### MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983

### 17TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Regular An Adjourned meeting of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Wednesday, July 13, 1983, to complete the Agenda of the meeting held Monday, July 11, 1983. Both meetings were held 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 9:15 p.m. by PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, after both political parties had met in caucus.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now proceeding to finish the Agenda of our Monday night meeting when a motion was made and passed, to finish our Agenda of our regular monthly meeting following the Charter Revision Special Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Annie M. Summerville called the Roll. There were 31 members present and 9 absent. Absent were Reps. McInerney, Owens, Tarzia, Blum, Hogan, Goldstein, Zelinski, Blais and Wiederlight.

The President declared a quorum.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - Chairman Donald Donahue

MR. DONAHUE: Thank you, Madam President. The Planning and Zoning Committee met with Mrs. Guroian, Mr. White, Mr. Jachimczyk, Mr. Donahue in attendance. Mr. Stork was in the building but he had a conflicting meeting on that evening.

(1) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATING TO PURCHASE OF PORTIONS OF NORTH STATE STREET AND HILL STREET FROM CITY OF STAMFORD BY ELM STREET CORPORATION (GENERAL REINSURANCE COMPANY) FOR \$599,360, VIA QUIT CLAIM DEED. Resolution concerning "A Notice of Intention to Discontinue" these portions of streets approved at 5/2/83 meeting of this Board. Public Hearing to be held. Chapter 64 provisions apply.

Letter 3/8/83 from Richard Tobin, Atty., Cummings & Lockwood; also 2/4/83 letter from Traffic Director James Ford.

MR. DONAHUE: At our last meeting, this item was returned to Committee so that the Committee could look into the reasons that North State Street would be closed to traffic at Elm Street. It will be cul-de-saced as part of an agreement between the City of Stamford and the State of Connecticut. We have in our possession a letter signed by Mayor Clapes which dates back to 1976, where the Mayor agreed to the closing of North State Street as part of the realignment of exits 7 and 8. As of this date, and as a matter of fact for a number of months now, North State Street has been closed at this place. The state has done some construction work there; has widened the ramp and straightened the ramp and has actually cut across what use<sup>d</sup>to be North State Street. The remaining

MR. DONAHUE: (continuing) property has been cul-de-saced and a curb put in at that point.

Along with this section of land which now belongs to the City, and along with what use to be Hill Street, and other portions delineated in the ordinance, the General Reinsurance will purchase these pieces of property at the going rate of \$32.00 a square foot and that's where we come to the figure you all received.

It is the feeling of the Committee at this time, that since this is now a fact, and since we know that the agreement has been made between the state and the City as part of the total agreement to realign exits 7 and 8, that rather than the City having a piece of property which it would have to maintain between General Reinsurance and the Connecticut State Thruway, that we should consider the sale of this property to General Reinsurance. So, it is the Committee's recommendation to the Board that we publish this item by a vote of 4 in favor and none opposed. I would also add that we will hold a public hearing on this item and hopefully, bring a recommendation to you in August, and I so move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to that motion? Seconded. Any discussion? We are now voting on the publication of the ordinance.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would ask through you, Madam Chairman, that the letter Mr. Donahue stated that he had received as to the record showing as to who signed this agreement, that the entire letter be a part of the records of this meeting. It does not have to be read tonight. I would like the letter to be on record as part of this meeting, if that is agreeable to you?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Summerville. Mr. Donahue. O.K.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Also, I would like the entire letter that was received from Mr. Donahue that was written by Richard J. Tobin, on June 6th, in reference to General Reinsurance Corporation, that this letter also be a part of the record of tonight's meeting, and I would like to read the last paragraph to make sure that the correct letter is a part of the meeting.

The last paragraph says to Mr. Donahue as it is written as Chairman of the Committee! "Jim Ford's discussions with Mr. Whelan at DOT and my search of City records have led us to the conclusion that the DOT did not obtain specific approval of the City to cul-de-sac North State Street as the attached plan was part of the overall interchange construction. General Reinsurance had nothing to do with termination of North State Street at Hill Street."

I also would like to go on record to state that I am in opposition to this even being published. I think it is unfair to the entire City of Stamford; not only to the people who live on that street or lived on that street but also the people who used that particular street. I would like the record to show that I am totally against the Committee's decision and I'm against even having it published. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Ms. Summerville.

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MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I understand that the letter alluded to an agreement between the Mayor and the State of Connecticut. I wonder how many properties can we expect our Mayor to agree without the citizens of Stamford, who own the property, being aware of it. I was fully aware and involved when the highway was put through here and there was no acquisition of State Street by the state and I don't see how they could agree with the Mayor to take our property and stop a road illegally, and begin the development without coming to the owners of the property and the taxpayers of the City of Stamford. All the taxpayers own that property. I don't see how the Mayor could, indeed, do this. I was opposed to seeing that street closed. There have been many questions directed to me about that street; how it was closed? And, today, I haven't got an answer yet as to who ordered the street to be closed, or who agreed for it to be closed without the consent of the citizens and taxpayers who lived in that area. I am really opposed to this whole process. I think this process points-out something very clearly; if we don't keep our eyes open, some of our elected officials will sign our birthrights away from us, and we will find out in the end that its been given away. I am a little upset about the way that this was done, and I would like to see more work done on it. As a matter of fact, I may be trying to see if we can get that street reopened. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider.

MR. DUDLEY: Thank you, Madam President. I just want to echo the sentiments expressed by Reps. Summerville and Wider, and also go on record as not supporting this, and I think that it should also be a matter of record that the residents who live in that area are also not in support of this. Thank you.

### PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dudley.

MR. WHITE: Thank you, Madam President. The only reason I voted for publication at this stage of the game, is precisely so these considerations and questions could be publicly aired. I think one of the best ways to perhaps, as it were, vent our spleen on all of this, and come to what is an open decision one way or the other, is, in fact, to have a public hearing and the only way you'll get it, really in this sense, is to vote it for publication. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. White.

MR. DONAHUE: Just a few things. First of all, there was a Public Hearing on this item held in Stamford on January 6, 1977. Copies of what was proposed were made available to the general public, including maps which indicated that this area would be cul-desaced. In the transcript of the report that I have here of the Public Hearing, there is avindepth description of what will happen as part of the State's agreement to realign exits 7 and 8 which was sought by the City to provide better access to the Urban Renewal area. Part of that City hearing, municipal hearing, does talk about the cul-de-sacing of North State Street for reasons of safety because the original design prevented the safe merging of traffic at that point. It was felt by the Traffic Department, Ron Weber was the Traffic Director at that time, and I'm not quoting him; I'm just going along with what was stated by the Mayor. But, the State DOT felt that the only way that they could successfully realign that intersection was to extend it, diminish the grade which ineffect has already cut diagonally across what was North State Street at that point. North State Street does not exist at that point any longer. The grade has been changed and these is lateral or diagonal cut directly across it.

MR. DONAHUE: (continuing) I note here that Mr. Wider testified at that Hearing. Other City officials including the Mayor, State Representatives testified at that Hearing, and all felt that it was a good idea to realign exits 7 and 8. Unfortunately, part of that decision, and part of the agreement to do that work, did include the termination of North State Street at Elm Street. I am not totally sure that that is a good idea. I don't say that I am totally in favor of that street being dead-ended. However, practicality, going to the site myself, checking the diagrams which I have a copy of here, indicates to me that there is no way, at this point in time, that North State Stree will be opened again at that point merely because the entire grade has been changed.

The State has spent money to realign exit 7 which was what the City wanted; also exit 8. The State is not going to turn around now after spending how many hundreds of thousands of dollars and reopen that section. It would be negating all the work they have done. They would have to actually cut away part of the new ramp down there.

What Mr. White said is absolutely true. All that is before us now is whether or not it is beneficial for this community, for the taxpayers of this City to sell this piece of property to General Reinsurance for their purposes but to remove the burden of future maintenance of this piece of property from the City for a fair market price; the going rate \$32.00 a square foot.

The Committee from this point on, will meet, will hold public hearings, and be able to make a good recommendation to this Board. Nothing has been prejudged by the Committee at this point. We all have some reservations, however, in good conscience the Committee cannot come to you this evening, and say, "We should not publish this because of the closing of North State Street or because there is a possible opening again of North State Street." In fact, there isn't unless the City is willing to expend the monies to explore that and do the construction itself. And, again, one of the things we wanted was the realignment of exit 7 and exit 8. It has been done, and I don't see any physical way possible to go back to North State Street as it existed nor is there any additional property there where we can move North State Street over. The adjoining property is owned by General Re and it is also owned on the other side by the State of Connecticut. So, as I say, we are only asking to publish this this evening. We will hold a public hearing. We will go further with this issue and be able to make a good recommendation on its merits in the future.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

MR. WHITE: Thank you, Madam President. Look, what we are talking about is publication; publication, you can, in fact, bring up any point you wish to including the fact that you just don't feel like giving up the property. Whether you can put a road there or not, we don't have to up the property if we don't want to. We can tear-up the streets and have grass and trees there; whatever you want. We don't have to give it up; whether or not we can ever put a piece of property there or not because the whole question is to whether or not we wanted this at that time, you go back to '77. I remember the hearings in '77 and I had a very jaundiee view of them then. What puzzled me at the time, I often wondered how some people could suddenly get the State to realign the State exits on a State highway. This always bothered me, and by the same token, we have a lot of other things around here that we can't get the State to do; like reinforce CAM and so on, but the fact of the matter is, there is going to be a Public Hearing on it, and at the Public Hearing you can come and make any recommendation or any point of view that you want, including the fact that we

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MR. WHITE: (continuing) just don't feel like selling the property because we don't want to sell the property. Thank you.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I don't want to belabor this but I really want to be clear in what the Chairman is saying. If I am correct, I think I understood him to say, "He didn't see anyway possible anything was going to change because of what had already happened." I can't understand why would a Committee recommend spending money to publish something, and have this Public Hearing when you already made a decision where there is nothing that possible could be changed? I'm totally confused by the comments. Can I ask through you, to the Chairman, to explain what he meant? Am I correct in understanding what he said?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Donahue, would you like to address that question?

MR. DONAHUE: I'm trying to separate the issues here, and it is clear to me that there are two issues that we're discussing now. We're discussing the ordinance which on its own may have merit, may not have merit. That is the responsibility of the Committee. After going to on-site inspections, after talking with people about this issue, I don't think there is anyway to turn back the clock, and reopen North State Street. However, I don't want the two issues confused and that' what I'm trying to prevent from happening.

The reopening of North State Street is something that could be pursued, don't get me wrong, but the facts of the matter are, it is closed. It is no longer there. O.K.? At that point, it is closed; the State has closed it. Now, the fact that this has happened should not have an *C*ffect on right now whether we publish this item or not. Don't get me wrong, I was quite surprised to learn that it was going to happen anyway. I've had calls in my District about it being closed, and when was it going to be reopened. I have reservations about the wisdom of closing it, but that is not the item that is on our Agenda. The item is the publication of this. Part of that Public Hearing will certainly address this issue, and we will get answers concerning that, but the Committee has decided that it is best to publish this, hold a Public Hearing, and deal with the questions in the open. That's all we're asking for tonight.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion has been made and seconded to move the question. There is only one speaker to speak for the second time. All in favor of moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Not sufficient. We'll move the question. The question is on publication of the proposed ordinance relating to purchase portions of North State Street and Hill Street from the City of Stamford by Elm Street Corporation or General Reinsurance Co. This is for publication. Has everyone voted? A majority vote is all that is necessary. A majority of those voting to publish. The motion to published has PASSED 23 affirmative, 6 negative and 2 not-voting.

#### MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: (CONTINUED)

(2) REQUEST THAT BOARD CONSIDER THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON COLD SPRING ROAD (LOTS S/7, S/8 AND S/10) for \$60,000 to Mr. Frank Pelli. Mayor Clapes and Nancy Mitchell's letter 2/9/83; and Atty. Howard Shiffman of Epifanio, Tooher and Shiffman's letter 2/9/83, for housing development with 4 units with sale price limit of \$93,000 and 4 units to be \$105,000; or lower, if interest rates permit. Board of Finance has this on their pending Agenda: their 5/10/83 meeting minutes stated "Deferred pending an appraisal, info from Assessor's Office and Planning Board advisory opinion." Held in this Board's Committee 5/2/83 and 6/6/83.

#### HELD IN COMMITTEE

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MR. DONAHUE: This item has come up before the Board of Finance. It has been deferred pending the receipt of an appraisal and information from the City Assessor's office. The Committee voted 4 in favor and none opposed to hold this item.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein

PRESIDENT SANTY: In the absence of the Chairperson Mrs. Goldstein, Mrs. Maihock will give the report.

MRS. MAIHOCK: The Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, July 6, 1983, in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Chairman Sandra Goldstein, Committee members Audrey Maihock and Jeremiah Livingston, Mr. James Ford, Director of Traffic and Parking, Mr. Paul Disario, Project Director for the Stamford Transportation Center, Mr. John Roman of WSTC, and Mr. Steven Belsky.

(1) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE LIMITATION OF TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CITY STREETS - submitted by Rep. Guroian and Betty Conti 5/6/83. Has been reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel. Held 6/6/83.

#### HELD IN COMMITTEE

MRS. MAIHOCK: The Committee voted 3 to 0 on a motion to hold.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock. #1 is being held.

(2) <u>REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCATION OF PARKING METERS</u> pursuant to Charter Section 493 to be located off West Park Place, per James W. Ford, Dir., Traffic and Parking Dept. 6/1/83.

MRS. MAIHOCK: The Committee voted 3 to 0 on a motion to approve. May I discuss it? PRESIDENT SANTY: To approve, certainly. Make the motion first.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I make a motion to approve item #2.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion has been made and seconded to approve the request for approval of location of parking meters. You may speak to that motion, Mrs. Maihock.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Mr. Ford pointed-out that the cost of new meters would have been \$200.00 each for new meters. However, because 600 meters were removed from the railroad station area, the cost was between \$15 to 25.00 per meter instead. It is anticipated, also, that there will be entry to this parking lot from Summer Street which Mr. Ford is presently working on to effect.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any discussion? No discussion, we are going to move right to a vote on the request for approval for the location of parking meters to be located off West Park Place. Please use your machine if you approve. The motion to approved has PASSED 22 affirmative, 1 negative and 8 not-voting. There are 31 members present at the meeting at this time.

#### HELD IN COMMITTEE

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MRS. MAIHOCK: This item is held for a comprehensive Committee report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock, for your report.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Chairman Gerald Rybnick

MR. RYBNICK: We ordered a refrigerator for the Board of Representatives, and it will probably be in use next month. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Rybnick, and thank you for all your hard work.

MR. DeLUCA: Do you think we can go to the House Committee for our hats for the baseball game?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Why don't you take it up with our House Committee Chairman? Mr. DeLuca mentioned the fact that we are going to have our baseball game on the 16th, and we want to be as officially attired as our opposition. Why don't you take that up with Mr. Rybnick later. I'm sure if he can find it, it will be there.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Madam President, a point of information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Is there anyway possible that our members can have privileges to the parking lot during day hours?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you saying that we don't; we can't get in during the day?

MR. LIVINGSTON: You can get in but then you're accused of taking somebody's parking space.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You'll have to take that up with the House Committee. There are several visitors' spots, Mr. Livingston.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Which are normally filled, too.

<sup>(3)</sup> PARKING AT CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL VS. RICE SCHOOL, ETC. - submitted by Rep. Gabe DeLuca 6/20/83.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE: (CONTINUED)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Why don't you take that up with Mr. Rybnick and may be we can get a letter off to Commissioner Spaulding, and try to settle it.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Elizabeth Gershman

(1) REPORT

MRS. GERSHMAN: I have a short report and then we have the four-part contract to approve.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Give your report first and then you can move to the motion on the acceptance.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. The Coliseum Authority met on June 20th, to act upon the four-part contract between the City, the Authority, the Stamford Center for the Arts, and the Stamford Theatre Properties. Points of discussion were:

1. The length of time of the contract. Some members felt that 50 years was too long, plus the fact that the building must be used for an arts center for those years and cannot be sold, even if the City should take it over for any reason, until the time has expired.

2. There was concern about how the Center would be funded should the Coliseum Authority cease to exist for any reason. Along with this, was the concern about what entity within the City structure would manage any appropriated funds, should the Coliseum Authority cease to exist.

3. The question was posed about whether the contract could be changed to allow the proposed 75% revenue from the Coliseum Authority to be reassessed at the end of 5 instead of 10 years.

4. The question was then posed as to whether the funds could be cut from 75% to 70% for years ten onward.

5. Underlying the discussion was the basic question of whether the City would be liable for the funding and/or running of the Center should the Center or the Authority cease to exist.

The Authority passed the contract as drafted without the above changes, 5 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 not-voting due to absence.

The Coliseum Authority Liaison Committee of this Board, met on July 7th, in the Law Library. Present were members Betty Conti, Robert DeLuca, Elizabeth Gershman, and John Hogan. Also present were guests Tom Mayers, Lawrence Gochberg, Pat Marra, Randy Brion, R. G. Havemeyer, Vivien White, and Sandy Gilbane.

Upon questioning Mr. Gochberg, Trustee for Stamford Theatre Properties, assured the Committee that the City would not be liable for any further funding of the Center; that the private sector would pick up any unfunded expenses; that Stamford Theatre Properties would not use the facility for any other purpose other than an arts center for the duration of the contract 50 years; that the City's liability is contained primarily in Article VIII, section 8.01. which I would be happy to read to you if you don't have your contract.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Everyone should have their contract. Continue, I don't think you have to read it.

### COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: (CONTINUED)

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MRS. GERSHMAN: (continuing) Mr. Havemeyer, a member of the Authority, pointed-out that he felt the wording in this section, "Said covenants and agrees that it will utilize its best efforts in replacing such funds from sources other than the City." was nebulous and that the term "best efforts" could be construed in many different ways. He pointed-out that should private funding fail, the City would be responsible for the facility. Mr. Gochberg pointed-out that in that event, the City could sell it. The question does remain, however, if the City could, in reality, sell it before the 50-year contract was up?

The Committee approved the contract 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 absent and notvoting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Gershman, before you go into that, what was the vote, again?

MRS. GERSHMAN: 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 absent.

(2) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY, THE COLISEUM AUTHORITY, THE STAMFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS, AND TRUSTEE FOR STAMFORD THEATRE PROPERTIES (PRESENT OWNERS.) Submitted by Mayor Clapes 6/21/83 and received from Grants Director S. Gilbane 6/22/83. Comm. Marra's letter 6/21/83.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I will make a positive motion that the Board of Representatives accept the four-part contract as presented to them this evening.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to that motion? Several seconds. Discussion?

MRS. MAIHOCK: My only concern is the 50-year term of this contract. I just wondered was any alternative to that, Mrs. Gershman?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Gershman, you may answer that.

MRS. GERSHMAN: In the long run, there was no alternative but there was certainly at the Coliseum Authority meeting on June 20, I believe, if I remember, a lot of discussion; many of the members did want to cut it down to 25 years, but it passed at 50.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No other discussion? Mrs. Maihock, are you finished?

MRS. MAIHOCK: There would be no opportunity for the Board of Representatives to cut it to 25 or cut it to a lesser term?

MRS. GERSHMAN: I believe that the Madam President would have to rule on that. It could be amended I suppose.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think that we're powerless to change that contract, Mrs. Maihock at this point.

MRS. GERSHMAN: May I remind the Board that this is a courtsey vote; that Mr. Marra has the authority to sign the contract if he so chooses, no matter what our position is, but he has given us the courtsey to vote on it. In this line, when the Coliseum ordinance comes up, it might be something we would want to amend.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's where our action can take place, but not at this point with the contract. There is really no use in discussing it. I think he wanted to discuss it with the Committee, and this is a courtesy vote.

# COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: (CONTINUED)

MRS. SAXE: Thank you, Madam President. I am absolutely against the Coliseum situation. I don't think the City should be in the entertainment business. I think that we should realize that this has been a huge mistake, and we should back-off from it and be smart enough to let people that are in the entertainment world run the entertainment world. We should not do it as politicans or as workers within the City of Stamford. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Saxe. No further speaker; we'll move right to a machine vote on the approval of the proposed contract between the City and the Coliseum Authority, the Stamford Center for the Arts, and the Trustee for the Stamford Theatre Properties, the present owners. Please use your machine. It is on the Agenda, and we're going to take action on it this evening. Has everyone voted? The majority of those present and voting is all that is necessary. Mr. Conti, would you like to vote before I close-off the machine? The motion PASSED 16 affirmative, 7 negative, 6 abstaining and 3 not-voting.

MRS. GERSHMAN: That concludes the report.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you very much.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Point of information, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Ms. Summerville.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Is there going to be some correspondence sent? I don't understand the procedure in the vote that we just took. Will there be correspondence to Mr. Mayor and saying that we gave him a vote of confidence; or how would that be done?

PRESIDENT SANTY: As all City Departments, Boards and Commissions, they will receive a report of our Action of tonight's meeting, and that's the only report he will get; how we acted. Remember, the Steering Committee places items on the Agenda.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Madam President, one more point of information. Who asked that this be placed on the Agenda? It was submitted, as you see, under the item by Mayor Clapes, Sandy Gilbane and Commissioner Marra's letter.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Thank you.

LABOR CONTRACTS LIAISON COMMITTEE - Co-Chairperson John Boccuzzi & Barbara McInerney

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, the Labor Liaison Committee met on Tuesday, July 5. Those present at the meeting were Committee members Dudley, Stork, DeLuca, McInerney and myself. Also present were Mayor Clapes and Labor Negotiator Tom Barrett. On Monday night on your desk, you found this complete report as to what happened at the meeting with the Mayor. I feel there is no use reading it again. If anyone wants to ask any questions, I'll try to answer whatever questions asked.

(1) THE MATTER OF UNLIMITED SICK LEAVE for non-union administrators and any other employees who have this benefit; and the matter of necessary adjustments to the Civil Service Regulations and labor contracts where applicable, to be examined, considered and remedial action taken - submitted by Robert "Gabe" DeLuca 3/15/83 and 5/19/83. Held in Committee 4/4/83. Report made 5/2/83. Held 6/6/83.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

LABOR CONTRACTS LIAISON COMMITTEE: (CONTINUED)

MR. BOCCUZZI: #1 was held.

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(2) EXPLANATION OF MAYOR CLAPES' POSITION ON ZERO OFFER TO THE CITY'S EMPLOYEES LABOR UNIONS; and recent submissions of double-digit increases to: non-union, non-classified, and other agencies such as Library, Community Development, etc. - submitted by Rep. Gabe DeLuca 6/21/83.

MR. BOCCUZZI: #2 was the meeting we held with Mayor Clapes. No statement on that one.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is that being held?

MR. BOCCUZZI: It's not that it is being held, I feel that there is nothing that we can do. We will, I'm sure, within the next few days or a week, should see in the local press, the numbers that were sent up by the Fire Department and the City. I think it's a known fact, though not officially, and probably, I understand, we will be getting back from the State, my understanding; not officially, but the report on the policemen's contract. We'll know then about zero.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I hope that this Board gets official notification; not have to rely on the press for our information.

MR. BOCCUZZI: That was one of my problems on Monday as you well know.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think this Board deserves the respect to get the information first-hand.

(3) REQUEST FROM REP. DELUCA 6/21/83 THAT LABOR NEGOTIATOR BARRETT ADVISE THIS COMMITTEE WHAT ARE THE CITY'S OFFERS ON AT LEAST TWO OF THE CURRENT LABOR CONTRACTS IN THE FACTFINDING STAGE and each Union's counter-offers to promote a better understanding between this Board's intentions and what is coming from the Mayor/Negotiator side, in order to achieve some unanimity.

### HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. BOCCUZZI: #3 is being held. As a matter of fact, 1 and 3 are going to have to be discussed with Mr. Bernstein of Personnel rather than the Labor Negotiator.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine, thank you, Mr. Boccuzzi. And for a Special Committee you really have been working very hard. Thank you.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Thank you.

PETITIONS - NONE

RESOLUTIONS - NONE

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

### April 4, 1983 Regular Board Meeting

PRESIDENT SANTY: May I have a motion to accept? (So moved) Is there a Second? Seconded.

# ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: (CONTINUED)

MRS. MAIHOCK: Madam President, I have a correction on page 50, line 4: the word "they" should have been inserted to make the sentence complete.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock. Any other additions or corrections? A motion has been made and seconded. All in favor of accepting the April 4th Minutes, please say aye. Opposed? PASSED.

# May 2, 1983 Regular Board Meeting

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any additions or corrections to the May 2nd Minutes?

MR. STORK: Thank you, Madam President. On page 68, item #3 under Personnel, I have a two sentence statement, the last word of the second sentence is "boot." It should be "moot."

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Stork. Is there a motion to accept those minutes with that addition? So moved. Is there a second? Seconded. All in favor of accepting the May 2nd Minutes, please say aye. Opposed? PASSED. We don't have any other Minutes at this time. I hope that by our next meeting, we have most of them completed.

May 10, 1983 Special Budget Meeting (if ready) - Not ready

May 11, 1983 Adjourned Special Budget Meeting (if ready) - Not ready

June 6, 1983 Regular Board Meeting (if ready) - Not ready

June 14, 1983 - Special Charter Revision Meeting (if ready) - Not ready

June 17, 1983 - Adjourned Special Charter Revision Meeting (if ready) - Not ready

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

(1) THIRD SUBMISSION OF REQUEST TO PLACE ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA THE MATTER OF "INVESTIGATION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 204,2 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD". Two Resolutions previously submitted, also subsequent communications referred to, etc. Held in Committee 6/6/83.

HELD IN COMMITTEE PRESIDENT SANTY: We have New Business. I will ask Mr. Stork to present that to the Board, please.

MR. STORK:: Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Hogan, the co-sponsor of this item, had to leave early tonight due to the illness of his father. Before he left, we conferred and decided that since three-quarters of the Board is "present at this time, and with two-thirds positive vote required for passage, we request that this item be held one more month and further ask the cooperation of our colleagues to Suspend the Rules at the beginning of our next meeting in order to take this item up before our full-membership. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Stork.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983

NEW BUSINESS: (CONTINUED)

(2) DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING TO BE CHANGED FROM AUGUST 1, 1983 TO AUGUST 15, 1983, MONDAY.

PRESIDENT SANTY: This was discussed at Steering and they felt that this was a good suggestion because of the lateness of this meeting, and the Special Meetings. May I have a motion.

MR. STORK: So moved.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second? Seconded. All in favor, please say aye. Opposed? The meeting for August will be August 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT SANTY: I will now entertain a motion for adjournment.

MR. STORK: I so move for adjournment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A second? Seconded. All in favor of adjourning, please say aye. Opposed? Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

By

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

APPROVED :

Jeanne-Lois Saniy, President 17th Board of Representatives AK JLS:HM

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Representative Donald T. Donahue, Jr. 53 Standish Road Stamford, Connecticut 06902

#### Re: General Reinsurance Corporation

Dear Don:

In the last few days, I have been running around the Municipal Office Building trying to see if there was any documentation involved between the City of Stamford and the State of Connecticut in connection with the improvements of North State Street and the construction of a cul-de-sac at Hill Street.

The improvements to North State Street were to be done as part of the I-95 interchange Exit 8 improvements. The only reason for the State constructing to improve North State Street with a cul-de-sac at Hill Street was to serve two houses which were located on Hill Street.

Prior to General Reinsurance purchasing the Knights of Columbus property and as a part of the interchange improvements, the State Department of Transportation insisted on cul-desacing North State Street to prevent direct access onto the exit ramp to Elm Street.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Department of Transportation plans showing an improved North State Street cul-de-sacing in Hill Street. Mr. John Thompson, Assistant Traffic Director, was kind enough to obtain a copy of this plan and outlined the North State Street improvements.

Rep. Donald T. Donahue, Jr. -2- June 6, 1983

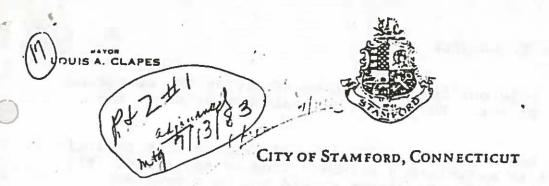
Jim Ford's discussions with Mr. Whelan at DOT and my search of City records have led us to the conclusion that the DOT did not obtain specific approval of the City to cul-de-sac North State Street as the attached plan was part of the overall interchange construction.

General Reinsurance had nothing to do with termination of North State Street at Hill Street.

Best personal regards.

Very truly yours, Richard J. Tobin

RJT:jtf Enclosure cc: Mr. James Ford





June 11, 1976

Commissioner James F. Shugrue Department of Transportation 24 Wolcott Hill Road P.O. Drawer A Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109

Dear Commissioner Shugrue:

Subject: Legislative Feasibility Study Stamford - I-95 Exits 7 and 8

Thank you for your letter of May 20 asking for our comments on the above report. While it is apparent that the development of a regional shopping center will require reconstruction of the Connecticut Turnpike between Elm Street and Washington Boulevard, it is not an easy task to determine which concept is best. This is especially true when we realize that reconstruction will effect other parts of the City.

In general, we agree that the optimum improvement would entail the construction of collector-distributor roadways between exits 7 & 8. This would not only service the urban renewal area best, but would also allow for redevelopment of the industrial area south of the turnpike between the west branch and the east branch of Stamford Harbor. The revitalization of this area is a goal of the City and better access to the turnpike would help achieve it.

We, of course, realize the high cost of such reconstruction and that financing of this concept would be highly improbable. Of the other concepts, we basically agree with the recommended improvements depicted in figure 7 of the report. The following comments are enumerated to coincide with your numbering system which starts on page 36 of the report.

1. A new eastbound exit ramp to Atlantic Street. The assumption that Transportation Plaza may make additional space available to provide the present three lanes may not be valid. Immediate negotiations with them should be undertaken. (The rebuilding of the Atlantic Street underpass may have an important impact on the availability of their land). Commissioner James F. Shugrue

We do not rule out the alternative of having the eastbound off-ramp at Canal Street. This location would better serve the South End.

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2. A new entrance ramp for westbound traffic from Atlantic Street. We expect to establish a set-back line as suggested. The limited clearance for Guernsey Street should not be a problem.

We agree on the need for reconstruction of the Atlantic Street underpass. While we prefer its funding under this project, it should be noted that we have this project on our highway priority list and would be willing to have it funded under the urban systems program. entrance

3. A new eastbound/ramp from Canal Street. If the westbound exit ramp is built to Canal Street as proposed, it might be better to start this ramp somewhat easterly. The advantage of starting it easterly must be weighed against the merge at Elm Street.

4. A new westbound exit ramp to Canal Street. We do not anticipate unsurmountable problems if the Hawthorne Street underpass is closed.

5. Removing the existing ramps at Atlantic Street. This is agreeable.

6. Cul-de-sac North State Street at the ramp terminal. This is agreeable.

The need for City improvements, essentially to the signal systems, is recognized and we are making plans to accomplish improvements with urban systems, community development and City monies.

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Sincerely, Louis A. Clapes Mayor

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CC: Karl F. Crawford

Acting Chief Engineer Jon Smith, Planning Director Ron Weber, Traffic Director Commissioner Vincent Rotondo Police Chief Joseph Kinsella

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER DRAFT OF PROPOSED CHARTER

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983

#### 17TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

### STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A SPECIAL MEETING of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983, pursuant to a "CALL" issued by PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06904.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Jeanne-Lois Santy, after both political parties had met in caucus.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

CLERK OF THE BOARD ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE called the Roll. 28 members present and 12 absent. Absent: Reps. Flounders, Owens (vacation), Jachimczyk, A. Conti (ill), Blum, Dziezyc, Goldstein (out of town), M. Perillo, A. Perillo, Blais, Wiederlight and Hawe.

PRESIDENT SANTY declared a quorum. Mr. Jachimczyk is now present. We now have 29 members present.

TEST VOTE OF THE VOTING MACHINE: President Santy tested the voting machine and found it to be in working order, with each member voting yes, no, and abstain, in turn.

PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY read the "CALL" of the Meeting:

"I, JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, President of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter and Section 7-191 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revised, do hereby CALL A SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives, for:

> WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. In the Legislative Chambers Municipal Office Building Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the FINAL DRAFT OF THE 13th Charter Revision Commission and the recommendations of the Charter Revision Committee, and to act upon proposed Charter amendments to be submitted to referendum at the next general election."

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PRESIDENT SANTY: I will now call upon the Co-Chairperson of the Charter Revision Committee, John Roos.

MR. ROOS: The Committee has not met since we sent the Board's recommendation on June 21, to the Charter Revision Commission.

MR. DeLUCA: I'd just like to make a correction to the notice that you sent out, Madam President, or Barbara McInerney.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That isn't the Call of the Meeting. That was sent out by the Republican and Democratic Leaders. That was just a memo from the Leaders.

MR. DeLUCA: There is an error on the memo from the Leaders.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do you want to bring it to our attention? Is it pertinent, Mr. DeLuca?

MR. DeLUCA: 7-80, there is no...it should be 5-80-80.

MRS. McINERNEY: Madam President, it's an error. I apologize. If that's an error on this memo, it was requested that it be copied exactly as it was sent to the Board of Reps from the Charter Revision Commission. So, I would assume that that error is a typographical error on the part of the...

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's a numerical error. I'm glad Mr. DeLuca brought it to our attention, but I don't think it's pertinent at this time. I do appreciate the fact that Mr. Boccuzzi and Mrs. McInerney did send everyone a notice to remember what to bring tonight. I was away on vacation. It was a reminder to bring your Charters and what sections the changes were in. I do thank them both for that.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Please note that Mr. Conti came in and that makes 30 members present.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Conti is now present. We have 30 members present. Thank you, Ms. Summerville.

MR. ROOS: The Committee has not met since we sent the Board's recommendations on June 21, to the Charter Revision Commission. The Charter Revision Commission met on July 5, and sent their final report to the Board of Representatives. The report is dated July 5, and you all received a copy.

I make a motion that we accept the final draft submitted by the Charter Revision Commission with the changes including the changes of the following sections as recommended by the Board of Representatives. I'll read the sections of the July 5, letter.

"Sections 5-80-2 sub (e), 5-80-13, 5-80-80, 7-90-1, 7-90-2, 7-90-3, 7-90-4, 7-90-5, 7-70-6, 7-90-7, 7-90-8, 7-90-9, 7-90-10, and 8-30-8 only as it pertains to the amount," and I so move. (Note: Sec. 7-70-6 should be 7-90-6)

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. Is there a second to that? There is a second to that.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: (continuing) We now have a motion on the Floor to clarify this letter you all received, July 5, 1983. It was a report sent to Mrs. PontBriant and myself from the Co-Chairpersons, Mr. Cacace and Mr. McCabe. If none of you have this, we'll try to get this to you, but this was the final report letter. Those section numbers were sent in a covering letter; you should have that because Ms. Summerville was gracious enough to put it on your desks. That was the original report that we recommended to the Commission in a June 21st letter. We list all of our recommendations. They've accepted part, but they are on that memo. Does everyone have that on their desks?

We now have a motion on the Floor to accept the Charter Revision Commission report with the changes that we recommended. It was seconded by several.

MR. ROOS: I think there's a typographical error. I was just checking it. We have one section 7-70-6, and I think it should be section 7-90-6.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That was a typing error from the Charter Revision Commission. I agree with you. It is important that we change the tape, Helen, as noted. That section should be 7-90-6. Thank you, Mr. Roos.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Madam President. I was privileged to be a member of the Committee and I'm sure that we all recall that quite a large number of selected candidates for this Charter Revision Commission were interviewed and 15 were approved by this Board. These are 15 who we felt had not only the great interest in the Charter Revision, but also the time. This group, I believe, was a balanced group both politically and academically.

The group opened up the issue on changing the Charter, I believe, to every person in this City. I believe there was an opportunity for everybody in this City to speak their piece if they wished. They met every week, or nearly every week for the full period of time which was a matter of, I believe, about ten months. I don't believe that any suggestions that were given to them were passed by. Those of us that were able to attend their meetings, noticed that they did deliberate on them; they talked about them; they discussed them; they voted on them. They were not always completely in agreement, but they went by a majority. I really again state, that every suggestion made was considered. I believe they have done a complete job; as well as a professional group had we hired a group. I think they have done as good a job as a professional group would have done had they been paid.

I do not agree with all the things that they have in the their document. I have expressed my views and I'm sure they have considered them and I'm sure that many of us in this group feel that they haven't got in that document everything that we each want. Nevertheless, they have considered every item. I believe they have done the work that we've asked them to do. They have done it well. They have been sincere, and they have been dedicated. We asked for this document and we've received it on time. I believe now that we owe to the public, that we owe to the citizens of Stamford, the document which they delivered to us, therefore, I cannot support any further changes to the document. I think they have given us the best that they have and I think that will be better than any changes that we might add into it. I, therefore, support the document as it comes and do not support the recommendation to change it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Bonner.

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MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, Madam President. I would like to commend the Charter Revision Commission for at least taking into consideration many of the suggestions that were forwarded by this Board to them. At this point, I feel that 10 months of deliberations has come up with a Charter or a proposal for a Charter that merits the consideration of the community at large, and I would certainly urge the Board members here this evening, to vote to have this particular recommendation placed on the ballot whether it be a special election or whether it be a November election. I'm not quite sure, but I would support the recommendations as resubmitted by the Charter Revision Commission to the Board for action.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. McInerney. Mrs. Hawe is now here. Mr. Dziezyc is now here, and Mr. Flounders is present. We now have 33 members present.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like some clarification. The motion on the Floor that Rep. Roos just made was to accept the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations along with the changes that they accepted and the letter referred to dated July 5, 1983, which means if that motions passes without any amendments or any additions or corrections, then what we're saying is that some of the recommendations that this Board voted on at the last two meetings on this, specifically dealing with the number of Board of Representatives, and the Board of Finance, that means what as far as the vote on that, please? Just so we understand it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That means that will go on the ballot and the people will decide.

MR. ZELINSKI: I see, O.K.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The motion was to accept the final draft of the Charter Revision Commission with some of the recommended changes that we made that were listed.

MR. ZELINSKI: Right, in other words, the one that Rep. Roos made.

PRESIDENT SANTY: And we accept that, then we put it on the ballot and the voters will decide if that's what they want or not.

MR. BONNER: I may have misunderstood. I thought the motion was that it, the Charter Revision Commission, should include the changes that we the Board had made.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, that wasn't the motion, Mr. Bonner.

MR. BONNER: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The motion was to accept the final report with the changes.

MR. BONNER: I said I was against it. I am for the document the way that the Charter Revision Commission has presented with the changes which they accepted. Thank you very much. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Bonner. We all have their July 5th letter which is the final report and that is what the motion is on the Floor; that we accept the final report with the changes that we recommended. We recommended many more, but these are the ones that they have accepted, but that's what the motion is on the Floor and seconded.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. That's exactly what my point was. I don't want any of my colleagues to be confused about this. If we vote for this, we are not going to be voting on all the recommendations that we submitted to them. We're only going to be approving the ones that they wanted to approve, O.K. Would it be proper at this time to make a motion #1, dealing with any of the changes that we had recommended to them, #1, Madam President? Why don't you answer that question first.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You can make an amendment to the motion. You know that's a proper motion always on the Floor in our proceedings.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. #2, would it be proper to make a motion dealing with a section of the Charter that was changed by them, but we did not take any action on it? Could we change it; shall we say a sentence or delete a section that's in there now that they recommended changed from the present Charter? Can someone make a motion to delete that particular sentence or subsection?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We can take an action on their report. We can either accept the report as a whole, reject the report as a whole, or reject part of the report. So, that's what your motion can be. That is a proper motion if you want to make it at this time, I'll accept it.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: One moment, Mr. Livingston, what is your point of information?

MR. LIVINGSTON: My point of information, Madam President, would be when you use the word "make an amendment," does that mean add, too?

PRESIDENT SANTY: An amendment can be a deletion also.

MR. LIVINGSTON: We can take out but we cannot add to.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Today I met with Bill Hennessey from the Corporation Counsel's office, and Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Boccuzzi have also raised the questions during my absence. He has spent a great deal of time researching the State Statutes. He has really devoted almost full-time for many, many weeks on this. I would not hesitate, I would say he's an expert in this field, and we have an opinion here. Both Parliamentarians have a copy of this opinion; Mr. Boccuzzi as Leader, and Mrs. McInerney as Leader have a copy. I think it answers every question fully, and I think I'm going to go and the Parliamentarians agree with me. We had a meeting before this that we will go with this opinion. The last paragraph, I think will clarify this, Mr. Zelinski, "If the Board votes to either reject the report in whole or reject the same in part, Connecticut General Statutes provides for what amounts to a waiting period of 45 days. If within this 45 day waiting period, there's presented to the Board, a petition for a referendum signed by not less than 10% of the electors of the City as determined by the last completed registry list and filed and certified," it goes on, "within 30 days, it's published in a newspaper, all provisions approved by the Board and all items contained in the said petition will go on a referendum."

So, we can do anything you want. There is still the possibility that if we do not accept what the Charter Revision Commission has recommended to us with some of the changes we have recommended, that they could go the petition route, and if they go the petition route, then that is what goes on the ballot. Bear that in mind.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The motion on the Floor is to accept the final report with the additions.

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, you say "they," they meaning who when you just made your comment?

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Charter Revision Commission to go ahead or anybody, any voter can go ahead. Civic groups can go ahead and petition.

MR. ZELINSKI: At this time, based on what you just told me, I would like to make a motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask you now, anyone making motions to put them in writing. Go slow and I'll write it down. Please put it in writing so that we have it, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. The motion is relatively simple. To save time, I would like to make a motion at this time...

PRESIDENT SANTY: An amendment to the main motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: An amendment to the main motion that we vote on all the changes that we made on those two evenings in a letter and I'll be more than happy to read each section and subsections in a letter dated June 22, 1983, which was sent out, I believe, by the Staff which represented three pages of all the changes that we made.

The purpose for this is that I feel that as the Charter Revision Commission has spent a great deal of time with their meetings, we, too, on the Board of Representatives spent two long evenings discussing, debating, making motions, and voting to recommendations to them. So, I feel that our work should not have been in vain either, so, I would like to make a motion to include amendments as we had voted on them, O.K., those two evenings and they are as follows:

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think, Mr. Zelinski, we have that list. In fact that was the letter I was referring to earlier in the evening that we received. It was a covering letter that I mailed on June 21st. Attached to this, were all the changes that we recommended.

MR. ZELINSKI: No, excuse me, Madam President. This was, I believe, done by a Robert Pepi.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I know but it was attached to this letter.

MR. ZELINSKI: I just got it separate. It wasn't attached to anything. It's dated, it says the #45 dated June 22, '83, "Board of Representatives recommended changes Charter Revision at June 14 and June 17, '83 meetings."

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right, we all received that.

MR. ZELINSKI: For the record, should I read in those sections?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, I don't think you have to. We have them.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K., that's my motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to that motion? Seconded.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'll clarify it, O.K?

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'd like to repeat it first. The motion on the Floor is to vote on all the changes we made in the letter dated June 21st as mailed by the Charter Revision Commission. You're giving a blanket amendment to the motion that we vote on each one individually?

MR. ZELINSKI: No, Madam President. I'm making a motion that we approve an amendment incorporating all the changes we, on the Board of Representatives, made on the two evenings of June 14 and June 17, 1983, by a majority vote. As you know, the Commission did not accept;only the ones that Rep. Roos has already mentioned by section. My motion is to incorporate all the changes that we made, otherwise, I would caution my colleagues, that if not, an example, the reduction of the Board of Representatives, their recommendation and that's the way it will go to the voters will be 20 representatives and 5 members at large; just as an example.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right. Mr. Zelinski, the Chair rules that that motion is not proper before this Board. We have the Charter Revision Commission report.

MR. ZELINSKI: Why is it not proper, Madam President? Any motion you just said that could be made at this particular meeting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, we have to accept the report as whole, reject the report in part, or reject the report in whole. We cannot add anything at this point. That's all we can do.

MR. ZELINSKI: So we can either add or reject, I mean we could either accept or reject? That's it?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes. We can reject in part, reject the whole report, or accept the whole report and that's what I read you earlier. That's all the action we can take.

MR. ZELINSKI: In other words, what you said, we can reject some of the parts then?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right.

MR. ZELINSKI: That's what I'm doing.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, you're not, Mr. Zelinski. You can reject some of their report but you cannot add something that they have not accepted in their final draft to us, and that's what you're doing.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'm sorry. I'm really confused at this point in time because it's my impression...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, we sent the Charter Revision Commission many recommendations. They only accepted a few of them in their final draft.

MR. ZELINSKI: Right, how can I make a motion to have us vote this evening on the changes that we recommended that they rejected? Is there any way to do that legally?

MR. DIXON: Point of information, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Dixon.

MR. DIXON: Would it not be in order regarding this same motion to just merely reconsider the recommendations that the Board made? That would not be in order?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, Mr. Dixon. In fact, Mr. Hennessey is right there. You can all see him. We have three options this evening.

MR. ZELINSKI: Just repeat the options very slowly. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We can accept the final draft that was sent to us; the whole report; the whole Commission final report. We can reject the Commission's report or we can reject part of the report. We cannot add anything to this report.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Point of information, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I would like to just place an example before you. I think it would clarify and clear up the problem. If Mr. Zelinski made a motion to reject that section of the Charter from the Charter Commission report that says, "The Board of Representatives shall be 20 with 5 at large," and he gets a second, is that permissible?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, that is permissible. You can take a part of their report and make a motion to reject that part, Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: I wanted to make it simple by making one motion for all of them. If you want to make it the long way, fine.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, please give Mr. Zelinski your attention. He does have the Floor. Ms. Summerville is taking all your names down. Raise your hands if you want to speak. I have two Parliamentarians and at any time I can call upon them if they have anything to add. That's a proper motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. Thank you. At this point in time, I would like to make a motion to amend their report Section 1-80-1 Elective Officers.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, repeat that slower.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to amend Section 1-80-1, heading being "Elective Officers."

PRESIDENT SANTY: You have the proposed Charter dated May 10. Does everyone have it? Page 8. Your motion is to delete. Repeat that motion, Mr. Zelinski, once more.

MR. ZELINSKI: I'd like to make a motion to amend the motion which the Charter Revision Commission is recommending and that is to change the number of members of the Board of Representatives to 20 members and 5 at large, and I presume if that passes, Madam President, then the present wording of 40 members will stand. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes.

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MR. ZELINSKI: Then, I so move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Your motion is to amend the motion to delete section 1-80-1, that whole section, Elective Officers, just part of it. "The following named officers shall be elected by the qualified voters of Stamford: A Mayor." Read it from the section so we know, Mr. Zelinski. You just want to delete 25 members of the Board of Representatives?

MR. ZELINSKI: In otherwords, I'd like to amend what they're recommending. They're recommending...yes, I do, page 8.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then you read the exact wording.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. I would like to amend and delete the following: Section 1-80-1. Elective Officers, "25 members of the Board of Representatives," and I so move.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a second to that motion? There are several seconds to the motion. We have a whole list of speakers. Ms. Summerville is being very efficient. Ms. Summerville is a very capable Clerk. She can see your hands. There is a motion on the Floor and she is watching. She has a list here for the amendment to the motion. We also have a list for the main motion. We are now addressing the amendment.

MRS. McINERNEY: I'd like to move the question, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a motion made to move the question. Is there a second? All in favor of moving the question, please say aye. Opposed? Use the machine. We need two-thirds. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to have a long evening ahead of us. There has been a motion made to move the question. There are 33 members present. We need 22 votes if everyone voted.

MRS. PERILLO: The Perillos are here.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Let me announce the vote and then we'll go into it. It's important that you be recognized by the Clerk or the President when you do arrive to have your presence announced. The motion has LOST 19 affirmative, 16 negative. Mr. Perillo is here. Mrs. Perillo is here. We now have 35 members present. To move the question requires two-thirds. By the way, any action on this Charter tonight, needs 21 affirmative votes. We're going to have to stick with the 21 votes. Next to speak on the amendment is Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. JACHIMCZYK: Thank you, Madam President. I would just like to say that I'm opposed to this amendment. I think that the Charter should go to the people the way it has been presented to us this evening by the Charter Revision Commission. I think that the people of the City of Stamford have a choice now to do something, to change the status quo a little bit, and I think that after the many months of work that has been done by the Charter Revision Commission, that the people should now have their turn to study this Charter and the people should decide in November or whenever this election is held, what type of government they want to have; how many people they want to have on the Board of Representatives, and I'm opposed to Mr. Zelinski's amendment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I'm in favor of Mr. Zelinski's motion, and the reason why I am in favor of it, I don't believe that the five at large members would ever be able to fit into this Board and function in harmony with the rest of the membership. With the exception of the five at large members, I could easily support this going before the voters to change the size of the Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston.

MR. DONAHUE: Thank you, Madam President. The issue before us tonight is whether or not to place on the ballot, hopefully, we'll do that in November, place the final report of the Commission on the ballot in November, and the questions we must answer in this regard is, is the document before us, is it valid? Does it provide for an efficient form of government and is it desirable to send this document to the voters for their final resolution?

I believe the document is certainly valid and it certainly provides for an efficient and responsible form of government and it is desirable to send it to the voters. It is now their choice. We can all debate the size of the Board of Representatives as we have in the past, as we will continue to debate in the future. We can let it be debated in the press and in the halls of City Hall, and in public, but I believe it's our duty and responsibility here tohight to send this document as it is to the voters and let them come to a final resolution of what they want their government to be. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue. We are now speaking to the amendment.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I certainly approve the amendment, and I thought I put this to rest at our last meeting. This is one of the motions I made that we keep a 40 Board, and I made it based on the people who have talked to me; the people in the streets. I have news for you. I've had this Charter for 6 months and I haven't been able to go through it completely and if you expect your constituents to go through it and vote intelligently on it, you are wrong. They have talked to you. Most of them have talked to you one way or another, and I voted; I made a motion to keep it at 40 because that was the way I was instructed by the people in the streets. Tonight, I am also asking this Board to try to maintain enough people to do a job. We are not doing the job that we should be doing with 40. We can do much more than we are doing for our constituents, so, if we cut it down to 20, I'm pretty sure there is going to be much less done. I am hoping we can put this to rest once and for all, and keep the Board of Finance to deal with a \$140 million and keep the Board of Representatives. I am in favor of the amendment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Wider. Please give the speakers your attention. There's many speakers.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, President. I believe that we should give the voters the chance. I was in favor of 40 people on the Board, however, I believe that if the majority of the City want 40 people on the Board, they should have the right to vote for that. They want 20, they want 25, they have the right to vote for that. I, therefore, am against the amendment. I believe we should submit it to the public as we have it. Thank you.

MR. DeLUCA: Yes, I'm opposed to the amendment being presented as Rep. Donahue and others have stated, I think it's time for the voters to decide whether we should have a 20 member Board, 40 member Board or whatever. Unfortunately, some people, granted, they made a motion last month to put back 40 people, but here it is a month later, the Charter Revision Commission in their wisdom, decided to reject our recommendations and I think the only way this is going to be resolved

MR. DeLUCA: (continuing) is to put it up on the ballot in November and let the voters decide whether we should have a Board of Representatives with 40 people, 20 people or a Board of Finance or any other changes. Some people say that with 20 you cannot do the job. I think it is all up to the persons themselves whether 20, 10 or 15 can do it. Other communities can do it, I don't see why Stamford can't. Besides, the rumor is that two years from now, it's going to have a contingency fund whereby we can all get \$5,000 apiece of handling the work. ...reject this and leave it up to the voters.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I don't know how much fact there is in that one, Gabe.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Point of information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I heard three speakers now say that it would be on the ballot in November, is this... Let's make that perfectly clear.

PRESIDENT SANTY: This Board decides when it goes on the ballot. Does it go in November or is there a special election and we have 15 months to decide that. That's another thing we have to decide. When you say, it's going to be November, it doesn't necessarily have to be. This Board decides when the election is held.

MRS. GUROIAN: Point of information. Why 15 months? It can't go on this November's ballot?

PRESIDENT SANTY: It certainly can, but it doesn't have to; this Board decides it. We do have time to do that, but we decide what date of the election. Mr. Zelinski, I don't know if you spoke to your amendment so I will call you.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you. No, I didn't. I appreciate the thought, Madam President. I'd like to remind my colleagues that we are all elected by the people. We're not here just walking in off the street. All of us had to serve and be elected every two years, and if the public did not like what we're doing, they will vote us out of office come November; every two years.

Personally, in my district, and Rep. Wider did mention that he took a poll in his, as of tonight's meeting, I have never received a phone call from one of my constituents dealing with this particular issue which leads me to believe that of the voting public, or even the whole population of the City, I would say less than 5% of those people are concerned with this issue. I think the people that are concerned with this issue are the politicians, members of boards and commissions, elected officials, and people who have self-interest within the City and the City government and how it runs. There is no clamoring that this is an urgent matter that must be taken up, and to hear some of my colleagues, it's very confusing that there is such a public outcry from the public stating that we must give this to the public to vote on it. May I remind you that there have been other Charter Revisions in the past; there have been other items on the ballot, and of those who voted for it, it was about 25% of those who actually took the time to go to the polls which is less than 50% in some cases for local elections, and granted, I'd like to see the public have their voice, but I really don't feel in this particular case, that there is an outcry that is calling for the public that they want to see this on the ballot in November, and if there was, I'm sure that we would have gotten calls and letters and so forth; we've had a lot of controversial issues come before our Board, and we have been contacted dealing with the budget and other controversial items, and

MR. ZELINSKI: (continuing) this is not one of them, and I feel that we took the time just as the Charter Revision. I commend them for all the time and meetings they had, but we took a lot of time and effort for the two meetings that we were here rather late, discussing, debating and finally voting on it, and I don't feel that our work, those two evenings, should be in vain just because the Charter Revision Commission has deemed fit to accept only a portion of our recommedations, and I think they're using this particular issue to say they want to go to the public on it because of all the time and effort they put into it. We also put time and effort into it, and I think that, tonight, if we want to make motions and put back originally what we had voted on then, I think we should. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski. Many speakers.

MRS. HAWE: I'd like to move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion has been made and seconded to move the question. We will now proceed to a machine vote; two-thirds is necessary. We are voting to move the question. Has everyone voted. The question is Mr. Zelinski's motion. The motion PASSED to move the question 27 affirmative, 8 negative, none abstaining, and no no-votes. We are now going to proceed right to the motionWe're going to use the machine. The motion as stated by Mr. Zelinski is to amend the main motion to delete section 1-80-1,"25 members of the Board of Reps." If you agree with Mr. Zelinski, you vote yes. If you disagree, you vote no. Does everyone understand how we're voting? 21 votes are needed. Mr. Zelinski needs 21 votes for his amendment. The motion has LOST 21 negative, 12 affirmative, and 2 not-voting.

We now have a main motion on the Floor and we have many speakers to the main motion; the main motion being to accept the Charter Revision Commission's final draft with some of the changes we recommended.

MR. JACHIMCZYK: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I think that most of what I had to say, I said before and Mr. Bonner, when he first spoke, I agree with most of what he said. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine, Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. DONAHUE: I would make the same statement as Mr. Jachimczyk.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. There are many speakers.

MR. TARZIA: ...vote on this, we should then consider having the sections that are being changed brought before the voters, one by one. In other words, let the voters decide on each change; yes or no.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Tarzia, that is a determination that this Board will make.

MR. TARZIA: I understand. What I'm saying is to kind of pre-empt that so that at least we understand what line of thinking some of us are kind of following. I would be willing to go along with the Charter Revision's report here if we are going to have the voters decide on this one by one, but in total, no. I don't think it's fair that the voters should decide either the whole package or not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now discussing the main motion.

MR. DZIEZYC: Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make a motion to amend section 1-80-1 to reinstate the 6 members of the Board of Finance.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dziezyc, you cannot do that. You can accept the whole report; you can reject the whole report, or reject part of it.

MR. DZIEZYC: To leave as is. That was in there as is. I'm not adding anything on to it. Leaving the Charter as is.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, Mr. Dziezyc, the action we can take is on the report from the Commission. That's all that we can do tonight.

MR. DZIEZYC: What about the last two meetings?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Those are recommendations to the Commission. We are acting tonight on the final report of the Charter Revision Commission. There's only three actions that we can take: reject the whole thing, accept the whole thing, or reject part of it.

MR. DZIEZYC: O.K., good.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You want to make another motion, Mr. Dziezyc?

MR. DZIEZYC: Yes. I want to go through the...wherever there's a reference where they added the Board of Finance, I guess you can't do it because...you can't delete every...

PRESIDENT SANTY: You have any motion? No motion?

MR. DZIEZYC: No.

MRS. MAIHOCK: The representative type of government is the greatest government we could ever have. The regretable aspect is that voting statistic have shown that in many elections, only a limited number of voters do participate. If this referendum is decided in a special election, we can anticipate that the number of voters participating would be even smaller than a normal, regularly scheduled election. So, this disturbs me for I question then, would the opinion of the people really be, would the opinion of the people really be...

PRESIDENT SANTY: Members of the Board, I wish that you would let each speaker speak their own words. I know we like to put words in peoples' mouth, but let them give their own thoughts. Mrs. Maihock, I want to stress we are speaking to the main motion; not elections. We'll decide that later.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I am, but this is a prelude to it. I now have lost my train of thought. I'm sorry. Would the opinion of the people as a whole be heard? This is what disturbs me, but I certainly would give the people the opportunity to vote on this although I, personally, feel that the items we are voting on are not probably in the best interest of the City. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Maihock.

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion has been made. Is there a second to moving the question? Seconded. There are only two more speakers. There's a motion made and seconded to move the question on the main motion. Please use your machine. If you are in favor of moving the question, vote yes. If you are against moving the question, vote no. There are two more speakers. The motion on the Floor is to move the question. We need 24 votes. Has everyone voted to move the question? Mrs. McInerney has asked the Chair to be excused. She had to leave this evening. Has everyone voted to move the question? The motion has LOST 13 affirmative, 20 negative and 2 not-voting.

MR. ROOS: I, reluctantly, think this should go on the ballot. However, I just have a mental picture of the voter in the booths contemplating the individual sections that we're going to put up there and there's going to be a mass of them, and coming out with a proper, thoughtful decision; even bothering with it, I just can't picture it. So, I hope that when we do put this on the ballot, that we put it on in a concise, careful way so that it isn't just one big yes vote. Thank you.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Thank you, Mr. Roos.

MR. CONTI: Thank you. I've been trying to get in on the subject when Mr. Zelinski brought it up before and I didn't have a chance to. Our form of government has been going on since 1949, and it has worked well. Up state, we have a 158 people representing the state, and that has worked well. We do know that the media in this town is for a smaller Board which puts the other constituents at a great disadvantage because the other side of the question will not be heard; the other side of the coin will not be seen, and again, it's going to be a minority opinion because we do know that when things are put on the ballot, that everyone does not vote. They go in, vote, don't vote on the questions and only a few will actually be deciding the fate of the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance and I strongly believe that we should maintain both of them as they are because they have worked well, and they can continue doing so because the City is growing and it needs more representation not less.

I would suggest or make an amendment to the amendment that we reject the portions that they rejected that we discussed the last two meetings. The amendment would be to reject the rejection, and I believe that is in order.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Mr. Hogan, would you straighten...Mr. Donahue.

MR. CONTI: I would like to amend the motion to read that we reject the portions that the Charter Revision has rejected that we made to them. Concisely, it would be to reject the rejections and present it to the public that way.

MR. HOGAN: I don't think Mr. Conti, that that motion is in order. I think the motion contradicts itself in the making of the motion, the order is contradictory; that the motion is contradictory. To make a motion to reject rejection is not plausible.

MR. DONAHUE: It's a lot like a double negative is what we have here. What Mr. Conti is purposing to do, if I understand him correctly, is to add to the report before us, and that is specifically impossible for us to do. What has been submitted to us tonight, we have the right to reject, affirm, or reject in part. We cannot reject rejection thus adding to the document.

MR. BOCCUZZI: In other words, the Parliamentarians both feel that the motion is out of order. Mr. Conti, I'll agree with the Parliamentarians that your motion is out of order.

MR. CONTI: May I answer that?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Yes.

MR. CONTI: I believe in clarifying that, I would like to say that we are rejecting or we would be rejecting in part which is what they both have just agreed to; that we can either reject in whole or in parts, and by doing as I suggested, we can reject the portion that they have turned down. If we must use a different language, I can do so. That we can reject the portion that they turned down and it would not be adding to it. We would be just going back to the original Charter.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Both Parliamentarians are still shaking no. I will rule favoring the Parliamentarians. Your motion is out of order.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Thank you. There's been some statement said tonight about the ability of **our** public to vote intelligently on these Charter changes, and I, for one, would like to defend the public. I think that yes, some people vote and don't know what they're voting for, but I think by and large, this is a democracy and they should have the chance to vote, and I think that they have shown over the years, that they do have the knowledge and the caring about Stamford to come out and vote intelligently. I guess I'm really defending the voters and our constituents, and I think they should have their chance.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, John. There is one thing that still disturbs me about this. Just like Mr. Roos, visualizing what's going to happen at the polls if this ever goes on the ballot which at this time, I'm pretty sure that most of it will go on the ballot. I'm wondering in order for the voter to really have a chance to vote on this, is there any mechanism so that these proposed changes can at least, at least, be viewed by the voters?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Livingston, let's go back. We have a main motion on the Floor. We are just speaking to the main motion to accept the final report. I think what is happening is we're getting way off the track in a lot of our motions, a lot of our amendments, and a lot of our thinking. The main motion on the Floor by Mr. Roos is to accept the entire final draft of the Charter Revision with some of the recommendations that we recommended. The additions to their final report were something that we suggested. That is what the motion is on the Floor and seconded. We should not be discussing elections. We should not be discussing how this goes on the ballot. We should not be discussing the merits of it; just the main motion. It comes right down to the three things: we can reject the entire report; we can accept it as the main motion is on the Floor, or we can reject part of this report. We all have the report in our hand.

MRS. CONTI: Point of information, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mrs. Conti.

MRS. CONTI: When do we discuss about the ballot; as to how it goes on the ballot? PRESIDENT SANTY: We don't have to do that tonight, Mrs. Conti.

MRS. CONTI: In other words, we going to do that at another meeting?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We can; we could do it tonight but I think the hour is going to be late. We can decide the election date and how it is going to appear on the ballot even at our next meeting as part of the Charter Revision Committee. It doesn't have to be done tonight. We could, but I think that it probably should wait for another evening. We will decide how we are going to put this on the ballot, and when we want the election. We still have those options, but right now, the main motion on the Floor is to accept the final report to go to the voters at a date that we decide. I wish that you just stick to the motion.

MR. FRANCHINA: Point of information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Franchina.

MR. FRANCHINA: Madam President, if we decide to reject, what are the options then? What happens?

PRESIDENT SANTY: If we reject what; the entire report?

MR. FRANCHINA: If we reject it all.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then the option is that any citizen, any voter can go out and get petitions and within 45 days and put it on the ballot; put what they want on the ballot. That's the option. We're now speaking to the main motion. Please keep to the main motion. I'm reminding you that it is still early, and I'm not cutting off debate, but we do have to finish the Agenda of the Adjourned meeting from Monday night.

MR. DIXON: First let me just ask a couple questions. I'd just like to have all this very clear in my own thinking. Would it be rejecting in part, if a motion to amend is passed to reject the Commission's recommendation and report that relates to the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance? Would that be rejecting in part?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Zelinski already made that motion and it was defeated to reject the part pertaining to 25 members of the Board. We voted on that, Mr. Dixon, and it was rejected. You could make a motion it's the section regarding the Board of Finance as long as part of the Commission's final report, but the motion was already made regarding the Board of Representatives and it lost.

MR. DIXON: Let me just deviate from that thought momentarily.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dixon, we are now speaking to the motion on the Floor.

MR. DIXON: I understand that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: If that motion is lost, then we can make another motion if you're referring to reject the whole report. That's proper after this motion, but not at the same time.

MR. DIXON: Let me see if I can gather a few thoughts with regards to the main motion to speak on. My feelings are getting stronger by the minute with regards to this whole matter. If we are ever going to give true representation to our constituents, I believe now is the time. It has been said that once this goes

MR. DIXON: (continuing) on the ballot and the people have a chance to vote on it, a very small percentage of the voters are really going to vote on it. The Charter is a very broad thing in scope. It covers the entire government of the City, and the majority of the people just simply don't know anything about the Charter and never have a chance to read it or really to get into it. When we talk about the Charter and the interest of the people, we're talking about a very small bunch of people in the whole City of Stamford. Those people that go to the polls to vote, many times in large numbers, really rely on the representation that is given them and the direction that is given them by their representatives. They rely strongly on the directions that are given by their representatives.

If we approve this Charter as revised by the Charter Revision, then we are recommending to the people, in a sense, we are recommending to them that they approve our approval. We will be approving it and I think now is the time that we ought to truly represent our own personal feelings about this matter. We . shouldn't feel one way and hope that the voters when they go to the polls, they can express their own thoughts. That will not happen. Many of them will rely on the recommendations coming from the Board of Representatives and that will be to approve the revised Charter. I just hope we understand it in that sense because that's the way it is and the way it will be.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Dixon.

MS. RINALDI: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion is made and seconded to move the question

MRS. GUROIAN: (inaudible) ... on that list.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Guroian, that remark is out of order.

MRS. GUROIAN: (inaudible) ...out of order...I'd like an answer.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have one other first-time speaker. We have one second-time speaker and two third-time speakers and the motion on the Floor is to move the question.

MRS. GUROIAN: Several people spoke twice.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Guroian, please, if you don't raise your hand and keep it up so Ms. Summerville can see all the speakers, the name does not go on the list.

MRS.GUROIAN: You, yourself, indicated to me my name was on the ...

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now voting on moving the question. Please use your machine. Has everyone voted? It's on moving the question. We need 24 votes. The motion has LOST 18 affirmative, 13 negative, none abstaining and 3 not-voting.

MR. GAIPA: I'll pass, Madam Chairman. I wanted to move the question.

MRS. GUROIAN: Madam Chairman, because you asked me, "please" I will not speak at this time. I really strongly make reference to the fact that not only did I raise my hand...you nodded your head, people spoke twice and three times, my name was never on the list, and if you actually do not want me to speak, I will not speak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Do you wish to speak?

MRS. GUROIAN: No, I don't want to speak now.

MR. CONTI: Thank you. In trying to put this thing across, maybe my choice of words before weren't correct in rejecting the rejection, but there is another way of getting around this, and the Charter Revision has deleted what we recommended to them so, in part, we can change the amendment to read, that we reject the deletions that the Charter Revision has made.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Repeat your motion, Mr. Conti.

MR. CONTI: I would like to amend the motion to reject the deletions that the Charter Revision Commission has made of the recommendations of the Board of Representatives.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Would you be specific? What deletions are you talking about? What are you referring to?

MR. CONTI: All the deletions. That would be the easiest way to put it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Conti has the Floor.

MR. CONTI: I would say all the deletions.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Just give them to me. Is there a list that we can go by?

MR. CONTI: We did have a portion that they accepted. I say we accept those, but the portions that they deleted, namely, the size of the...what I'm trying to get back in here is the size of the Board and the Board of Finance. And, by rejecting their deletions, we can do this, and I believe the motion is in order because it is rejecting part of their recommendation.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Conti, I want you to be specific. I want you to make the motion to delete what sections of their final report? That's what I want in the motion. I want my Parliamentarians to confer on this.

MR. HOGAN: Madam Chairman, if I may possibly shed some light on this, we did have a motion earlier in the evening to reject that portion of the report from the Charter Revision Commission referring to the reduction in the membership of this Board. That motion was defeated. Roberts' Rules of Order state that no main motion which presents substantially the same question as the motion previously rejected at the same session, may not be introduced.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Hogan.

MR. CONTI: But that would be in part, and I am asking for a rejection of all the deletions that they made. It includes the size of the Board.

MR. HOGAN: It cannot include the size of the Board.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Chair would agree with the Parliamentarian that you could not include that section because it's already been defeated.

MRS. GUROIAN: Madam Chairman, point of order. I disagree with the Parliamentarian. The motion that was made and passed was an amendment to a main motion. It was not the main motion at all. So, he better look through and find out the real reason why it's out of order.

MR. CONTI: We're talking about amendments.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Conti, I wish you would repeat your motion again, please, be specific.

MR. CONTI: It is not a motion. It is an amendment to the motion. We still have a main motion on the Floor and I can't do that except by amendment. I would like to reject the deletions that the Charter Revision Board has made that were recommended by the Board of Representatives.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I'm still in doubt, Mr. Conti, and the Chair would rule that I still say that motion is out of order. Mr. Donahue, as Parliamentarian, you may speak.

MR. DONAHUE: Let me see if I can clear something up a little. Maybe I can; maybe I can't. What is before us tonight is not the Charter of the City of Stamford. It is the draft for a new Charter or suggested changes which comes from the Charter Revision Commission. We cannot add to that report. This Board had an opportunity to make suggestions of what it would like to see in that draft. Some were accepted; some were rejected. Tonight, all that you can do is either accept that report in total or reject either in whole or in part. You are, in fact, trying to add these recommendations that this Board made which were not accepted by the Charter Revision Commission. That is out of order. It is the same thing as rejecting the rejection. I hope that clears it up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Conti, the Chair has to agree with Mr. Donahue as Assistant Parliamentarian. There's only three actions we can take tonight. The motion on the Floor; if you want to amend that motion to delete a section, but you cannot delete the deletions that are not before us. You are going to have to be more specific or I can't entertain that motion. You want to think about it and we'll go on to the next speaker and come back. To speak for the third time is Mr. Wider.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I intentionally voted against moving the question so I could hear what most of the people said. The more the people talk, the more I feel like we have a collar around our necks. The more the people talk, the more it feels that we appointed a Commission that did a lot of work, put a collar around our necks. We have a Charter that is coming up that we can't do anything about changing at the last moment. I'm really asking that this whole thing be deleted, be defeated and sent back; sent back to them so they can put some of the things that the people want in there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wider, their report is finished. Their job is completed. They are out of existence. We cannot send it anywhere. It's before us for final action.

MR. WIDER: Let's reject it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You can speak against the main motion, but you can't put that motion in until after this one is disposed of. Thank you, Mr. Wider. To speak for the third time is Mr. Zelinski.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, Madam President. I think Rep. Dixon raised a very interesting and very good point. If we vote this evening to recommend at some time in the future, that these changes go on the ballot for the consideration of the public, I believe the public is going to get the impression that we are in favor of these changes. I also feel that the Charter Revision Commission, through its Co-Chairmen and some of its members, have expressed strong feelings that they want this to be voted on by the public and as such, because of the work they put in, I can't say that I fault them there. They did put a lot of time in. However, I think they will work very hard to get this across to the public. I also feel that possibly, the local newspaper because of some feelings expressed in editorials that they are in favor of reducing this Board of Representatives, will go all out and wage a very strong campaign to give the public the impression that this is what they should have.

I would also like to remind my colleagues that in almost every election that is held locally, in almost every district, if not, every district, the most votes received by any member running for office are those votes given people who are running for the Board of Representatives. That makes me feel that there is strong feeling by the public that they do desire a 40 member Board of Representatives, and I feel that if it does go on the ballot, certain interest groups, the news media, other groups will twist this around and make it seem where it's something where it's really not. Again, I think the point has been made, which is crucial how are these particular recommendations going to go on the ballot. There are several offices that the public has to vote for and it's usually at the end of the line, these particular amendments or down on another line, and it might be very confusing to the general public if they, indeed, want to keep a 40 member Board, may be forced to vote against it because of some other recommendations they may be in favor of. I feel that this thing has been changed around 360 degrees to make it seem that if we do not vote tonight to put this on the ballot, that those who voted against it are against the public, and I think this is very false and misleading and I thoroughly resent it. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski. To speak for the first time, Mr. Flounders.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you, Madam President. I admit without shame that I am thoroughly confused, and I really would like to understand what's going on. It seems to me, maybe I'm wrong, it seems to me that we are going around and around in circles and getting nowhere.

At the risk of being redundant because I know, Madam President, you've said it about eight times since I've been here, we can do what; we can accept the Commission's recommendation in whole or in part, correct?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, we can accept it in whole, reject it in whole or reject it in part.

MR. FLOUNDERS: O.K. Now, what is their recommendation?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Their recommendation is the motion made by Mr. Roos, the final draft that we received with sections that they approved because we recommended it to them, Mr. Flounders.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have their final draft dated May 10th. If that draft...

MR. FLOUNDERS: Sections that they approved?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, the whole draft they approved.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Yes.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: With just the sections on the July 5th letter that we asked that they put in there. We asked for many recommendations but these are the ones, in their wisdom, chose to put in their final draft.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Are they the only ones we can vote on?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, it is. That's all we can vote on. We cannot add any tonight.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I'm not talking about adding anything. Their report, if we're here to either accept or reject in whole or in part their report, their report is the sum total of all of its parts; some of which had been rejected, some of which had been accepted by us.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's right. What they sent back to us is what we are acting on tonight which is the final draft; the whole complete draft dated May 10th. This is the document that we are saying we approve. We can take this document and we can approve the whole thing with the additions, we can reject the whole document or we can take sections and reject certain sections. That's all. Just certain sections. We cannot add anything. We cannot add anything that we recommended in June that they left out. That action we cannot take. The action we will do here tonight is put this on the ballot for the voters to decide. We are approving a document to go on the ballot. We decide when it goes on the ballot. We decide how it goes on the ballot, but that's all we can do with this document. This document; reject the whole thing, approve the whole thing or we take certain sections and reject them. If we reject them, we cannot add anything else. There was one motion on the Floor defeated, Mr. Zelinski's where he asked to take out the 25 members of the Board of Representatives. Obviously, that would have left the 40 in there because he wanted that section. That was defeated.

We can still accept motions. The Chair can accept motions to delete any part of this, but that's all.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Thank you. I understand now somewhat but let me just, may I ask you something else?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Of course.

MR. FLOUNDERS: If we accept the whole thing and you say we can, correct, Madam President?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Flounders.

MR. FLOUNDERS: If we accept the whole thing, we accept, included in what we are accepting, is there a decision to reject what we had recommended? If we accept the whole thing, we're accepting that which they feel the Charter should contain?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Flounders. Right.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Unfortunately, we can no longer comment or have any input if we disagree with that, O.K; or we can reject everything which means that we can reject not only what we agree with but what we disagree with if you understand what I'm saying, but we had previously suggested be reinstated, we can only reject tonight if we reject the entire Charter. In effect, if we reject the entire recommendation, we're rejecting what we would like to reject in piecemeal.

#### PRESIDENT SANTY: Right.

MR. FLOUNDERS: And that's the only way we could do it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right, except that if we reject some of their recommendations, we still have the original Charter in effect, but what we are doing tonight is you can only reject part of what they recommended. We cannot add anything.

MR. FLOUNDERS: This matter of adding is what's really confusing me because we are not adding anything. What we had previously rejected is the detail, it doesn't really matter. What we're addressing is what they have given us as a recommendation some of which we have never touched; some of which we had suggestions on.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's right, Mr. Flounders.

MR. FLOUNDERS: The only way we can get rid of the stuff that we would like to get rid of, since we can't do it piecemeal, we have to reject the whole Charter. That's all we can do.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's action you can take, but, no, you can reject parts of what they sent to us.

MR. FRANCHINA: Point of information, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Flounders, we can reject as Mr. Zelinski made a motion to delete a section that they sent to us. We can still do that. You can go in other sections that they sent down to us, and make a motion to delete that section. To take it out because we don't approve of it. You can still do that. You can go through this Charter and if there is a section that you don't approve that they sent to us and say, "I'll make a motion to delete that part of this report."

MR. FLOUNDERS: Well, if I don't agree with the section with the deletion they made, specifically on the Board of Finance, I can't do that because I was told earlier that I am then rejecting...

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, no, Mr. Flounders. You can make a motion on a section to delete that section. You certainly can. You can make a motion to delete anything that they sent in part; of course, you can make that motion as Mr. Zelinski made the motion to delete that section. That's a proper motion before the Floor.

MR. FRANCHINA: Point of information, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes.

MR. FRANCHINA: What would happen, Madam President, just to take up on Mr. Flounder's point, any part that we rejected? I'm not talking about in total, but I'm talking about any particular section or part that we rejected. What would happen to that if we voted upon it and it passed to be rejected?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then it would be rejected from their final report.

MR. FRANCHINA: And what would happen?

PRESIDENT SANTY: It would be rejected and go back to the original Charter.

MR. FRANCHINA: Exactly, that's what Mr. Conti was saying.

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, no, it was not, Mr. Franchina, but the option is that there are 45 days for citizens to go out and get 10% of the voters to put it on the ballot if they don't like what we did, but the motion before us is to accept the entire report to be placed on a ballot when we decide when it goes on the ballot. To speak for the second time, Mr. Roos.

MR. ROOS: I just want to clarify one thing. We reject the report in part and I think you've cleared it up in my mind. I can, for instance, go to section 1-80-6. Election of Board of Finance and reject that, right?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes. Make a motion to that effect.

MR. ROOS: Now we have all these different items that we have recommended and that were not accepted; now, it's possible for us to mention these items individually, right? And reject them.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We can reject anything in part that they sent to us, certainly.

MR. ROOS: So, then what Mr. Conti has suggested, all he lacks is the numbers.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's not what Mr. Conti...Mr. Conti did not make that. He said to reject the rejections that we sent up to there and they didn't approve.

MR. ROOS: He just specified them as rejections but if he gives them numbers of those rejections, that is a rejection.

PRESIDENT SANTY: He can make a motion to reject...

MR. ROOS: That's a partial rejection, yes.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Right.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Ms. Summerville.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Through you to the Parliamentarian or maybe you can answer the question. It seems as if we are going on and on, second and third time. It is kind of unique. We have not done this in the past. Is there anywhere in the Rules where it says that we cannot speak 25 times tonight?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, that's a ruling that the Chair ...

MS. SUMMERVILLE: Are we going to have to carry on in this manner?

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's very interesting because we have just a couple of third time speakers and a couple of second time speakers as many have not spoken for the first time, but these are the people that only want to speak.

I just want to remind you the motion on the Floor is to accept the report. We have to be addressing that motion; to accept the report. That's the motion on the Floor. It can be amended to delete certain sections if you so choose, but that's the motion on the Floor. We shouldn't be discussing anything else but the main motion.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Point of information.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think what's happening here is our Point of informations are giving you the opportunity to speak. I'm going to have to go with the list.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I just want to ask you a Point of information. When you use the word "accept," I think that's what troubles a lot of people because they have mentioned that before. They don't want the voting public to understand it in that fashion that we accept it. Is there some other wording that we might use?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, I think by expressing your remarks to the motion, I'm sure the listening public and I'm sure your constituents will know that you're opposed to it. When you speak, you can say, "We are accepting this to go on the ballot only," as Mr. Boccuzzi clearly stated as one of the Reps, I want it to go on the ballot although I disagree with it. I think this is information enough, but the motion has to be in a positive vain.

For a year and a half we have sat here and every motion has to be brought forth in a positive manner, and that's how the motion is made. It doesn't necessarily mean that you agree with it, but when you are called on to speak, this is when you express your views and this is what should be pertaining to the main motion. We're way off the main motion now and that's what we have to be addressing.

Mr. Roos brought it forth as Co-Chairperson, to bring it on the Floor of the Board. We should be addressing that, and you can very clearly state and it just stays in my mind because maybe John is sitting in front of me, what he said. He said I want it to go on the ballot but I disagree with it. I'm going to work against it, and this clearly states it. It doesn't necessarily mean... this is what we're addressing now. It is now 9 o'clock and we have just second time and third time speakers. The issue is to accept the report of the Charter Revision Commission to be placed on the ballot. We need 21 votes for any action taken on the Charter. Next for the second time speaker, Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, I'd like to move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion has been made and seconded to move the question. All in favor of moving the question, please use your machine. Has everyone voted? Please vote. The motion to move the question has PASSED 24 affirmative, 8 negative and 2 not-voting.

We are now voting on the main motion, and you all know what the main motion is. The main motion is to accept the final draft of the Charter Revision Commission with the recommendations as listed in the July 5th letter. It needs 21 votes to pass. Has everyone voted? I will give you plenty of time to think about it. Is everyone present on the Floor? Anyone not present? Everyone is out? The motion PASSED 21 affirmative, 13 negative, none abstaining and none not-voting.

We have accepted the final draft of the Charter Revision Commission.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We have two other things we can do this evening or we can delay it. We can pick the time of the election and we have to decide how it goes on the ballot.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, I make a motion that we take no action on those two items until a further date. I think probably the Charter Revision Committee or someone you appoint, should sit down and work something out and present it to the Board and then we can kick it around.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I don't even think that needs a motion because there is no motion on the Floor to do any action. We don't need that. I will put it in the Charter Revision Committee Agenda. It will go on the Steering Committee for our August meeting, and then they can decide what they want to do with it.

MR. BONNER: I guess this is a point in question. Could we add the word that we accept for the ballot or we accept for installing on the ballot...

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's too late, Mr. Bonner. The motion passed.

MR. WIDER: I move for adjournment of this meeting to take up the balance of the Agenda for tonight.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A motion has been made to adjourn this meeting. Seconded. All in favor of adjourning, please say aye. Opposed?

ADJOURNMENT: 9:05 P.M. (The Adjourned Regular Meeting from July 11, 1983 was called to order at 9:15 P.M. to finish that agenda.)

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