the last boating season, and we did have a change in fees at that time also, that there seems to be a lack of enforcement as far ælaunching fees. It appears to me that the residents are the ones being penalized. I know it was not increased but they seem to be the ones that are paying. According to the Department of Parks revenue report, the out of state residents, in 1981, there were 39 out of state residents on the seasonal launching, while in 1982, there was 29, a drop of 10. In the daily launching ramp, the out of state was 74 and it dropped to 40; that's a minus 34 in that category.

On several occasions I was down there, there was nobody enforcing, enforcing the out of state residents, there were residents with permits on their cars, on their trailers who were unable to use the ramps because out of staters were using these ramps. Now, I don't mind a fee increase if it is going to be enforced, but it appears to me that it's the out of state residents getting away scott-free and our residents are the ones that are being penalized for doing what should be done. I do have problems with accepting this the way it is unless there is going to be enforcement.

(tape changed, some dialogue lost)

MR. DeLUCA (continuing)....6:45 and 7:00 o'clock on the weekends, to fine out-of-state cars there, and no one there to enforce it. We made a recommendation to the Parks Department and the Park Commission that perhaps they should have someone there, maybe a senior citizen or some elderly person rather than a high school kid or a college student who sometimes find it difficult to appear at the launching ramp at 7:30 in the morning, or seven o'clock in the morning. And we are recommending that we should hire somone to be there at six in the morning and leave at three in the afternoon because there are not too many people down there launching their boats after three o'clock.

MR. DeLUCA (continuing):

If you notice, we are not increasing any fees for the City resident; if any, we are increasing for the out-of-state or Connecticut resident non-local and the out-of-state resident, and if you want to entertain a motion that maybe the City resident does not pay anything, you can entertain that motion, that this is what our recommendation would be, and we have emphasized to the Parks Department and the Parks Commission of the problems that we had to get this passed in 1982 because, as many of you will recall, Mr. Dennis White was opposed because of the same reasons he stated. And even our esteemed President, Lois Santy, is against our City residents paying the fee for the same reason, for lack of enforcement. And all we can do is just keep recommending, keep harping on the Parks Department of the necessity to get down there, and that is why even they recommended no increase for the City residents as far as launching ramp fees go. I will be glad to answer any questions but this is what our recommendation is.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I would like not to hold up the passage of this ordinance, Gabe, by putting any strings attached to it, i.e., enforcement. I, too, feel the same way as Mr. Dudley and yourself. I would like a commitment from you, however, Gabe, in lieu of holding up this ordinance that you might submit something to the next Steering Committee on our agenda, so it will be in your committee to see what exactly can be done to properly enforce the rules and regulations that this Community has for its launching ramps and beaches and parks. I think the situation is critical at this point. I don't think it is just serious. I think it is critical. Being one who goes down to the public beaches quite a bit in the summertime, I see with my own eyes what goes on, and I was wondering if I might be able to elicit such a commitment from you, Gabe?

MR. DeLUCA: I don't see any problem with that because I am as concerned as you are. In fact, we were concerned at the fact that there were approximately 800 beach stickers lost, of which 450 were lost by one particular bank in town; and we have made the recommendation that we don't use the facilities of that bank. If they lose 300 or 400 tickets at \$2.00 a ticket. . .well, we're right on top of it.

MR. WIDER: I keep hearing Mr. DeLuca reiterating that there is no increase in residential fees, but still this has gone from \$7.00 to \$10.00. I am seeing where we are going to have ramps pretty soon that won't be used; and I am afraid that we are pricing them, little by little, out of the reach of the people who have boats and moor them in their yards instead of mooring them down at the mooring facilities. Since these people have already paid for these ramps through taxation, I wonder what we are trying to do? Are we trying to eliminate the uses, or are we trying to improve the uses? And from what I can see, we are decreasing

MR. WIDER (continuing)...the uses of the ramps. We are also decreasing the uses of the slips in the boat basin. Last year, Cove Island was never filled. I am wondering what are we really trying to do. This Parks and Recreation Committee has really begun to drive people away instead of drawing them to it, as we should be doing.

MR. DeLUCA: May I just answer that question, please, Madam President, I think on two scores? Mr. Wider, you talk about an increase of \$7.00 to \$10.00. That is not for a resident, that is for a Connecticut State resident, not for a City resident. The second score is that you say the launching ramp use is being decreased, but if you will look at the fact sheet that I dropped off at your desk, you will see that in 1981 the City resident usage was 96 people bought a season permit for \$5.00; and in 1982, it went up to 103, so I would say we have an increase in permits that are being issued for the season, rather than a decrease. I really don't know where you are coming from on those two scores.

PRESIDENT SANTY: To speak for the first time, next is Mr. Owens and then Mr. Gaipa and Mr. Blais.

MR. OWENS: I really wanted to clear up air here on this City residents fee of \$7.00 to \$10.00 for Mr. Wider here. The City residents, Lathon, I guess you can't really see on your sheet what we have, and I would just like to go up there and make it clear. I pass now.

MR. GAIPA: My point was just to clarify also for Mr. Wider that there is no increase in the City resident fees and there hasn't been for three years.

MR. BLAIS: This time I would like to Move the Question. Seconded by several.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will use the machine for a Division. Vote up for yes. Opposed? Has everyone voted? Mr. DeLuca, you're having trouble with your switch? It is recording on the machine. The Motion has CARRIED with 32 Yes, and 6 Non-Votes.

MR. DeLUCA: That concludes all the changes as far as they go for the fees, and I Move for acceptance of the complete package. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will move right to machine vote. Vote up for yes; down for no. Has everyone voted? APPROVED with 32 Yes, 6 Not Voting.

(3) REQUEST FROM ATTY. E. ARTHUR MORIN, JR., ON BEHALF OF THE STAMFORD RUNNING CLUB, INC., TO HOLD A RACE FOR THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSN. WESTERN FAIRFIELD CHAPTER, ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1983, at 1:00 P.M. per his letter 12/9/82.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(4) REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A MARTIN LUTHER KING WALK TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1983, from Stillwater Ave. to 90 Fairfield Ave. - submitted by Rep. A. M. Summerville 12/15/82. NAACP is sponsor.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(5) REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THE THIRD ANNUAL WalkAmerica on Sunday, April 24th, at Cove Island Park - starting there and returning to Cove Island Park as indicated. Letter 12/16/82 from Della Spencer, Chapter Rep., March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Darien, Conn. ALSO request permission to hang a BANNER on Bedford St., Latham Park, from 4/22-4/24/83. (Changed from Summer St. as that site not available for then.)

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(6) REQUEST FOR RENTAL ACQUISITION OF STATE-OWNED 14-acre site at BangallDen Road-Merritt Parkway Exit 33, to be used for hiking, walking, jogging, minimal parking, non-development - per letter dated 11/2, received
11/23/82 from The Long Ridge Assn., John Timbers, Pres., and other officers.

MR. DeLUCA: On Item #6, our Committee voted 4 in favor, none opposed to hold this in committee pending receipt of information which the two Representatives in that area, Mrs. Gershman and Mrs. Maihock, will be getting some answers for us from State Rep. Chris Shays.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(7) REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHRISTIAN PARADE ON JULY 8, 1983 - submitted by Miracle Faith Outreach, 91 Hope Street, Stamford.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

MR. DeLUCA: I would now like to Move for approval of the Consent Agenda, Items #3, 4, 5, and 7. Seconded. Approved unanimously (voice vote).

I have one other item I would like to bring up under Suspension of Rules, please. It is from the Westhill High School North Star Playmakers. I so Move. Seconded. Approved Unanimously (voice vote).

UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

(8) REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HANG A BANNER BY THE WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL NORTH STAR PLAYMAKERS - on Summer St. from January 10 thru January 24, 1983 - to advertise their four one-act plays.

MR. DeLUCA: What happened was that they more or less forgot to bring it before our Steering Committee and they want to hang a banner from 1/21 - 1/24. I so Move. Seconded. Carried unanimously (voice vote).

MR. DeLUCA: Just as a point of information, maybe over the New Year's Weekend many of you must have driven past Scalzi Park during the daytime, and the night-time, and saw the new lights glaring away and probably wondering what was going on, just like I was. Lo and behold, I found out from an expert, a lighting consultant, that the reason that when you install new lights such as we did down at Scalzi Park, they must burn between 36 and 72 hours. It is what they call a seasoning or burning period. Unfortunately there was no publicity in the paper to the effect that this was happening. Many people called my house, and I am sure other Representatives. That concludes my report.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Paul Dziezyc & Michael Wiederlight, Co-Chairmen.

(1) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING INCLUSION OF THE CHIEFS OF POLICE and FIRE and THEIR DEPUTIES UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION HEART and HYPERTENSION STATUTE OF CONNECTICUT, SEC. 7-433(c) General Statutes, as submitted by Sherwood R. Spelke, Asst. Corp. Counsel, letter of 9/15/82. Held in Committee 9/20/82, 11/8/82 and 12/6/82.

MR. DZIEZYC: Our Committee met on January 4, 1983 with the following attending: Barbara deGaetani, Michael Wiederlight, Co-Chairman, and myself. Chief of Police attended; also Deputy Chief Moriarity, and Carl Nehring. On Item #1, we voted 3 in favor, none opposed, to publish, and I so Move. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please your machine to vote. This is for publication. APPROVED with 29 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention, and 5 Non-Votes.

(2) FOR PUBLICATION AND/OR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR BURGLAR AND FIRE ALARM CONNECTIONS TO A CENTRAL CITY TERMINAL - Amending Sec. 3.5 concerning the FEE as submitted by Reps. Gershman, Maihock, Bonner, McInerney; also from Barry Boodman 5/4/82; and Rep. Wiederlight's memo 5/10. Held in Committee from 5/24 through 12/6/82.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. DZIEZYC: Item #2 is Held in Committee. And on Item #3, we voted 3-0 to publish, and I so Move. Seconded.

FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF EARPHONES AND HEADPHONES BY JOGGERS, BICYCLISTS AND OPERATORS OF MOTORIZED OR SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS ON MUNICIPAL STREETS AND STATE ROADS IN STAMFORD. Submitted by Rep. Stork 7/29/82. Held in Committee from 9/20 through 12/6/82.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any discussion on this item?

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President, through you to Mr. Dziezyc, a couple of questions: How is this going to be enforced, first of all?

MR. DZIEZYC: Like any other ordinance.

MR. ZELINSKI: How are the other ordinances enforced?

MR. DZIEZYC: By the Police Chief and his staff and officers, as well as by the Fire Department, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and by the applicable authority of the particular ordinance in question.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I would like to ask a question through you. I believe I read recently that there is a State statute pending on this very same subject. I wonder if we are in contradiction to that State statute that is up for approval. Do you know anything about it?

MR. DZIEZYC: No, but perhaps Mr. Stork can answer that.

MR. STORK: Mrs. Gershman, we have correspondence from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities that wrote to Bill Hennessey who has been researching and helping out with this ordinance. The statement from CCM is that apparently Stamford will be the first community in the State of Connecticut to have such legislation. There has been no mention of anything in the State at this moment of which we have been made aware.

MR. ESPOSITO: There has been a bill submitted that is almost identical to this in the State Legislature, but there is nothing in that bill that would contradict this or preclude us from passing it.

I did want to go back to Mr. Zelinski's question of Mr. Dziezyc, and that is I understand it will be the responsibility of the police to enforce this but unlike other provisions, for example, the statute pertaining to motor vehicles or to driving where you can revoke a driver's license or not allow someone to renew their registration for their automobile, exactly what do you do if you ticket someone who violates this law? What do you revoke? How do you enforce it? How do you make them pay the fine? I think that is a very serious issue.

MR. DZIEZYC: In item #6, "any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shallbe fined not more than \$50.00," and this is just like any other ordinance.

MR. ESPOSITO: And if they don't pay you, what do you do then? How do you enforce it?

MR. DZIEZYC: You take their earphones away from them - they're evidence.

MR. ESPOSITO: If you violate a motor vehicle law, you can have your license revoked, but what do you have revoked here?

PRESIDENT SANTY: This is for publication, Mr. Esposito, and these are very good questions to come up at a public hearing after this is published. To speak for the first time, Mr. Gaipa.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. GAIPA: My question is in terms of the streets that bisect our parks, like Scalzi Park and even Cove Island, are these considered municipal streets and will people be banned from using the headphones or earphones on those particular streets?

MR. DZIEZYC: I don't think so.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think these are questions that should come before the public hearing because we are just speaking to the publication of this now. There is no answer to that question at this time. Perhaps this answer can be found, Mr. Stork, since you're the originator of the ordinance? Do you have any answer to that?

MR. STORK: To the question by Mr. Gaipa, once you're inside the grounds of the park or the beach itself, I don't think this ordinance would apply.

MR. DZIEZYC: Because there is no traffic or cars involved there.

MR. GAIPA: Yes, there are a lot of cars involved at Scalzi Park, and there are also a lot of joggers at Scalzi Park, and I am saying do people who jog in Scalzi Park, are they prohibited from using these earphones according to the ordinance? I think this is a pertinent point because, depending on the answer, I am going to vote one way or the other.

MR. DZIEZYC: Well, it states in the ordinance "public roadway" shall mean all municipal and state atreets and highways and all private streets and highways which by their use and custom have attained the character of a municipal or state street or highway, and upon which the enforcement of this ordinance will serve to protect the health of the inhabitants of the City of Stamford, and I believe that covers all of those.

MR. GAIPA: So does that mean that you cannot use those things in Scalzi Park?

MR. DZIEZYC: True.

MR. RYBNICK: I think that this should go to publication and that all the questions will be asked and we'll get the answers at that time. We should wait for the public hearing and not try to get the answers here tonight.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'm not really sure we should wait until the public hearing, to vote nay or aye on this. As I see it, we are just enacting another ordinance that no one will be able to enforce, and if there is pending State legislation, you know, really, what's the great urgency for us to jump the gun? And as for us setting an example for the rest of the State, as I see it, people have a right to use headphones and any other kind of phones they want to use. At the same time, anyone who is so ridiculous as to put a headset on their head and go up and down a public highway, well, some things people have to judge for themselves; and if a person wants to jeopardize himself in such a way, I don't see how this Board at this moment can really have effective legislation that is going to be geared for this. I don't feel that this should be publicized. I think we should just deny it right here on the floor.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to Publication. There are eight speaker on the list.

MRS. SIGNORE: My first concern on the use of the earphones is, as is well known on this Board, is on hearing damage. I think there are probably many more people who will damage their hearing by excessive volume used with these things than will be hit by a car or involved in an automobile accident. I can understand how an operator of a motor vehicle can be fined, stopped, or punished in some way, but when you are talking about people walking, or running, I really wonder if you are not infringing in the area of individual freedoms. I am very concerned about that.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I Move the Question. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now voting on Publication of this ordinance. Has everyone voted? CARRIED: 18 Yes, 13 No, 2 Abstentions, and 5 Not Voting.

MR. DZIEZYC: The Public Hearing will be held February 1st at 7:30 P.M. here in the Board Room.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Through you to Chairperson Dziezyc, do you plan to invite the experts to answer the kind of questions that we have heard tonight?

MR. DZIEZYC: It is going to be published.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: That's not my question, Chairman.

MR. DZIEZYC: What experts do you want invited?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Anyone who can answer the questions that have been asked. I can see clearly here that the Committee was not able to....

MR. DZIEZYC: What question or questions specifically?

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I don't think you even understand my question. I'll decline.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Excuse me, Madam President, I am Co-Chairman, if I may, and what I will do, Ms. Summerville, I will refer to the minutes of the meeting and any questions that were brought out on the floor of the Board, we will endeavor to invite the people who might be able to shed some light on the answers.

(4) REQUEST FROM CITY REP. LATHON WIDER, 3rd Dist., 12/20/82, for the Board to look into a death allegedly due to freezing at 461 South Pacific St. on 12/9/82, in a sub-standard building.

MR. DZIEZYC: The Committee, after hearing Rep. Wider, requested us to ask the Chief if there is anything they could do further, so I called the Chief and he referred me to Deputy Chief George Mayer, and I asked him if there was any possibility of criminal negligence on the apartment owner because the violation of the City Housing Code of no heat in the apartment and he said he was going to refer to the Prosecuting Attorney and he will let us know.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Does that conclude your report, Mr. Dziezyc? Fine, thank you. Mr. Blais is leaving now, and that leaves 36 members present. And Mr. Dixon is leaving, which makes the attendance 35.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

MR. CONTI: The L&R Committee met on Monday, January 3rd, for a public hearing which started at 7:30 in the Main Room. Present were Co-Chairmen Conti and Zelinski, Reps. Saxe, McInerney, Maihock, Donahue, Dudley, Owens, and Bonner. Also Mr. Blais and Mr. Rybnick.

To take it out of order, because we did take it out of order to hold our meeting, #2 was held first for the public hearing, and that was for final adoption proposed ordinance concerning anti-prostitution. The Committee voted for final adoption 9-0 and I so Move. Seconded.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I have on my agenda, #1 approved 8-0; #2, 9-0 approved; #3, 9-0 for approval; and #5 approved 9-0 as the committee votes. Is it possible to put them on the Consent Agenda? As long as there were no dissenting votes in committee and no one has any objection on the floor...

MR. CONTI: Well, because we had a public hearing, I wanted to put that separate. #2 was first on our agenda that night because of the public hearing, but I will now continue with the rest of them on the Consent Agenda.

(1) FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING EXCHANGE OF EASEMENTS
BETWEEN CITY and ABE WEXLER ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON HILLANDALE AVE. &
GROVE ST. (The taking of 297 sq. ft. and the giving of 311 sq. ft.)
Mayor's request 7/1/82. Planning Board approved 6/30/82. Held in
Committee from 8/2 to 11/8/82. Law Dept. Smith has 11/2/82 letter
from Atty. L. Morris Glucksman agreeing to property exchange.
Approved for Publication 12/6/82.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(2) FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING ANTI-PROSTITUTION - submitted by Rep. McInerney 11/12/82. Approved for Publication 12/6/82.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA, with Rep. Esposito voting No.

MR. CONTI: All right, I Move to the Consent Agenda #1 and #2. #1 was approved 8-0 by the Committee. #2 was approved 9-0 as I stated before, and I Move that to the Consent Agenda.

#3 was 9-0 approved for Consent. No, someone wants it off. #4 was 5-1 so it cannot go on Consent. #5 was 9-0 but someone wants it not on Consent.

ABATEMENT

(3) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO GRANT TAX EXEMPTION TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN CHURCH, INC., 34 Melrose Place, Stamford (residence of Pastor Bernetta Fields) - per 11/9/82 letter from Atty. Michael S. Sherman (Farrell, Sherman & Kivell). Held in Committee 12/6/82.

MR. CONTI: In attendance at our meeting that night were Mr. Sherman and Pastor Fields, and we did ask Audrey to look into this and she has a letter of approval in her possession and I would like for her to take over from here.

MRS. MAIHOCK: We had approval of both the Corporation Counsel's Office (Mr. Hennessey of thatoffice), and Mr. Faski, that these were correct and proper for the Board to act upon. Mr. Faski did mention, please be advised all reference to tax exemptions should read tax abatements, so I did want to point that out.

MR. CONTI: This was for Publication and I so Move. The Committee vote was 9-0. Seconded.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you to Rep. Maihock, the night of our Legislative & Rules Committee meeting, this item was greatly discussed because of the fact that the Sub-Committee of the L&R Committee, consisting of Reps. Maihock and Saxe, had said that they had not received a reply from Mr. Faski pertaining to this item. I did write to Mr. Faski the following morning asking him why he had not replied to that letter. My first question, through you, Madam President, to Rep. Maihock, is when did you receive a reply from Mr. Faski pertaining to this item, please, Rep. Maihock?

MRS. MAIHOCK: I first directed the request to Mr. Faski on Dec. 6, 1982. Mr. Faski replied in his letter back to us that he did not receive it, and I personally delivered it to a member of his staff down there so I don't know why he didn't, but he truthfully said he did not receive it, so I don't know what happened down there. Is there something else you'd like to know, please?

MR. ZELINSKI: That doesn't answer my question. When did you receive a reply from him telling that this item was all right for approval? The night of our L&R Meeting on January 3rd, you told our Committee that we had not received a reply, and some of the Committee members felt, because of that, that this item should have been held, and as I recall that evening, an amendment was made by one of our Committee members, Rep. Owens, not to hold this up providing we get the necessary clearance from Mr. Faski. Now, I'm asking you, when did we get the approval from Mr. Faski?

MRS. MAIHOCK: I just stated that....

MR. ZELINSKI: No, you did not.

MR. CONTI: Yes, she did. Yes, she did.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I just stated a moment ago that we did receive both approvals ...

MR. ZELINSKI: When, what is the date, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, you're not cross-examining anyone on this Board. Mr. Zelinski, you will ask your questions through the Chair, and then I will direct the question. I don't like the tone of this questioning. Mrs. Maihock, a member of the sub-committee of the L&R, is giving a report.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, and I was asking a question as to when the approval was given toher from Mr. Faski.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's enough of the questioning. Mrs. Maihock, do you wish to answer that question?

MRS. MAIHOCK: Yes, I certainly do. Mr. Faski had spoken on the phone to Mrs. Saxe and to myself, but we felt that it would be a good procedure to have both Mr. Hennessey of the Corporation Counsel's Office and Mr. Faski approve these things in writing so that we could provide copies to anyone who desired them if they had any doubt, so that we would not have to bother these two offices unnecessarily to get this information. Mrs. Saxe and I were asked by the Committee, apparently it was at a time when Mr. Zelinski was not present at the meeting, to do this, and we did not do this of our own free will, we were asked to do this. The answer to his question was on the 5th of January, I received a signed copy from Mr. Faski, and as I just pointed out, Mr. Faski said that although I personally delivered this to his department, he for some reason did not see it, and I am sure that he truthfully said that. But I did personally deliver it down there.

MR. ZELINSKI: I wasn't finished. I would just to have it noted in the record, please, that Mr. Faski in his letter, replied to me stating that he had never seen or received the correspondence dated Dec. 6, 1982, and I am quoting from his letter, "I have by phone discussed this property with both Audrey Maihock and Ann Saxe, and told them this property is not unique for its use and is entitled to the same consider as any other church property." It also mentions in his letter that the Board of Reps. has the sole responsibility, and so forth. The reason I am making a point of this is because for some reason, this is the second time the L&R Committee has almost had to hold an item such as this, which is a routine item, which we have been approving for charitable and religious organizations that come in for tax exemptions for their taxes, the State statute grants them this, otherwise, I am sure they would take us to court. Now that particular evening, it was mentioned, as I said, that they had not received the reply yet, and that is why I am making a point of this. If a reply was given, then on that particular evening of our L&R Meeting, we could have passed this without all the debate and discussion, and almost this item was going to be held if it were not for Rep. Owens of our committee who voted an amendment to a motion to hold this on the consideration that we receive approval from Mr. Faski; and the only point I am making is that Mr. Faski never received this; there wasn't any follow-up as of January 3rd as to the approval of this, and I think that in the future, that we should not have to hold items like this that are routine for approval.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion is on Publication of this ordinance and that is what we should be addressing now. Next to speak is Mrs. Gershman.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Through you, Madam Chairman, I would like to ask a question: what was different about this property that they had to get Mr. Faski's in-put for it?

MR. CONTI: Mrs. Maihock and Mrs. Saxe had been appointed as a sub-committee and one of the new ideas had been to get these things in writing and merely get an O.K. from the people involved, and this they had done, and I compliment them both publicly for doing a very good job on this. They did get the writing; now, Mr. Faski did not get the letter of Dec. 6th, although Mrs. Maihock took it personally to see that he did answer it, and she did get his signature on January 5th, that is since the meeting of January 3rd, and January 10th which is tonight.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Please keep in mind that we are speaking to the Publication of the ordinance.

MR. DUDLEY: I Move the Question. Seconded. CARRIED.

President Santy: We will now vote on Publication. Please use the machine. Has everyone voted? The Motion to Publish has been APPROVED: 32 Yes, Zero No votes, 1 Abstention, and 5 Non-Votes.

(4) REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE and REFUND OF \$12,348 FEE
PAID pursuant to Ord. 80.7, Article 100, as amended, Section 6 of the
Building Code - per letter of Chairman C. B. Whitehead of Housing Sites
Development Agency 10/18/82. For Rippowam Manor, 81-unit elderly building on North Street. Held in Committee 12/6/82.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Will the record show that Ms. Summerville has left the floor and will be absent during discussion and vote on this?

MR. CONTI: Mrs. Wormser attended the meeting and the Committee vote was 5 for, 1 against, and 2 abstentions. I Move for approval. Seconded.

MRS. SAXE: I did not vote in favor of this, and one of the reasons is that the opinion for waivers for building permit fees which was sent to us Nov. 4, 1982, reads: "By review of the State Statutes and the case law reveals nothing which obligates the City to afford such organizations relief from payment of such fees; however, my review also failed to yield any prohibition from waivering fees to any of the above-mentioned organizations, and I find no reason at all why we should subsidize building in the City, and therefore I cannot support giving a waiver of fees.

MRS. CONTI: I would like to remind the Board members that we already paid some \$90,000 to provide a foot-bridge for this project because it is being built in a flood-plain. Also tax abatement has already been granted. I think that we have done quite a bit. I don't think we are also required to do this, and we should not pile upon the taxpayers the additional waiver of the building permit fee.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I Move the Question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will vote on the Waiver of Building Permit fee for Rippowam Manor. Has everyone voted? The Motion is DEFEATED: 16 Yes, 18 No, · Zero Abstentions, and 4 Non-Votes.

(5) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE and LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STAMFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE LAND AND BUILDING SITUATED ON 1508 HIGH RIDGE ROAD and KNOWN AS MARTHA HOYT SCHOOL PROPERTY, for 20 years at \$1.00 per year, per Mayor Clapes' letter 12/2/82. See letter / 12/21/82 from Planning Board with recommendations. Board of Finance approved 12/20/82. Also letter from Rep. B. McInerney 12/16/82.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

MR. CONTI: The vote was 8-1 for approval of the lease and I so Move. Seconded.

MRS. McINERNEY: Maybe this Board should have a little bit of history as to the Martha Hoyt Building. When the Martha Hoyt School was returned to the City to the Public Works Department, the Mayor held a public hearing and asked the community and the people in that area what they wanted to do with that building. When he did that, he indicated very clearly that he puts stipulations on it that whoever took over that building as a non-profit organization, if it was to be used for a non-profit organization, would not have any City money funded into that; in other words, if it was operated as a civic center, as a community center such as Glenbrook Community -Center and CTE and Southfield Community Center, the City would not be responsible for picking up the utilities, the electrical, the water, any of the things that they presently pick up on Glenbrook and the other organizations that we have in town; and he set up a special committee of civic leaders and neighborhood residents in that area to meet with people and review their wants and purposes for use of that building. After they met with 26 to 30 groups who were willing to take over the building, there was only one group that came forward and agreed to undertake the use of Martha Hoyt as a non-profit organization who would utilize the building, retain its historical character, and pay its operating and capital improvements. They were the only group that was willing to come in. Now, I have to commend the Historical Society for undertaking a project of this nature which would benefit all of the residents of this community. The neighborhood groups voted unanimously to support this effort by the Historical Society. They were very pleased and they felt it was an extension to their neighborhood. It was something that would build up pride in Stamford, pride in the neighborhood, and would also allow visitors who come to the Museum & Nature Center and to UConn to utilize the facilities, and it would also allow the Historical Society to house many of their pet projects,

MRS. McINERNEY (continuing)...such as the historical costume displays that have been done over the years, and the furniture and things of that nature that have been given to them; and the lease that you have before you this evening is the lease which was given and agreed upon by the City with the Historical Society and it clearly indicates that they will be responsible for all of the operating expenses, capital improvements, maintenance expenses. They will not ask the City to pay for utilities. They will not ask the City to pay for snow removal. They will not ask the City to pay for water. They will not ask the City to help pay for heating. They will clear their driveway. They will be responsible for refuse collection. They will be responsible for installing the security system. They have agreed to undertake all these things which I thinkis a benefit to the community because of all of the other community centers and things of this nature in the community, they all are now asking for City support. I think that this group should be commended. The people in my neighborhood are very pleased and flattered to support its use and the best part is while they are using and improving our facility, the City still retains hold on that building. I hope that all of you will support it this evening.

MR. ZELINSKI: I, too, am very supportive of this particular ordinance for publication. I am familiar with the work of the Stamford Historical Society. It has done a very good job for the City of Stamford and I also believe it would be an extremely good location for them up on High Ridge Road there where they do have access to other areas of sites of interest for the community. I would also like to mention that the Planning Board, in its letter to the Mayor, did mention that a substantial investment in refurbishing the interior of the school would be done by the Historical Society and that the premises would be used as a museum, open to the public, and that not less than \$150,000 would be invested by the Society for that purpose. I feel at this particular point the other side of the coin being the residents of the area are opening their arms, so to speak, to have them up there and are willing to share the location with them. I would like to have my colleagues vote for this because it certainly will help them to continue and show not only the residents of Stamford, but the people who come from out of town the history of our City.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There are many, many speakers. We are voting to publish this ordinance, just to publish. Next to speak is Mrs. Signore.

MRS. SIGNORE: Mrs. McInerney hit a lot of the items that I wanted to talk about in terms of the Historical Society and how self-sufficient they will be, and that they are not asking the City for money but are willing to take a City building and put funds into it. Somebody said they wanted to give a little background a minute ago. I would like to give a little background, too. When I came to Stamford in an un-named year, I was assigned to Hoyt School as a teacher. And it is a warm feeling to see a building in Stamford today that substantially pre-dates me; for that reason, and many other reasons, I think we are fortunate to have an organization like the Historical Society with the funds to utilize and improve and keep a building like this alive and viable. It is a fantastic use to an old building that should be preserved.

MRS. SIGNORE (continuing)...It is excellent utilization of a lovely old school. I would hope that we would have other organizations, as our schools become no longer used, that could give to the City what the Historical Society is prepared to give to the City of Stamford.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the Question. Seconded. CARRIED.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will vote on Publication of this ordinance. Has everyone voted? APPROVED with 32 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention, 4 Non-Votes.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

(6) REQUEST-FOR-GLARIFIGATION OF CORRECT NAME: WHETHER IT IS "MAIN STREET" or "EAST MAIN STREET" - submitted by City Rep. Gerald Rybnick, 4th District Representative: letter 12/15/82.

MR. CONTI: We turned this over to Don Donahue, who is Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, and I would like him to take over from here and speak on Item #6.

PRESIDENT SANTY: First Mr. Donahue and then Mr. Rybnick.

MR. DONAHUE: I have no real report on this at this point. It is held for a month, and we should have something next month.

MR. RYBNICK: As I see it on the agenda, I don't want a clarification. I want an ordinance that calls for East Main St. as the proper name.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then we will change that on the agenda. Mr. Donahue, will you come forward later and we will change the wording of that item.

Item #6 is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. CONTI: I Move for approval on the Consent Agenda of Items 1 and 2. Seconded.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of the Motion, please say Aye. Opposed? #1 approved unanimously. #2 has a No vote from Mr. Esposito, rest Yes.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - No Report.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - No Report.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS

(1) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION COMMENDING KAREN RYAN FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT - by Reps. Betty Conti and Grace Guroian 10/27. Adjourned 12/6/82 meeting before reaching this item.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, do you want to Move for approval of item #1 under Resolutions?

MRS. CONTI: I Move for the approval of this Resolution commending Karen Ryan for outstanding scholastic achievement. Seconded. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(2) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHERRY FIELDS FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT - by Reps. Betty Conti and Grace Guroian 10/27. Adjourned 12/6/82 meeting before reaching this item.

MRS. GUROIAN: Move for approval of this resolution. Seconded. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (3) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARD MALLOZZI by Rep. John Zelinski 12/20/82.
- MR. ZELINSKI: I move for approval. Seconded. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - (4) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION to be sent to Governor O'Neill and the General Assembly to initiate action to abate the operation of motor vehicles in the State by persons under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances that impair the ability to drive. Letter from Mayor Clapes 12/1/82, and Councilman E. Clayton Gengras, Jr., of the West Hartford Town Council, 11/12/82.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Resolution, Item #4, Moved and Seconded for approval. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES REQUEST:

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to ask my colleagues to take up one of the resolutions that is not on the agenda, which you have all received in the mail, honoring the firefighters who were injured in the fire recently, and I so Move to Suspend the Rules, with a minor change that was made. Seconded. CARRIED Unanimously.

(5) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION honoring the four firemen who were injured in the recent fire - submitted by Rep. John Zelinski, Jr.

MR. ZELINSKI: I Move for approval of the Resolution honoring the four firemen who were injured in the recent fire, and have it sent to them while they are recuperating in the hospital. I have the address. And, further to delete the next to the last paragraph which reads "Whereas these firefighers were injured when they neared the wooden door, etc.", and I so Move. Seconded. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, please give your amended copy to our Administrative Assistant and she will have it sent out tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. ZELINSKI: I will do that. Thank you, Madam President.

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES FOR ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

MRS. GUROIAN: I would like to Move for a Suspension of the Rules for an item not on the agenda, referring to the repeal of the vehicle emissions inspection program, a copy of which was put on the desks.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Seconded. Approved unanimously to Suspend the Rules.

(6) <u>SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION</u> for repeal of the vehicle emissions inspection program which became effective January 1, 1983.

MRS. GUROIAN: I don't think I have to discuss it. I think most of you know very well the inadequacies of the law that was passed and the complaints of the constituents regarding those inadequacies and I would like the Board of Representatives to go on record supporting the repeal of that legislation by the General Assembly.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would just like to say to the Board I might have felt the same as Betty Conti and Grace Guroian did, but I did go over Saturday to fulfill my obligations under this law, and I was pleasantly surprised. There is a wait when you do go, but I was very pleasantly surprised by the attitude of the personnel who are in charge of this facility. At one point, one of the men had to go over and shove a car that had become disabled, and they were most cooperative and most pleasant, and I think, in the long run, if it ever gets organized to the degree that it should be, that it will be a very beneficial thing for the State because we do have to lower our pollution rate. We have one of the highest pollution rates anywhere in the United States and in the State of Connecticut.

MR. DeLUCA: I Move the Question. Seconded. Carried Unanimously.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will use the machine to vote on this Resolution. Has everyone voted? APPROVED: 22 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention, 12 Non-Votes.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

President Santy: Are there any corrections or additions to the August 30, 1982 Special Meeting. Moved. Seconded. Mr. Dudley voting No, everyone else Yes. Approved.

November 8, 1982 Regular Meeting. Moved. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

December 6, 1982 Regular Meeting.

MR. STORK: I would like to Move to Hold the Dec. 6th Meeting Minutes one more month because they just came on Saturday. Seconded. Carried with several No votes. DECEMBER 6 MINUTES HELD.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS

MRS. McINERNEY: We found on our desks this evening, a letter from the First Congregational Church dated today. It is a communication to this Board regarding the needs of the homeless, and I would like to give this to you and have it entered as part of the records of this meeting under Communications.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The First Congregational Church is going to all the churches and synagogues in the area and asking for volunteers, so I am sure that all of you will be approached from that area, too.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) A special or sub-committee composed of equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans to establish dialogue and act as liaison between Labor Negotiator Thomas Barrett and the Board of Representatives concerning labor contracts, employee compensation, and fringe benefits. Submitted by John J. Boccuzzi 12/22/82.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I don't know if we need a Motion to be approved by the Board. Don't you have the right just to appoint a Committee?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, but there may be some discussion since this is on the Agenda.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I'm asking for a sub-committee of the Board, possibly two from each side of the aisle, to put the Board's in-put with Mr. Barrett, the Negotiator, and find out what is going on, and what our Board thinks, not to enter into the negotiations, just a committee to discuss with Mr. Barrett. That's all it is.

PRESIDENT SANTY: This is long over-due and the Chair recognizes that need and will ask the party leaders to meet with me afterward, and we will discuss the matter, and will announce it at the next meeting, although I will give it to Mr. Barrett before then. Is there any other new business? Before we adjourn, this is January, and it will take one minute of your time. It is the time we all have to make resolutions, and this is a hymn that is sung in my church, but to me it is a resolution, and I would just like to share it with you because I think it is so important. We have 1983 to go through. No, I will not sing it, I will read it:

"Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me,
Let there be Peace on Earth, the Peace that was meant to be,
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we,
Let me walk with my Brother in perfect harmony,
Let Peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in Peace eternally,
Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."

Thank you for letting me share that with you. We'll have a Motion to Adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. WIDER: I Move for Adjournment. Seconded by several. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. WIDER: I would like to invite all of you to join me leading the march for Martin Luther King from Stillwater Avenue to Yerwood Center on the morning of January 14, 1983.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:40 A.M.

Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant

(and Recording Secretary) Board of Representatives

> JLS:AK-HMM Encs.

APPROVED:

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TEST VOTE - EVERYONE VOTING YES.

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STAMFORD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL - JAN. 10, 1983

excused) 01/10/83 20:47:32 PRESENT: 2 Absent (Mildred Perillo, John Hogan; both ill -NUMBER PRESENT = 38 Y 1 CONTI BETTY Y 2 GURDIAN GRACE Y 3 FLOUNDERS BURTIS Y 4 WIDER LATHON Y 5 SAXE ANNE Y 5 McINERNEY BARBARA Y 7 GERSHMAN E Y 8 OHENS B Y 10 STORK P Y 11 ROOS JOHN Y 12 DELUCA R Y 9 ESPOSITO PAUL Y 13 DEGAETANI B Y 14 CONTI ANTHONY Y 15 TARZIA J Y 16 WHITE W Y 17 MAIHOCK AUDREY Y 18 GAIPA W Y 19 BLUM D Y 28 SUMMERVILLE ANNIE Y 22 BOCCUZZI JOHN N 23 HOGAN J Y 24 FRONCHINA J Y 21 LIVINGSTON JEREMIAH Y 25 DZIEZYC PAUL Y 25 BONNER J Y 27 DIXON HANDY Y 28 GOLDSTEIN S Y 32 SIGNORE MARY JAME N 29 PERILLO MILDRED Y 380 DUDLEY J Y 31 ZELINSKI JOHN

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