

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1984

18th Board of Representatives

City of Stamford, Connecticut

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STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to Waive the reading of the Steering Committee Report.
Seconded. Carried.

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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The STEERING COMMITTEE met on Monday, December 10, 1983 in the Democratic Caucus Room in response to a Call for 7:30 P.M. The meeting was Called to order at 7:45 p.m., at which time a Quorum was present, by Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Sandra Goldstein, President
John J. Boccuzzi
Mary Lou Rinaldi
Audrey Mailhock
Handy Dixon
Lathon Wider
Scott Morris
Dennis White
David Martin
Donald Donahue
Jeremiah Livingston
Maria Nakian
Mildred Perillo
Alfred Perillo
Terrence Martin
John Mallozzi
Cadie Vos
Barbara McInerney
Len Gambino, WSTC/WYRS
Robin Topping, Advocate
Anne Kachaluba

(1) APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(2) FISCAL COMMITTEE

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

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

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and also ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one item that appeared under the Personnel Committee and that item was the proposed ordinance placing the position of the Community Development Director outside of the Classified Civil Service System.

(4) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were three of the five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED ON THE AGENDA to be placed under the Legislative and Rules Committee was the item, the proposed ordinance placing the position of the Community Development Director outside of the Classified Civil Service System. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA BUT HELD IN COMMITTEE was the item to investigate the salary increases given to the Registrars of Voters taking into consideration the State's Constitution and opinion rendered by former Corporation Counsel P. Benedict Fraser.

(5) PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ORDERED REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda concerning the Acceptance of LeRoy Place as a City Street.

(6) PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE & SEWER COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(7) HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA BUT HELD IN COMMITTEE was the item requesting an investigation of the frequent disturbances on East Main Street in the 900 block: (a) Is there adequate police protection in the area? (b) Is additional legislation required.

(8) PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

(9) EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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

(10) PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(11) URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(12) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(13) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(14) HOUSE COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

(15) CHARTER REVISION AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Upon approval of Suspension of Rules, two items were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA: (a) Authorization for the preparation and printing of explanatory texts of Charter proposals in accordance with CGS 9-369(b); (b) Approval of format for Charter Revision questions.

(16) RESOLUTIONS

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. A discussion was had to use a form letter concerning the Sense-of-the-Board Resolution pertaining to achievement honors received by high school students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon Motion made, Seconded, and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, Chairwoman
Steering Committee
18th Board of Representatives

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MR. DIXON said the Committee^{met} on Thursday, January 5, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Committee members present were Reps. Robert Austin, John Boccuzzi, Robert DeLuca, John Schlechtweg, Mary Jane Signore, Annie Summerville, and Co-Chairperson Mildred Perillo, and Handy Dixon. Committee member Jeanne-Lois Santy was excused from the meeting due to a late-hour job commitment. Except for Rep. Betty Conti, Public Works and Sewer Committee had a full complement of its members present and participating in the meeting. Also present were Reps. Scott Morris, John Mallozzi, and Dennis White. The meeting convened at 8:00 P.M. and the Committee proceeded immediately to consider an appointment to the Mayor's Cabinet, the Public Works Commissioner in the person of Mr. John O'Brien, a Democrat, of 46 Ralsey Road. He is the product of the Stamford school system and Columbia University; six years service in the Navy; 1954-57 worked in Stamford's Engineering Dept.; was Public Works Commissioner 1974-75; in 1981 served on the Board of Representatives; member of 10th Charter Revision Commission.

MR. DIXON went on to say that Mr. O'Brien has an abundance of knowledge of the functions of the Public Works Dept., has both feet on the ground, and indicated his willingness to communicate and work with the Board of Representatives, as well as others in City government for good government. He initiated the concept of the necessity of relocating the City Hall as a result of an attempt to hold a fire drill which proved impossible. He supports the need for a safety officer; is conducting a study of the North Street Bridge situation; and stated he would run the Public Works Department involving himself in all aspects of that department. Following the interview of Mr. O'Brien, which ended at 10:00 P.M., a vote was taken on a motion to recommend approval to the Board, and said motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Dixon Moved for the approval of Mr. O'Brien.

MRS. PERILLO said she would, with great pleasure, Second the Motion.

MR. RYBNICK said he, too, wished to Second that Motion.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on Mr. O'Brien's confirmation. Carried Unanimously, voice vote.

MAYOR'S CABINET - PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER

Term Expires

(1) MR. JOHN O'BRIEN (D)
46 Ralsey Road

Nov. 30, 1985

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DIXON stated this was the end of his report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

MR. DONAHUE stated the Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1984. Present were Reps. Hogan, Rybnick, David Martin, Conti, Vos, Rinaldi, Livingston, Donahue and Lyons.

The following items are to be placed on the Consent Agenda: #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. There is a correction on item #3 which should be "Primary" Expenses, not salary.

- (1) \$218,506.05 - SELF-INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (GR. #69) - CODE 290.1392 - Additional Appropriation to replenish funds in 1983/84 Self-Insurance Account resulting from arbitration decision of 9/27/83, chargeable as follows. (Related to URC Town Center Garage engineering study for structural safety). Board of Finance approved 10/26/83. Returned to Committee 11/16/83 and 12/13/83.

1982/83 290.1392 Self-Insurance Management	\$208,049.77
1983/84 290.1392 Self-Insurance Management	
Interest Costs	10,456.28
	<u>\$218,506.05</u>

Above also referred to URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE.

MR. DONAHUE stated the City was asked to provide an independent engineering report concerning insuring the Town Center Garage. To expedite this, the funds were taken from the Town Center Major Maintenance Account. The decision to use these funds was taken to arbitration by the Rich-Taubman Co. and the arbitrator ordered the City to replace these funds at once. The only account available from which to do this was the City's Self-Insurance Management Account from which claims against the City are settled. This left a shortfall in the account for the balance of the fiscal year.

MR. DONAHUE said this Board should, at some time in the future, concern itself with the propriety of the original expenditure.

MR. DONAHUE stated the Committee voted 8 in favor, one opposed, to approve the Motion to make this expenditure. Seconded.

MR. MALLOZZI said his Committee met on Jan. 4, 1984, but had no quorum. Present were Anne Summerville and Dennis White. He stated they concurred mostly with what Fiscal said and had the same reservations about the way the Administration went in circumventing the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance in expending that money, but the Urban Renewal Committee make no recommendations on that.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said she will vote for the item, but not for the way it was handled originally. She wants her constituents to understand that there was an agreement between the City and the people handling the Town Center Garage on the use of the funds in the Maintenance Account of the Town Center Garage only for that purpose. It was used illegally by the previous Administration. Proper procedures were not followed in that the Boards of Finance and Representatives were not consulted. However, this is an obligation the City has, and Ms. Summerville will vote for it; but in principle, against it. Once again, it is another after-the-fact case.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. WHITE said the basic thing wrong with this matter is the original contract with URC. Reading the contract, the City has literally sold itself in thrall to the redeveloper. Somehow in the contract, the redeveloper got co-equal veto powers with the City over the public monies. The City used this money without getting the redeveloper's permission for conducting an engineering study, which Mr. White feels is basic maintenance. If the garage is going to fall down on people's heads, it would be proper to determine its safety. In the contract, the City lost control over a significant part of its land and of the monies that were designated to handle this land. He will vote against this item as a protest against this malignant situation.

MRS. CONTI stated she concurs with Mr. White completely. The redeveloper is collecting the revenues on the garage and the taxpayers are paying for the study and everything else that comes along. It was a great mistake in the way they wrote the contract, and she will vote against this.

MRS. McINERNEY said she can understand the disenchantment with this matter but this Board had the ultimate decisions on URC agreements. The redeveloper is collecting the revenues but is also absorbing the operating deficits at this particular point in time. She believes this money is a court judgment, basically.

MR. DONAHUE said the money was ordered returned to the Major Maintenance Account by arbitration, and that was already done by taking it from the Self-Insurance Management Account of the City, and this request is to replace it in the Self-Insurance Account.

MR. WHITE said he is left gasping by the reasoning in absorbing the losses in the garage by the redeveloper and the URC people. How many merchants in town consider it a negative factor if they have to maintain the maintenance of their customer parking areas; as they consider themselves thrice blessed if, in fact, they have parking areas their patrons can use. The URC redeveloper actually charges the customers for parking. What other merchants do that?

MRS. PERILLO Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote, but a division was necessary. A machine vote was taken. Motion was APPROVED with 30 Yes, 2 No, 6 Abstain, and 2 Non-Voting.

MR. HOGAN said on Item #2 said there is a change in the amount of this request. It should now read \$227,493.00 total. The third sub-item, Classified Pension should be \$21,904.00 instead of \$21,949.00, or \$45.00 less.

This is for 95 employees, is mandated by the FactFinder's Award on the Municipal Employees Assn. (MEA). These are Board of Education MEA personnel. Mr. Hogan Moved for approval. Seconded.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN said Education, Welfare and Government Committee met on January 4th and voted 3-0 in favor of this item.

- (2) \$227,538.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request for Additional Appropriation required to pay salary increases of Education employees, members of Municipal Employees Assn. (MEA), as mandated by Factfinders' Award in matter of labor negotiations between City and MEA, to be allocated as follows. Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

810.7110 Salaries	\$192,139.00
GR29	
290.1310 Social Security	13,450.00
GR29	
293.1410 Classified Pension	21,904.00
	<u>21,949.00</u>
	<u>\$227,538.00</u>
	\$227,493.00

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the record will show Mrs. McInerney as having Abstained, also Mr. White and Ms. Summerville. She called for a voice vote on Item #2. Mrs. Conti voted NO. The Motion has CARRIED.

- (3) \$ 12,337.36 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 101.3140 PRIMARY EXPENSES - Additional Appropriation per Mayor's request 11/1/83. Board of Finance approved 11/10/83.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (4) \$ 7,712.00 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 101.2740 TELEPHONE - Additional Appropriation per Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (5) \$ 900.00 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - Code 113.1220 CAR ALLOWANCE - Additional Appropriation per Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (6) \$ 300.00 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - Code 113.2750 GASOLINE - Additional Appropriation per Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (7) \$ 1,154.58 - PARKS DEPARTMENT - Code 610.2740 TELEPHONE - Additional Appropriation per Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (8) \$ 25.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 571.4292 SHAPE PROGRAM HEALTH FAIR - Additional Appropriation. Amount received by the City in the form of a donation to be used for expenses in connection with the Annual Health Fair, per Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (9) \$ 895.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Code 655.4183 - MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES - Additional Appropriation - amount represents collections received (State Music Grant \$500; St. Basil's Anniversary Program \$150; and F.C.I.A.C. \$155). Board of Finance approved 12/8/83.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (10) \$ 507.00 - COMMISSION ON AGING - Code 114.2650 NEW EQUIPMENT - Additional Appropriation per Mayor's request 11/29/83. Board of Education approved 12/8/83.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

- (11) \$ 27,350.00 - VARIOUS PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS. Submitted by Mayor Serrani 12/16/83.

Contingent upon
Board of Finance
approval 1/12/84

	Actual	Proposed	Requested Funding
201.1110 Mayor's Executive Aide	\$22,500	\$28,000	\$ 2,750
230.1110 Corporation Counsel	38,600	55,000	8,200
240.1110 Finance Commissioner	38,600	55,000	8,200
BG#30DPW Public Works Commissioner	38,600	55,000	8,200
<u>EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 1984</u>		Total.....	\$27,350

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DONAHUE said the point was well made to the Fiscal Committee that it is time to pay appointed officials proportionate to the responsibility placed in them, and for the response expected of them. The Committee realizes that even at these new salary levels, the officials may take a cut in pay in order to serve the City. While we cannot compete with private industry, the new salaries are a step in the right direction. By a vote of 8 in favor and one opposed, the Committee recommended approval and Mr. Donahue so Moved. Seconded.

MR. DUDLEY said the Personnel Committee 5 in favor and none opposed, with one abstaining.

MR. DONAHUE said they would be approving this tonight pending approval by the Board of Finance at their January 12th meeting and he wished the record to reflect that.

MRS. SANTY said she intends to vote against this appropriation, and that it amazes her that Mayor Clapes could appoint a cabinet at \$38,600 and that Mayor Serrani finds that impossible. She poses a hypothetical question to Mayor Serrani, asking whether he has gone to local corporations. Commissioner Hoffman was a perfect example of their willingness to assist. We are equating quality with dollars. She does not say the positions are not worth it, but it must be asked where is the source of this money, and can the source afford it. We are setting a precedent. A few months ago, we said no raises for certain people. So tonight careful thought must be given to what is being proposed.

MRS. CONTI is against this appropriation. Unquestionably, a job which carries the responsibility of a Cabinet position is worth more money; however, the municipality is not a profit-making corporation. It is the duty of every citizen to serve his government when called upon, and not to serve for the money involved, but to do it as a responsibility and duty.

MR. DeLUCA disagrees with Mr. Donahue that the City must compete with private corporations. Many of the benefits that municipal employees have are far better than private corporations. He looked at a Hays report which states that the average salary for commissioners in the nation and around Connecticut is \$50,000; for an Executive Aide, the average is between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Granted these people have not had a raise in four years, they are probably entitled to something.

During the past several years, the unions have been told to toe the line. Unfortunately for the City, negotiations for the past year were not in the best interests of the City; when Zero was offered, settlement probably could have been made at 6%, but the State Arbitrator awarded 8% and 9% to many of the unions. He expects those that are before arbitration will likely receive the same.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DeLUCA hopes to convince Board members to compromise. Since there was no increase for four years, this proposed compromise would equate to 8% per year and would be a salary that should attract capable people.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to amend the Mayor's Executive Aide's salary from \$22,500 to \$25,000; and each of the Commissioners \$50,000, upon from \$38,600. This is a reasonable request and should make Mayor Thom Serrani happy. Seconded by Mrs. McInerney.

MR. LIVINGSTON said this was nothing new to the Board; that Mayor Clapes presented much higher figures than Mayor Serrani had. This City is an enterprise and should be run in a professional, business-like way. We have cherished the horse-and-buggy image for a long time, but can and should no longer look for volunteers when we must have professionals. We should approve Mayor Serrani's request and we should not depend upon private corporations to lend-lease us their employees. A person cannot serve two masters, and we need people who will serve the City solely. The difference in salaries will provide the necessary leverage to attract what we need and should have.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked the members to limit their remarks to the merits of the cuts proposed by Mr. DeLuca.

MR. ZELINSKI said he would like to amend Mr. DeLuca's amendment by removing the Mayor's Executive Aide's salary to be voted upon in this Motion, leaving the three Cabinet members. He has data from the CCM indicating that the \$28,000 salary is in line with the other large cities in Connecticut and therefore feels it should not be cut. He so Moved.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that would be an improper motion....

MRS. GUROIAN called for a Point of Order, stating that what Mr. Zelinski was asking was to divide the question, with the Mayor's Aide as one question, and the others as a separate question.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the question could be divided; or if the motion failed, that would be the same as not taking any action.

MR. ZELINSKI said he would favor the reduction to \$50,000 on the Commissioners, but would not want to include the Mayor's Executive Aide in that motion. He Moved to Divide the Question.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked if there were a Second to that Motion; there was none.

MR. ZELINSKI said \$55,000 would represent a 42% increase, which he felt was excessive to do at one time, and there should be something left for future increases. He did today receive information from CCM on cabinet salaries which he wished to pass on to the members.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. ZELINSKI said Bridgeport, as of 1/1/84, pays Finance Commissioner at \$42,561; Public Works Director \$36,709; Corporation Counsel, full-time position, \$34,284. Hartford pays Finance Commissioner \$52,182; Public Works Commissioner \$52,182; Corporation Counsel, part-time position, \$26,442; full-time Asst. Corp. Counsel \$52,234. The City of New Haven pays their Finance Commissioner \$43,697; Public Works Director \$36,396; and Corporation Counsel, full-time, \$36,362. Waterbury's Finance Commissioner \$20,000; Public Works \$28,876; Corporation Counsel \$23,000. Norwalk, sixth largest City in the State, Finance Commissioner \$40,612; Public Works \$41,494; Corporation Counsel, part-time, \$27,000; Asst. Corp. Counsel, full-time, \$29,150.

MR. ZELINSKI went on to say that these figures indicate that \$38,000 is not in line with other cities, but the \$55,000 would take it right to top of the class and be the highest. He would concur only with the concept proposed by Mr. DeLuca for the \$50,000.

MRS. McINERNEY said she supports Mr. DeLuca's motion which she seconded. She does ^{not} wish to see the City embarrassed as they were when the Unions were offered Zero increase and the Board could not negotiate for a fair amount. It would unwise to increase the salaries any larger than 8% per year for the four years when no increases were given to Commissioners. Mr. DeLuca's proposal is fair and equitable and she will support it.

MR. DONAHUE wished to correct the impression that seems to have been gotten from one of his remarks. He said they cannot begin to compete with corporations that surround us. He did not say that they had to compete with them, as he doesn't think we can do that. He feels the levels proposed by the Mayor are appropriate for these positions and he would be against the amendment at this time.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on Mr. DeLuca's Motion, using the machine. DEFEATED: 13 Yes, 25 No, 2 Abstentions, 0 Non-Voting.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated they would proceed to the Main Motion as it appears on the agenda, and the next speaker is Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. JACHIMCZYK said most of what he planned to say was stated rather eloquently by Mr. Livingston when he was addressing the previous amendment; so in the interests of time, he will not speak now.

MR. SKOVGAARD is in favor of the proposed increases. He urges the Board to make it possible for the City to attract qualified candidates. He responded to Mrs. Santy's remarks that Mayor Clapes was able to fill the seats at \$38,600, but that Mayor Serrani needs \$55,000, he found it interesting that Mayor Clapes had proposed substantially higher increases. Obviously Mayor Clapes realized that it was important to bring these salaries up to somewhere near to where they could begin to compete. Speaking to the issue of the Law Department and Corporation Counsel, the present salary of \$38,600 would put the City in competition with law firms who are hiring people with two to four years of experience.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DAVID MARTIN: "We've mentioned a couple of times tonight something about the best qualified candidates, and I am afraid we use that word and sometimes we don't think about the size and scope of the responsibility of the positions that we are talking about. These are our top commissioners. We have \$150,000,000 budget. These would be the equivalent of what is known as a chief financial officer in a corporation, someone who is pulling down a six-figure salary; or the head of litigation, who would also be pulling down a six-figure salary; and our \$55,000 is not in competition with those, but at least it is in the right step. And both our current Mayor Serrani, and the former Mayor Clapes also said that this was not enough, but it was in the right step. We need this to get the qualified people to handle our large departments for our City. I expect the very best out of those commissioners when they come before our committees, and I think the people of Stamford deserve no less than the very best, and I am not going to sit here and quibble over a few nickels and dimes when we've got \$150,000,000 budget, and we are afraid to approve a few thousand dollars to get some better people into the government. That's why I am going to vote in favor of this thing."

MR. WIDER said he agrees with what just said, but he concerned about whether we would get the best people. These are first-time people coming aboard and we don't know what we are getting. We are voting money on sight unseen. Will we get the best people?

MR. MALLOZZI Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN, in response to an unidentified voice for a Division, called for a machine vote. Motion to Move the Question CARRIED: 30 Yes, 10 No.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a machine vote on the Main Motion, \$27,350.00 to fund salary increases effective January 1, 1984. DEFEATED: 26 Yes, 9 No, 3 Abstentions, 2 Non-Votes. Two-thirds vote was required, or 27 affirmative votes.

An unidentified voice said he thought he saw 27 votes up there, 27 yes votes, or is he mistaken?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said she was not counting up there, but counting what came out of the machine.

MRS. SANTY said the read-out is the accurate record we have.

MR. DeLUCA said the vote has already been announced.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that the vote has been announced; if she has announced something because of an incorrect counting, the vote has not been announced. The President asked the two Tellers, Mr. Jachimczyk and Mr. Burke, to count the votes on the machine, also Ms. Summerville.

MRS. SANTY asked to speak and said that maybe someone voted late, but that President Goldstein announced that vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN responded that if she announced the vote, however, if there is something incorrect on the machine, or on the board, that is not going to stand.

MS. SUMMERVILLE stated what happened here clearly shows on the print-out that #4, which is Mr. Lathon Wider, is not voting, as not voting, a dash, it is clear that it is a yes vote on the board. For those who challenge the record.....

MRS. SANTY said Mr. Wider voted after the vote was tallied, though, and it would record that.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Wider if he voted after she announced...

MR. WIDER said he voted late.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Wider if he voted after she announced the vote.

MR. WIDER said no, he voted after the end of the machine, that she had not counted the votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said if she did not announce the vote, the vote was still good.

MR. WIDER said he would never let her do that.

An unidentified voice asked whether the machine locks out people from voting at some point in time.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked the speakers to please allow her to make this determination. Unfortunately, when the Chair says "Has everybody voted", she then closes the vote. There has to be a point when the vote is closed. If you have not voted, you are expected to say "I have not voted, Madam Chairman, and please allow me to vote." There is really no way of the President's determining that. Unfortunately, the Chair is going to have to declare this vote taken, because she has no idea when Mr. Wider voted, or how he voted, or what have you.

The President went on to make a statement that after she has announced "Has everybody voted", she will then press the button and the machine is closed from voting. You may still change your vote up until the time the President announces that vote verbally, but that did not occur, and she had no way of knowing. The only way this vote can be changed now is if there is a move to reconsider at some point this evening.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said she challenges the ruling. She sat there and clearly saw what happened. And it happens too often and this is a good example. The President says "I am closing the vote"; the machine is still tallying. Any member of the Board still has a right to change his or her vote, but in turn, the Administrative Assistant has given you the paper before about the third person has voted, according to the print-out; so you announce the vote and the print-out is still going, but in-between this whole Board could have changed their vote. That's the way it is.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that was not the way it is. The Chair does not call this vote until the machine has stopped, until all the votes have registered. She knows when it is read.

MR. SKOVGAARD said pursuant to the Rules for the use of the mechanical voting machine, Rule #11, he would call and request that others call for a new vote, and/or a standing division, as he doubts the machine tally at this time.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Skovgaard to please identify the rule again, stating this might be a very proper way of handling this.

MR. SKOVGAARD said Page 8, Rule 11, of the Rules of Order of the Board.

MR. BURKE said "The Teller has been told", and someone responded "Shakespeare must be turning over in his grave".

MR. SKOVGAARD said, in his interpretation, it requires eight members present to call for a new vote.

MRS. SANTY said she argues that point.

MR. HOGAN, THE PARLIAMENTARIAN, said it was his opinion that Mr. Skovgaard's motion is in order, that the machine vote is in doubt, and he has a right to call for that, providing he has one-fifth of the members voting on his motion.

MRS. SANTY called for a Point of Order, stating the machine is not in doubt. The question is not that the machine is in doubt, the machine is accurate and is recording exactly what happened. The dash means Mr. Wider's vote was not recorded because he voted after it was tallied. The machine is not in doubt. She challenges the Parliamentarian's ruling.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the Parliamentarian's rule is not being challenged. Once the Chair makes the ruling, it will be Chair's ruling that will be challenged or not challenged.

MR. BOCCUZZI said going back to the Chair's original statement when she decided that a vote was put in after the Chair asked had everyone voted, and the machine was locked, for that ruling to stand, if someone wishes to challenge that ruling, they can do so, to call for a new vote.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said a challenge has been made on the ruling. It appears to the Chair that there is clear sentiment to take a new vote. The Chair will stand by the original ruling as a means of precipitating a new vote, if the Board wants it. The Chair will rule that the motion has been defeated because the vote came in late and the Chair had closed the machine. This will give anyone who wants an opportunity to vote against the Chair's ruling and there will be a new vote. The Chair rules that the vote has been defeated and that this is the vote. Ms. Summerville has appealed the ruling of the Chair, which is a perfectly legitimate appeal to take. It has been Seconded.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN went on to say that when they vote on the appeal to the Chair's ruling, if the ruling is not upheld, there will have to be a new vote. If the ruling is upheld, there will not be a new vote. By doing this, the Board will not have to go through all the parliamentary procedures, which is the reason for rulings by the Chair and challenges of the Chair. The question now is on an appeal of the Chair, and it a debatable motion.

MR. BLUM asked when voting by machine, if he decides not to vote, and the Chair calls for the vote, and locks out the machine, how can Mr. Wider's vote appear on the machine if the machine has been locked out.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the problem was that Mr. Wider voted after the machine was locked, but did not tell the Chair that he was voting, or changing his vote, or whatever. You can change your vote at any time up until the time the Chair announces. It is a very honest thing to happen.

MR. BLUM said the machine should be changed to the point that when it is locked by the Chair, it means then that no one's vote can show, for or against, or not. Today is a good example. Mr. Blum said Mr. Wider's vote does not belong there. It should not be Yes or No, as he did not vote properly, because the Chair called for the vote; everybody voted, and the vote was tallied.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said then Mr. Blum is saying he will vote to sustain the Chair.

MR. DeLUCA said he finds what is happening this evening very distasteful. The Chair asked did everyone vote. No one raised a hand or spoke out that they did not vote. The machine was locked. The vote was tallied. The Chair announces that the item is defeated. Unfortunately, there are many people present who are so intent on passing the \$55,000 salaries this evening that they will do anything to get their wish. If this is called good politics, it is disgusting.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said she assumed Mr. DeLuca would vote to sustain the rule of the Chair.

MR. ZELINSKI said what is important is not the issue being voted on, but the principle. The President called for the vote and that's it. Members should not be swayed by whether they are in favor or against this particular appropriation, because if they do, they are not voting on the principle which is whether the vote just taken and duly recorded on a mechanical machine, which is impartial, is correct. He suggested asking David Cunningham why the particular vote did not record, or when the votes are actually counted. Whatever is done here tonight is going to have a bearing on future votes when someone may be out of their seat, rushes in and pushes a button, and there may be a question. We must be consistent.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN responded to Mr. Zelinski saying it was not necessary to ask Mr. Cunningham, as she has stated several times that a member can vote up until the time that she asks if everyone has voted, and when she locks the voting button, that locks in the vote. Whoever has voted has voted. You may change your vote any way you want up until the Chair announces. The only untoward thing that occurred at this time, and the reason the President ruled as she did, was that no mention was ever made of changing a vote, or even voting after the machine was locked.

The first one to speak on the appeal to the Chair's decision is Mr. Skovgaard.

MR. SKOVGAARD stated he would vote for the appeal based on the Board's Rules, page 8, Rule #9, that in every case where a machine vote is taken, the count shall be verified by the Clerk and a Teller from each political party; the President shall announce the count after it has been verified. Since the count was never verified, the machine vote was not done properly and accordingly, he would vote in favor of the Clerk's motion.

MRS. SANTY would sustain the ruling of the Chair. She finds what is going on here this evening distasteful. Bells were put in the caucus rooms to assure every member having an opportunity to vote, so when the President asks if everyone has voted, that is it; she finds it extremely distasteful for anyone to attempt to manipulate the vote in order that funds can be gotten through. Another thing Mrs. Santy finds distasteful is that when the President explained this vote, she felt that the President was not impartial. She felt that the President's statement that if you want to reconsider this, you can appeal the ruling of the Chair, and another vote can be taken. That is not impartial. The President should take an impartial position. Mrs. Santy feels that when the members vote, they should clearly think what happened. This vote can be reconsidered at another time, or the Mayor can submit it again, but everyone knows what happened in their hearts is that Mr. Wider voted after the machine was stopped, so that no further votes were taken.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said it is the Chair's obligation to explain the ramification of any vote and that is precisely what the Chair did, by telling what the ramifications of an appeal are.

MRS. MCINERNEY said she feels very strongly that the Chair should be sustained in her ruling. Without doubt, the Chair was being very fair in her assessment of the situation that she did lock in the votes on the machine. When the machine is locked in, any votes after that do not count. Since the 16th Board, when the machine was installed, when the President announces that the machine is going to be locked, it is locked. That is the end of it. It would be proper to utilize Rule #9 which states that each Clerk and each Teller from both political parties shall verify that vote before it is counted. That means those three people standing at that machine, verifying the machine and the roll call vote before everything is tallied. However, at this point, to consider and reconsider it legally, the Chair would have to be sustained, and someone would have to call for Reconsideration at a later time, either tonight or at another meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. OWENS said he would support the appeal only because there is a visual indication on the wall that Mr. Wider voted Yes; and unless the Chair told Mr. Wider personally from that machine that he did not vote, he would never have known. If the visual indication were not there, Mr. Owens could support the Chair's ruling; but Mr. Wider did not have the time by looking at that visual indication, and tell you he would like to vote before you announced that. That is the only reason Mr. Owens will support this appeal.

MR. BURKE said he would like to substitute ridiculous for the adjective distasteful as used here tonight. All he wants to know is it Yes or No. He would not like to see an increase denied or approved under the same veil that occurred with the police and fire chiefs and others, where they did not know for a month whether they.....(tape ran out and some dialogue lost.)..what it takes to do the thing over, let's do it. That is what we are here for.

MR. DUDLEY finds some of the comments made tonight offensive, being one of those who voted in favor of the appropriation. He agrees with the Chair. The vote was taken; it was announced; and after the vote was announced, it was brought to light that Mr. Wider's vote did not appear. Yes, Mr. Wider was not aware of this until after the fact. However, Mr. Wider did state that he did vote late, and there is the possibility he did not get his vote in on time before the machine was locked.

MR. WIDER said his name is getting beaten to death, and he resents some of the things being said. Win or lose, he did not speak for it. He really just questioned it and could very well have voted against it, but he said he voted before the Chair called the vote, and before the machine stopped. He wanted to make that very clear. He does not want anyone to think he was trying to slip something in. He did not do that. He voted in time before the announcement was made. His vote counts, as far as he is concerned, and as much as any other members of this Board.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said there was never any intent of casting any aspersions on the method by which he voted.

MRS. SIGNORE said no one doubts that Lathon Wider voted with anything but the highest motives as he always has. What bothers her is that often members are off the floor for one reason or another and do not get to vote, or notify the Chair, and lost the vote on some particular item, and it was not questioned by those members. This vote was taken, announced; and if this vote is nullified, she would question the legality of the whole process.

MR. BOCCUZZI said the procedure in voting was followed in this case, as in all others. A person voting knows if he voted after the Chair makes the statement "Has everyone voted" and locks the machine. He voted in favor of the appropriation, but he is going to vote to uphold the Chair. When votes are called, it is the responsibility of the member to get his vote in on time, or it may not be counted. He does not agree with some of the statements from his friends on the other side of the aisle as to politically motivated to try to get something passed. The system that the Board uses was carried out. The Chair should be supported therefore.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. AUSTIN: Being a new member, I appreciate this host of information and I hope that it continues. (Mr. Austin mentions another item but is not speaking into the microphone, or it is not on, and not clear.)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the question is shall the decision of the Chair stand. The decision is that the vote was a just vote and that the motion was defeated, and the only way for there to be any change in the decision of the Body, would be through a reconsideration of the question. The question before the Body is on the decision of the Chair standing as a judgment of the Assembly.

MRS. PERILLO said she voted No and would Move for a Reconsideration.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said first they would dispose of the appeal, and after that her Motion would be in order, if it is necessary. If you wish the decision of the Chair to stand, vote up for Yes. If you do not agree with the decision of the Chair, vote down for No.

MR. BURKE asked what plurality or majority is needed to pass this particular one.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN responded that a tie vote sustains the rule of the Chair. She asked if everyone had voted, and that she would lock the vote. The decision of the Chair has been Sustained with 31 Yes, 9 No.

MRS. PERILLO Moved for Reconsideration. Seconded by Mr. Burke.

MR. SKOVGAARD Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried.

MR. DIXON made a Point of Information, asking what vote is required to approve this Motion for Reconsideration.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said a majority was necessary to pass a Motion for Reconsideration. The machine will be used. APPROVED with 25 Yes, 12 No, 2 Abstentions, 1 Non-Voting.

MR. DONAHUE Moved for approval of \$27,350 for salary increases in Item #11 Fiscal. Seconded.

MR. MALLOZZI Moved the Question. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a machine vote on Item #11, \$27,350.00. She asked if everyone had voted; announced she was cutting off the machine, and asked the Tellers to come up and verify the vote. DEFEATED with 26 Yes, 10 No, 3 Abstentions, and 1 Non-Voting.

MR. DONAHUE Moved for Suspension of the Rules to consider a resolution permitting the Mayor to apply for reimbursement for the West Side Interceptor Project. Approximately 55% of the cost will be returned to the City from the State. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on Mr. Donahue's Motion, which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DONAHUE said the Fiscal Committee voted 9 in favor, none opposed, to approve this Resolution tonight, and he so Moved. Seconded.

MR. BOCCUZZI mentioned to the President that there is a lot of conversation going on between the Press and Representatives and asked if it were going to continue unabated.

THE PRESIDENT asked the Board members to please give speakers their attention; also she said the business of the Board is not to poke holes into the parliamentary process, but that they should proceed with the business, work expeditiously and work on behalf of the City. The vote on the appeal and what occurred in relation to it was a very, very legitimate thing and she was glad it happened at the beginning of the 18th Board so the procedure has been set and the Board can go on from this point. She would like the rest of the agenda this evening transpire quickly.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on the resolution. Seconded. Carried Unanimously.

(12) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE FOR WEST SIDE INTERCEPTOR, WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITIES PROJECT #CSG-1016.

MR. DONAHUE Moved for adoption of the Consent Agenda, Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Seconded. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

MR. SKOVGAARD said the L&R Committee met on January 3, 1984 in the Republican Caucus Room at 7:30 P.M. Present were Committee members Skovgaard, Dudley, Maihock, Terrence Martin, Morris, Nakian, Powers and Zelinski. Other Board members present were Reps. Blum, DeLuca, Dixon, Lyons and Vos. Also present were members of the press Len Gambino and Robin Topping.

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (a) EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: Do away with this Committee and in its place where it will fit, have an Education Committee inasmuch as the Board of Education uses half of the fiscal budget of the City, the Board of Representatives should have a committee devoted as an oversight to the Board of Education during all of the Board's business. This 18th Board should have closer ties in the workings of the Board of Education. Submitted by Rep. David Blum 11/29/83. Held in Committee 12/13/83 Meeting.

MR. SKOVGAARD said item 1 (a) had a L&R Committee vote of Zero in favor, 5 opposed, with 2 abstentions and he Moved for a vote with the indication that the Committee recommended denial. Seconded.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN explained that it is customary for the Board to frame their motions in a positive manner, and if the Committee voted for disapproval, it was made clear to the Board. But the motion is still framed positively. The President asked Mr. Skovgaard if there were any matters on the L&R Agenda that were unanimously approved by the Committee and required Consent Agenda placement, she would like him to mention them at this point.

MR. SKOVGAARD said there were no items that received the Committee's unanimous approval.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said they would now take up 1(a) which ^{was} denied by the Committee, but she is going to ask that Mr. Skovgaard frame it in the positive sense, frame it for approval.

MR. SKOVGAARD Moved that the Board approve the proposed change as worded on the agenda with the knowledge that the L&R Committee voted unanimously in opposition to it. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for discussion; there was none. She called for a voice vote on Item 1(a). The Motion has been DEFEATED.

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (b) PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. Change Public Housing and Community Development Committee to Housing, Economic, and Community Development Committee. Submitted by Rep. David Blum 11/29/83. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the Committee amended 1(b) by deleting the word "Economic", making the new name of the Committee: "Housing and Community Development Committee"; both the amendment and the final title were approved 8-0 by the L&R Committee and he so Moved. Seconded.

MRS. MAIHOCK said the reason for deleting the word "Public" from the title was that housing in Stamford had become more complicated than just public housing, and there would be issues that would pertain to other than public housing that should be addressed by the Committee.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on 1(b). APPROVED Unanimously.

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (c) HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Change the Health and Protection Committee to Health and Welfare Committee. Submitted by Rep. David Blum 11/29/83. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the Committee voted against this item by Zero in favor, 8 opposed; and he Moved that this amendment be adopted, bearing in mind the Committee's negative vote. Seconded.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. SANTY asked the reason for not changing this one word, from Protection to Welfare; any specific reason?

MR. SKOVGAARD said there is a specific reason being that there is an Education, Welfare and Government Committee, and the L&R Committee did not feel it practical or proper to have "Welfare" on two committees.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on 1(c), reminding the members that the L&R Committee recommended denial. DEFEATED by voice vote, with just a few Ayes.

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

(d) TWO NEW COMMITTEES TO BE:

(i) Law and Protection Committee.

(ii) Committee on Aging, Human Rights and Fair Rent.

Submitted by Rep. David Blum 11/29/83. Held in Committee 12/13.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the proposal to form two new committees was defeated by the L&R Committee by a vote of 8-0. The Committee felt that there are enough Standing Committees and they did not wish spread too thinly the number of members available for additional committees; and they hoped to streamline, if possible, the number of committees. He Moved for adoption, with the understanding that the Committee does not recommend this proposal. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on Item 1(d), reminding the members of the Committee's negative recommendation. DEFEATED, with a few Ayes.

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

(e) LANGUAGE - change gender references throughout to read he or she, and Chairman or Chairpersons, or Mr., Mrs., or Ms., etc. Example: Page 3, Item #1. Submitted by Rep. James L. Dudley, Jr. 12/9/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said in Committee, an amendment was made, voted on, and approved to include the term "Chairwoman", by a vote of 7 in favor, none opposed. However, at a meeting this evening with all 8 members present, it was agreed to HOLD IN COMMITTEE.

MRS. SANTY asked a Point of Information, whether the Committee met prior to eight o'clock this evening.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Skovgaard whether the Committee took a re-vote, or was it an informal discussion.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SKOVGAARD responded that he spoke to each member of the L&R Committee in person prior to the Board being called to order.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN reminded him that any vote that is taken on the night of a Board meeting must be done so by eight o'clock that evening. But this is a Motion to send back to committee, which is a legitimate motion. Moved. Seconded. Approved by voice vote.

(1) (e) RETURNED TO COMMITTEE.(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (f) ADD ADDITIONAL ITEM TO RULES to read as follows: "The Board shall have a curfew of 1:00 A.M. unless otherwise directed by the President prior to that hour. (Under the President). Submitted by Rep. James L. Dudley, Jr. 12/9/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the Committee vote 5-0 to HOLD IN COMMITTEE Item 1 (f).

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (g) ADDITION - PAGE 4, ITEM #7: Change to read Co-Chairmen or Chairpersons, and Vice Chairmen or Chairpersons not on Steering shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and shall have the right to vote in the event of the absence of the Chairmen or Chairpersons, in the event of the absence of Chairman, or Chairperson who is a designated member of Steering. Submitted by Rep. James L. Dudley, Jr. 12/9/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said this was amended to include the terms "Vice Chairwomen", and "Co-Chairwomen", and the Committee voted in favor 5-0 again to HOLD IN COMMITTEE, and he so Moved. This, too, was an unanimous vote taken this evening by the seven members. Moved. Seconded. CARRIED (voice).

(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (h) UNDER PAGE 2, ITEM #5: Change to read: He or she may designate a member of the prevailing party to perform the duties, etc. Submitted by Rep. James L. Dudley, Jr. 12/9/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said at the meeting, Rep. Dudley changed the word "prevailing" to "same" party, which the Committee defeated Zero in favor, 5 opposed. Mr. Skovgaard Moved to accept the proposed amendment, keeping in mind the Committee's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Zelinski.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on 1(h). DEFEATED with one Abstention (Rep. Dudley). Item 1(h) DEFEATED.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (1) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE #9, PAGE 5, by adding the underlined, as follows:

"STEERING COMMITTEE shall refer all items properly presented to the Board to the respective Committee. Said referral shall place the item either in the Committee or on the Agenda. Only the Steering Committee and/or the full Board of Representatives while in session shall have the authority to take items out of Committee or off the Agenda prior to disposition by the full Board. Submitted by Rep. Handy Dixon 12/7/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the Committee voted 5-0 to amend Item 1(i) by deleting the word "full" where it appears twice before the word "Board", in the first and last lines; and also by including the words "of Representatives" at the end of the language, so that the proposed amendment would read: "Only the Steering Committee and/or the Board of Representatives while in session shall have the authority to take items out of Committee or off the Agenda prior to disposition by the Board of Representatives." The vote was 5-0 in favor of that language and Mr. Skovgaard so Moved. Seconded by Mr. Zelinski.

MRS. GUROLIAN said she is somewhat confused by the intent of this proposal. Does it mean that if the Committee is only required to make a report on that particular Agenda item, that it still has to come to a vote by the full Board, before it comes off the Agenda?

MR. SKOVGAARD said he would defer this question to Mr. Dixon, who proposed the change.

MR. DIXON said that those who were present at the November, 1983 meeting which was the last meeting of the 17th Board, will recall in a report of the Appointments Committee, he reported the Committee had taken an item out of Committee and referred it to the Democratic City Committee. That action by the Committee was questioned at some length, and the President, Mrs. Santy, at the time, finally ruled in favor of the Committee's action. However, the Agenda is made up by the Steering Committee. Items placed on the Agenda are placed by the Steering Committee, and after giving due consideration to this whole matter, it appeared to Mr. Dixon it was not in order for any Committee to over-rule the Steering Committee and take something out of committee or off the agenda that the Steering had placed there. That is what prompted Mr. Dixon to make this addition, and this is his rationale behind it.

MRS. GUROLIAN said that did not answer her question. She had in mind instances where no vote is required by the Board, such as a report being made. In such cases, would the Board have to vote on such a report before it can be removed from the Agenda and the Body proceed to the next item on the Agenda.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SKOVGAARD said his understanding is that it would not.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said she thought so, too.

MRS. GUROIAN asked why not, as it states very clearly that it had to come by disposition of the whole Board.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN suggested that as these are important rules which will be governing the 18th Board, if there is any question as to intent, it would be in order to send this back to Committee, if anyone so desires, so that Mrs. Guroian's question can be ironed out. If it is unclear to her, it may be unclear to others.

MR. RYBNICK Moved the item back to committee for clarification.
Seconded by Mr. Wider.

MR. BURKE asked if this is being recommitted only for that particular point, because he has a question within that point. Is it the intent of this particular paragraph that the full Board of Representatives here has the right to pull something out of the Steering Committee?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated both matters would be legitimately discussed in going over that proposed rule change, and both points are very well taken. The President called for a voice vote on the Motion to Return to Committee. CARRIED.

Item 1(i) Returned to Committee.(1) PROPOSED CHANGES IN BOARD'S RULES OF ORDER:

- (j) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE #10, PAGE 5, by deleting the first sentence and the beginning of the second sentence to \$2,000 which reads as follows:

"When Additional Appropriations of over \$2,000 are requested, they shall be referred to the Fiscal Committee, as well as one other interested Committee. Fiscal items over \$2,000....."

ADD THE PROPOSED UNDERLINED AMENDMENT, which will complete Rule #10 as follows:

All requests for appropriations, additional or otherwise shall be referred to the Fiscal Committee. Additional appropriations in excess of \$2,000 shall be referred to a second Committee of interest and will not properly be before the Board of Representatives unless reported out by the Fiscal Committee and such other Committee to which it has been referred. A full report must be rendered at the meeting before action is taken by the Board of Representatives. The report of Committee other than Fiscal may be waived by a majority vote of the full Board.
Submitted by Rep. Handy Dixon 12/7/83.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SKOVGAARD said the proposed changes contained in Item 1(j) were approved by the Committee by a vote of 4 in favor, one opposed, and he so Moved. Seconded.

MRS. SANTY said this item appears to be the same and asked for clarification of the change.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the Rule as presently constituted does not specifically state what happens with additional appropriations of \$2,000 or less. The rule change, as proposed, makes it clear that all requests go to the Fiscal Committee, and any requests over \$2,000 are also referred to a second committee of interest. It is not really a substantiative change, but rather a change of the wording.

MR. BURKE said "the report of the Committee, other than the Fiscal, may be waived by a majority vote of the full Board", assumes that this occurs only if the Chairman of that Committee requests it?

MR. SKOVGAARD said no, that is not true.

MR. BURKE asked if that meant that someone on the Board can move to waive the secondary committee report who is not even on that secondary committee, and then that committee will not have an opportunity to voice its opinion.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that a Motion to Waive is a perfectly legitimate motion, and can be made by anyone on the Board, when a secondary committee does not have a quorum, or has not met on a fiscal item.

MR. BURKE asked what happens if it does have a quorum and has met.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said in that case, it would have a report.

MR. BURKE stated it would have it, but if someone else decides that they want to waive it, it says here that they have the right to waive it.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said it was up to the Board to decide whether they wished to waive or not to waive. The President called for a voice vote on Item 1(j), APPROVED with a few Nays.

- (2) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES, INC. Second floor of building located at 66 West Main Street. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/14/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the Committee approved for publication 5-0, with a public hearing to be held at the time of the next L&R Committee meeting with this item to be Item #1 on that Agenda, and he so Moved. Seconded.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on L&R Item #2. APPROVED with one Abstention, Rep. Jeremiah Livingston.

- (3) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND THE BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CORPORATION. First floor of building located at 66 West Main Street. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/14/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the L&R Committee approved for publication 5-0, with a public hearing to be held at the time of the next Committee meeting, and this item to be #2 on that Agenda, and he so Moved. Seconded.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he is not speaking against this, but he will be Abstaining again, being one of the Representatives in the area, he would like the record to reflect why he is abstaining. The reason is because there are questions that have to be answered concerning clientele and the impact this facility is having on the neighborhood.

MR. WIDER is concerned that there are two leases on this one building. Who is going to be directly responsible for the building? One party has the basement or first floor, and another party has the second floor. He can see a conflict here, and asks who is responsible to the City for that property.

MR. SKOVGAARD responded to Mr. Livingston's comments that the Committee did consider, at very brief length, the questions raised by Mr. Livingston and the Committee felt they would be brought before the public hearing. He said in answer to Mr. Wider's comments, both parties are fully responsible to the City.

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PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on L&R Item #2. APPROVED with 4 Abstentions: Reps. Livingston, Rinaldi, Summerville, and Mildred Perillo.

- (4) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE PLACING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM - Ordinance being drafted by Corporation Counsel's Office and will be submitted to Board members. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/14/83.

MR. SKOVGAARD said the L&R Committee voted 5-0 to HOLD IN COMMITTEE pending receipt of the ordinance, which has, in fact, been received. That is the end of the Committee report.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. CONTI made a Point of Information. She wanted to know what is the present status of this position.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said this was not in order because the question is being held, but that perhaps Mr. Skovgaard would answer that question informally at some point later on.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (1) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #510 SUPPLEMENTAL. Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Boccuzzi, M. Perillo and A. Perillo 11/30/83. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MR. DUDLEY said the Committee met on Tuesday, January 3, 1984, at 8:00 P.M. Committee members present were Reps. Jachimczyk, Terrence Martin, Burke, Blum, and Morris. Excused was Rep. Hogan. Other Reps. present were DeLuca, M. Perillo, A. Perillo, Boccuzzi, Lyons, and Vos. Also present was Personnel Director Sim Bernstein, Ed Miller, Mildred Ritchie, Ed Smith, and Asst. Corp. Counsel Hennessey, representing Ernest Abate.

MR. DUDLEY continued: Item #6 - Any transfers that increase a salary must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Representatives but not less than 21 affirmative votes. The purpose of this proposal is to insure that two-thirds of the Board of Representatives is present on critical votes, or 21 affirmative votes needed for passage.

He said next: Item #7 - Transfers cannot be made from the salary accounts to purchase equipment or used for anything else but salaries. The purpose of this amendment proposed is to insure various department use allocated money in salary accounts for only the purpose for which they are intended.

Mr. Dudley said regarding Item #8 - Salary increases which exceed \$1,500 or a cumulative of \$1,500 in one fiscal year must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Representatives but not less than 21 affirmative votes. This item is similar to Item #6 and its purpose is to insure two-thirds or 21 affirmative votes for passage. And it also has a purpose to insure various departments don't develop double standards by requesting \$1,500 for an increase one month, and six months later returning for a similar increase.

Mr. Dudley said all of the above items were discussed in great length. Many questions about the legality and controversy concerning Ord. #510 were also brought to light. It was the consensus of the Committee that while the ordinance might be challenged, it is indeed an ordinance and amendments were in order. At the public hearing to be held, these questions on #510, and these amendments, might arise and would be beneficial to the Committee and the Board as a whole. The Committee voted 3 in favor, one opposed, and two abstentions, and he so Moved to publish. Seconded.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. JACHIMCZYK said he was the one No^{vote} on the committee against publication of this amendment. He normally believes in public hearings, but in this case the line should be drawn. He feels these proposed amendments are useless, backward, and poor management. He believes the Committee should wait until an opinion is received from Corporation Counsel as to the legality of the proposals, and after that, think about a public hearing. It would be a waste of the taxpayers' money and bad management to hold a public hearing at this point.

MR. BLUM agrees with Mr. Jachimczyk, and was an abstention. He questions the legality of Ord. 510. He stated the amendments try to handcuff our management in their workings as far as the transfers are prohibited and some essential equipment cannot be purchased with the surplus funds, such as a typewriter. He said there has to be some trust and faith in our managers and their hands should not be tied by such an amendment. He urges defeating these amendments, especially since they do not know of the legality of Ord. 510 altogether.

MRS. PERILLO said there was some misinformation given to the Police Dept. that they could not get promotions unless the Board of Representatives approved them; and that this is not so.

MR. BOCCUZZI said there were good reasons for proposing these amendments. When he votes for a salary account, he is saying to the taxpayer that he is voting on salaries either to put someone on board or^{to} perform a service. If the department head transfers money out of that account for some other purpose, he is changing the intent of what Mr. Boccuzzi voted for. This does not tie an administrator's hands.

MR. BOCCUZZI went on to say that when this Board turns down money at budget time on a line item, it is saying to that department that the Board does not want to spend money for that item; for instance, a typewriter. What happens is that a department head will accumulate enough money in a salary account due to a vacancy, or probably not hiring somebody for a month or two, to put a cushion in his salary account, then he just goes to the Board of Finance and asks for a transfer to buy an item, possibly an item that the Board of Reps. had rejected at budget time. They are going through the back door and circumventing what this Board said at budget time by changing the salary account into anything else but what it was approved for.

MR. BOCCUZZI said there is no question that Ord. #510 is legal. Previous Corporation Counsel Fraser made that perfectly clear. He didn't think it was written the right way and some improvements could be made. At the time Mr. Boccuzzi and Mr. DeLuca were working with Mr. Fraser to make sure that the intent of the ordinance was more clearly stated, there was no question as to legality. And Mr. Hennessey told him that he knew of no action being taken by anyone on #510 in court. This is a control that this Board should have when it comes to the salary account. There should be a public hearing, and he urges publication.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DeLUCA said all of his questions and his position have been mentioned by the previous speakers, and he only urges the publication of this ordinance.

MRS. MAIHOCK said there was a very good rationale under #1 Fiscal tonight why transfers should not be permitted out of various accounts for other purposes. If all of these transfers are permitted, it will mean opening ourselves up to the same problem we had tonight. These restrictions are needed to protect the members of the Board against any abuses. She also agrees with Mr. Jachimczyk to submit this to Corporation Counsel before a public hearing is held.

MR. DUDLEY made a Point of Information, stating this had been submitted to Corporation Counsel some time ago. They are working on it. Mr. Abate and Mr. Hennessey are both working on it, and will get back to the Committee as soon as possible.

MR. LYONS said his points have been made by previous speakers.

MRS. GUROIAN asked if monies could be transferred into the salary account, but not out of the salary account.

MR. DUDLEY said he does not know at this point and would yield to Mr. DeLuca or to Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. DeLUCA said their intent is to see that funds originally approved at budget time, remain in the salary account. If a department wants to request an additional appropriation, that is their prerogative.

MRS. GUROIAN said she was not referring to an additional appropriation, but the transfer from another account into the salary account. Are you going to allow that?

MR. DeLUCA said Mrs. Guroian is saying transferring from an operating expense into a salary account, and they have not addressed that part. That is not their primary concern. Their primary concern is that the money that was voted into the salary account at budget time remains there.

MRS. CONTI said she has a question, which is probably what Mrs. Guroian meant, that the first amendment calls for a two-thirds vote to transfer funds to effect a salary increase; if you are increasing a salary account.

MR. DeLUCA said yes, they would want two-thirds of the Board, but no less than 21 votes, to approve. They want to eliminate what happened at the November meeting.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a machine vote on Personnel Item #1. APPROVED with 33 Yes votes, 2 No votes, 1 Abstention, 4 Non-Voting.

MR. DUDLEY said the public hearing will probably be the same as the Committee meeting, and it will be announced.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (2) REQUEST FROM REP. ROBERT "GABE" DeLUCA 11/10/83, PURSUANT TO ORD. #510, TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF THOMAS BARRETT, LABOR NEGOTIATOR, WITH CITY OF STAMFORD. CONTRACT EXPIRING END OF 1983. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MR. DUDLEY said this item was HELD pending opinion from Corporation Counsel, and that Rep. DeLuca asked to have this removed from the Agenda until such time as the legal opinion is received.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (3) MATTER OF MERIT INCREASES FOR NON-UNION ADMINISTRATORS AND A SCHEDULE SHOWING 13 STEPS, RECEIVED IN BACK-UP MATERIAL FROM PERSONNEL DEPT. WHICH SHOULD INITIALLY BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. Submitted by Rep. DeLuca 11/10/83. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MR. DUDLEY said the Committee HELD this in committee, pending legal opinion, and Mr. DeLuca made the same request. This concludes the report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. SCHLECHTWEG said there was no business before his committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MR. PERILLO said there is no report this month.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (1) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING MICROWAVE TRANSMITTERS - submitted by Reps. Betty Conti and Grace Guroian, 7th District 12/14/83.

MS. RINALDI said the Committee met on Thursday, January 5, 1984, at 7:30 P.M. Present were Committee members Morris, Powers, Burke, David Martin, and Rinaldi. Also present were Board members Betty Conti, Grace Guroian and Dennis White. The Committee voted unanimously to HOLD IN COMMITTEE for at least one month inasmuch as only one member of the present H&P Committee was involved in the previous H&P Committee's work. Some valid amendments were suggested by this Committee and they wish to present them to Corporation Counsel for an opinion and wait for publication next month.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (1) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FEE SCHEDULE FOR PARK FEES FOR 1984-85,
as approved by the Parks Commission at November meeting. Submitted by Robert Cook, Parks Supt. 11/16/83.

MR. DeLUCA said the P&R Committee met on December 27, 1983, at 7:30 P.M. in the Republican Caucus Room. Attendees were Committee members Owens, DeLuca, and Parks Supt. Bob Cook. Due to lack of a quorum, they did not vote on these items, but Reps. Owens and DeLuca would like to take both items out of committee and vote on them this evening, and he so Moves to take Item 1 out of committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on Mr. DeLuca's Motion. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DeLUCA said he and Rep. Owens recommended approval of these fees with one exception, that the parking sticker fees which the Parks Commission requested be increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00, remain at \$3.00. The justification is that they feel \$3.00 is sufficient, and an increase is not justified at this time. He so Moves with this exception. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote. Mrs. Perillo voted No. MOTION APPROVED.

- (2) REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THE 4th ANNUAL WALK AMERICA ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1984, AT COVE ISLAND PARK. Requested by Sue Przybisiki, Chapter Rep., March of Dimes, Fairfield County Chapter, 312 Main St., Norwalk 06851.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to take Item #2 out of committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DeLUCA Moved for acceptance of Item #2. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to Suspend the Rules to consider an item not on the Agenda regarding a request from the NAACP to hold a parade on 1/16/84 in honor of the late Rev. Martin Luther King. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DeLUCA Moved for acceptance of this request and grant a permit for the NAACP Stamford Branch to hold a parade on 1/16/84 in honor of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, from Martin Luther King, Jr. Bldg. at 40 Stillwater Ave. to Yerwood Center. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the material for this request is on everyone's desk tonight. She called for a voice vote. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

- (3) REQUEST FROM STAMFORD CHAPTER NAACP to hold a march/parade on 1/16/84 in honor of the late Rev. Martin Luther King from 40 Stillwater Ave. to Yerwood Center.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (voice vote).

MR. ZELINSKI said he would Move to Suspend the Rules to take up an item that was not the agenda which was a request from the Bi-Cultural Day School to hang a banner. This was received tonight along with the other request.

MR. DeLUCA said that the banner does not have to be hung until March 19, 1984, and the request was just received today, there is time for it to appear on the next Steering agenda. Mr. DeLuca keeps a schedule of these requests and would have to check to see if the time were available.

MR. ZELINSKI said in that case, he would withdraw his Motion.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) BI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM SMITH HOUSE SNF. REPORT IS REQUIRED PER THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF FUNDS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE 17th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OCT. 11, 1983. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MRS. NAKIAN said EW&G Committee met on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1984, at 8:30 P.M. Present were Committee members Nakian, Powers, and Rinaldi. The Committee met with Mr. Paul Defino, the Director of Welfare, and Mr. James Santangelo, the Smith House Director of Maintenance to discuss the bi-monthly report submitted.

The following points were discussed and clarified. Letters have been sent to the State Department of Income Maintenance on 10/27/83, seeking a waiver of the 100% capacity requirement necessary for State reimbursement. Also a letter was sent to the State Dept. of Health, Hospital, and Medical Care on 12/2/83 for approval of an In-House transfer of Patients planned. Both of these approvals are necessary before the project can go out to bid. Approval has already been granted by the Stamford Health Department, the Building Department, the Turn-of-River Fire Marshal, and the State Department of Health Services Building Dept. No answer has been received from the Dept. of Income Maintenance. However, Mr. Defino heard from his consultant informally that the State is not in favor of granting this waiver, and this is because the new capacity rate was set just prior to the request, and they don't want to set a precedent of granting waivers so soon after they set the rate. He has not heard officially of this, however; and theoretically, the approval may still be granted. If the waiver is not granted, or the 128-patient census is not maintained, an additional \$500,000 cost will be incurred

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MRS. NAKIAN (continuing her Committee Report)....due to the lost billing during the renovation. Maintaining the 128 patients will mean dining halls and lounges must be utilized as patient rooms during the renovation. This would also require approval by the State.

Once approval is received, it will take two to six months for the bid process; another five months to order and receive materials; and four to five months of actual work. Therefore, the air conditioning will not be in by the summer.

If the approval had been received by the Department of Income Maintenance in October, a contract could possibly have been signed approximately Feb. 1st of this year; work could have begun 6/19/84 and finished in November of 1984.

However, the project is not on schedule at this time. Another report will be provided in two months and presented by this Committee to the Board.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he, in listening to the report, is amazed at the statements made by Mr. Defino to the Committee. Mr. Boccuzzi sat in the Fiscal Committee meeting when Mr. Defino appeared asking for the consolidation of four projects, one of which was the air-conditioning and three other projects, and Mr. Defino said if the consolidation were approved, it would make that project fly. He could send the bids out within ten days and they would go right to work on it, and there would be no problem with the air-conditioning, etc. Now what we are hearing are a lot of roadblocks in the way.

At the time the consolidation was requested, there was no mention at all of any such roadblocks. He did not give us the proper information. He led this Board to believe, and if Phil Stork ever finds out, he will be up there tomorrow, that the air-conditioning would be installed and the people will not suffer as they did the previous summer. Now, there is nothing but several month-long roadblocks. If Mayor Serrani ever starts looking into the departments one at a time, Mr. Boccuzzi will ask him to look into that department first.

MR. LIVINGSTON, having been on the Fiscal Committee for some time, is disappointed, especially since many of our seniors who are perhaps in their last days on this earth, have had to suffer from the unbelievable heat during the summer months, while this Board must again discuss this matter. The Fiscal Committee supported the request in good faith, and were assured of prompt relief at Smith House. He does not know what can be done here to speed things up, but Mr. Livingston said he imagines that this man will be coming back up here.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she understands some of Mr. Boccuzzi's feelings, as she was, for a while, a frequent visitor there when she had an elderly acquaintance there. She asked if the President could write to Mr. Defino expressing the Board's feelings about the tardy installation of the air-conditioning so it could be effected sooner and provide relief.

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PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said she was willing to write a letter but did not know what that might accomplish in relation to the manner in which Mr. Defino is proceeding. Perhaps Mr. Boccuzzi's suggestion to look into the department might be a bit more apropos. If the Board wishes a letter written, she will be happy to do so. And if the Board so chooses to follow Mr. Boccuzzi's suggestion, that can be done.

MR. BURKE said he has had no little experience in nursing homes, and he trusts that Mr. Defino, having come from the State of New York, and this Board are aware of the fact that should there be any deaths attributed to the lack of adequate cooling facilities, the liabilities are very liable to come down on many shoulders where they should not be. This is something that should be considered very seriously.

MS. SUMMERVILLE asked if this item could be Held in Committee and that Mr. Defino come back in. She understands Mr. Boccuzzi's point about investigating the department, but this happened to be a pet project, and we have a new chairperson on the committee who is not yet familiar with the past history of this item, so Ms. Summerville feels the Committee should have one more month to bring Mr. Defino back in and face those persons who were there before when he made his pledge, it could be rectified. She believes that Mr. Defino could change his priorities.

MRS. NAKIAN said she is aware that Mr. Defino came in, and she has the minutes before her where he said the bid was ready to go out tomorrow. Evidently he did not have the approval for these various phases at the time the money was passed. She checked with Mr. Canino whether the approval was needed before the bids went out. The Committee is willing to hold it and ask him again. He does need the approval from the State before he can go ahead, but why the approvals were not gotten long ago is something that should be looked into.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said this item will remain on the agenda for next month; and the letter will go out. Many points were well-taken.

MR. MARTIN said, like others, he is very disappointed, and hopes the Committee will make the report available to all the Board members, including the minutes of the earlier Fiscal Committee meeting.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the staff would be instructed to send copies of the minutes that contain the Board's instructions to Mr. Defino, to the entire Board.

MR. WIDER said the same item was before them last September or October, and he is concerned, as it was reported how shamefully those people had suffered. The money was appropriated for that air-conditioning, and Spring is coming and the work is not done.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said his concern is well-taken and the item will be placed on the agenda again and Mr. Defino will be asked to appear before the Committee again, if Steering so chooses, and it seems quite clear that they will.

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- (2) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF USING RIPPOWAM HIGH SCHOOL AS A NEW CITY HALL. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca 11/30/83. Held in Steering 12/5/83.

MRS. NAKIAN said present on this item was Mr. Benjamin Reed. He discussed the present use of Rippowam High School with the Committee and submitted a letter detailing the current uses in that building. The item was not discussed further because Mayor Serrani has appointed a Municipal Building Relocation Committee to study the feasibility of a temporary move for the staff and offices, also the various options possible, and cost estimates for all the different options. Four members of this Board are on this Committee. When EW&G Committee met, the Mayor's committee had not yet met. EW&G voted 3-0 to HOLD IN COMMITTEE until further information is available from the Mayor's Committee.

MR. BURKE said he was recently appalled, nauseated, perhaps more frightened, by the Mayor's list of violations that have been existing in this building for a good number of years. For over 20 years, Mr. Burke has been responsible for life safety for over 1,000 people, and it is something that you sleep with, agonize with, and worry about. If he, in his position, were responsible for a list such as this, he would have been in jail a long time ago, and that is not a euphemism, that's a fact, in jail.

He worried and agonized about this, and up until ten years ago, it was a very objective thing for him. Ten years ago, it became rather subjective in the place called Gulliver's, where he heard all the things there were to hear about costing money, can't do this, it's hard, it's all right, don't worry about it, they'll get out, yet 24 young people lay dead after that. So Mr. Burke's objectivity flew out the window and has not returned. He is very subjective about this, and wonders by what right the City of Stamford chooses to have 172 people working in a building, which if it were in private industry, would be shut down tomorrow. They have money problems, too; and he wonders if the Fire Marshal would accept those as reasons for not doing something about them, and not over a period of 7 years.

Mr. Burke Moved to take this out of committee. It was Seconded by several members.

Recently an ordinance was passed to fine landlords \$1,000 per day for not providing hot water and heat or electricity, yet the City goes merrily along its way, not subject to fines, perhaps; not subject to any action, perhaps; but Mr. Burke would not want to be in the shoes of anyone on this Board, or in any other position of authority, that is requiring these people to put up one day longer, and that one day longer started about six years ago. These are not minor violations; these are major concerns. And the cost, however small or large, will not equate to one life, two lives, or forty lives. With that in mind, he Moved to take this out of committee so that at least it can be aired out on the floor so everyone has a chance to speak on the subject.

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MR. ZELINSKI is against taking this out of committee because a Committee has been set up by Mayor Serrani to study this and ^{it} is premature to take this up at 11:15 in the evening when the members do not have sufficient information on the subject. Six years ago, Mr. Zelinski brought this matter up, and he was concerned not only with Gulliver's, but with the MGM fire, and the Stauffer fire that took many lives. There are still no sprinklers, smoke alarms, or fire alarms in this building where the Board is now sitting. It is definitely a fire hazard; but the matter should be kept in committee until a report comes from the Mayor's Committee.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the Mayor's Committee will be meeting again on January 19th to proceed with dispatch on their discussion.

MRS. SANTY called for a Point of Information, stating that the Agenda item is using Rippowam as a new City Hall, and is that being discussed, or are members discussing relocation?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said they are discussing taking the item out of committee.

MRS. SANTY said which would be using Rippowam as a new City Hall. President Goldstein acquiesced.

MR. DUDLEY asked what would be the effect if this were taken out of committee and the Sense-of-the-Board Resolution were approved? Would it mean that this Board supports moving the City Hall to Rippowam?

MRS. NAKIAN said the Resolution refers to the feasibility of using Rippowam as a new City Hall. She assumed it meant as a permanent site.

MR. DeLUCA said he discussed this with Mrs. Nakian and Mayor Serrani prior to her Committee meeting, and it was agreed she would probably come out on the floor in support of the Resolution with certain amendments that they would look at Rippowam as possibly a temporary site, not that it would ^{be} permanent. He was surprised, therefore, to see on her Committee report that it was being held. He would like to speak on this later on, when his turn comes up.

(New tape - Side #5 - some dialogue lost.)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked that members limit their remarks to taking out of committee Item #2 EW&G, and not on whether City Hall is a fire hazard.

MR. DUDLEY said his question was not answered. Does this Resolution address a permanent site or a temporary site.

MR. DeLUCA said all this Resolution was intended was to consider a site, and check the feasibility of Rippowam High School. It is flexible and amendments can be made to it. Nothing is written in granite or concrete. The idea is for the Board to send out their support to Mayor Serrani that there is an urgency and something has to be done, and this is the reason for taking it out of committee. They realize there is a task force.

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MR. DeLUCA said this is just to say "Mayor Serrani, we're behind you. We think your arguments are valid and therefore we support you."

MR. DUDLEY said to pin-point any one location is wrong and that is why this should be sent back to committee. Whether you are for or against a new City Hall, and there is definite need as Rep. Burke addressed so well, this should not come out at this point.

MRS. MAIHOCK said it should come out of committee because the Board has very important feelings about this which should be conveyed to the Committee. Without conveyance of such feelings, the Committee might not do what the Board feels is the right thing to do. She is pleased that Mayor Serrani has addressed this very serious problem. She is wary because there is so much expensive, sophisticated equipment holding City records in this building. Relocation should not be done just to relocate. Mr. Deluca's amendment, she feels, should be amended that it be a permanent site.

MR. MALLOY Moved the Question. Seconded. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, voice vote.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the vote now is on the Motion to take out of committee Item #2 under EW&G, a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution. Machine to be used to vote. Mr. Burke and Mr. Jachimczyk, Tellers, requested to come up and verify the vote on the machine as per the Rules. Motion DEFEATED with 8 Yes, 30 No, Zero Abstentions, and 2 Non-Voting. Rep. Vos' vote was changed from a non-vote to a No vote. The item is, therefore, HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MRS. NAKIAN said that concluded her report.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) FUNDING FOR STORM WINDOWS FOR WILLIAM C. WARD HOMES AND ROOF REPAIRS FOR EDWARD CZESCIK HOMES. Letter from Housing Authority to Nancy Mitchell 11/15/83. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville 11/18/83. and Rep. David Blum 11/28/83. Held in Committee 12/13/83.

MR. WIDER said it is now the "Housing and Community Development Committee." They met on January 4, 1984 in the Main Room. Present were Ms. Anne Summerville, David Jachimczyk, Lathon Wider. And from the Housing Authority, Mrs. Margot Wormser; Nancy Mitchell, Richard Gitlin, Guy Farina. After letters from Nancy Mitchell to Mr. Rice were read, and letters from Mr. Rice to Mrs. Mitchell were read, and a letter from Michael Duffy from Conn. State Dept. of Housing was read, the Committee voted 3 in favor to HOLD a follow-up meeting on Item #1. A meeting will be held at the direction of the Housing Authority within the next couple of weeks.

He wished to take this opportunity to remind Board members to remind their constituents that on Wednesday night, they will begin accepting proposals for the 10th Year Funding at Cloonan Middle School Cafeteria.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MR. MALLOZZI said the Committee met on January 4th. There was no Quorum. Present were Annie Summerville and Dennis White. They had met to hear a report from the Urban Renewal Commission. Present were URC Chairman Irv Steinberg, and the Executive Director. The Commission reported they have engaged Delta Group to do a study on Blocks 8 and 9, and they would be coming with a planned amendment in the near future to the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MRS. MAIHOCK said there were no items and they have no report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MR. DAVID MARTIN said they had no items and have no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEESHOUSE COMMITTEE

MR. RYBNICK said no report.

CHARTER REVISION AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

- (1) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING BY TOWN CLERK OF EXPLANATORY TEXTS OF CHARTER PROPOSALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGS 9-369(b). Includes polling place posters and text for absentee voters. Submitted by Barbara McInerney and Jeremiah Livingston, Co-Chairpersons, Charter Revision Committee 12/19/83.

MR. LIVINGSTON said he defers to his Co-Chairperson, Mrs. McInerney.

MRS. MCINERNEY said the Committee met on Dec. 19, 1983 and Jan. 5, 1984 to consider the issue of Charter Revision proposals which are on the Agenda tonight. In attendance at the meeting were: Committee members Cadie Vos, John Mallozzi, Maria Nakian, Anne Summerville; Reps. Terrence Martin, Scott Morris; William Hennessey of the Law Department; Lois Pontbriant, Town Clerk; former Charter Revision Commission members Michael Cacace, Lillian Filardo, Trumbull King, and John Timbers. Also Co-Chairpersons Jeremiah Livingston and Barbara McInerney. She thanked her Committee members for attending two meetings in a one-month period, especially during the holiday season; also Messrs. Fraser and Hennessey for all their help; and two members of CPEC, Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Sullivan; and all those others who have not been mentioned, both on the 17th and 18th Boards.

Mrs. McInerney said this Committee's job was to prepare the revised Charter questions for approval of the full Board for admission to the electorate. The questions that are on the desks tonight were done in a manner that was clear and concise, and will be easily understood by the electorate.

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MRS. McINERNEY went on to say that approval of these questions must be done by the legislative body with sufficient time to be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk who must then file with the Office of Secretary of State 45 days prior to the election date (April 10, 1984), a statement showing exactly how the questions are to appear on the ballot label.

She is not going to apologize to those people who were upset that they only got the typed copies of the questions this evening. The Committee, she feels, did an outstanding job in such a short time. The Board only convened December 1st, and the meetings were held at a very strenuous time of year when people had other commitments and they did the best they could. The Law Dept. met with the Committee Thursday evening; all Friday, and today, Monday, were dedicated to preparing the copies on the desks tonight. Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Livingston received a draft of the Section numbers that will constitute each question, which will also go to the Town Clerk's Office, which copy was not given to the Board members as it is a draft copy. When the Law Dept. goes over it again with a fine tooth comb within the period of the next week, it will be ready for the Municipal Clerk's Office.

This Committee unanimously approved both Items #1 and #2 on the Agenda. She Moved both items on the Consent Agenda.

MRS. CONTI said she found it difficult to vote on a text that was not before the Board. It should not go on Consent when it hasn't even been seen by the members.

MRS. McINERNEY said if authorization is given by the Board for the printing of these materials by the Board, the explanatory text will go to the Town Clerk, who shall prepare with the approval of the Municipal Attorney, the exact wording for the text that will be distributed at the polling places, in public places throughout the community. They will not be approved by the Board of Representatives, as the State law does not allow for that. It is done through the Town Clerk's Office with Law Department approval. It has to be done by law in a manner which is completely unbiased and only gives the end result of what the vote will be on a particular issue. It will not give a pro or a con.

This particular section of the State law is not mandatory. It is an optional section that we are dealing with. If the Board chooses not to have any explanatory text go out, if they choose not to have any posters at the polling places, that is strictly the prerogative of this Board. They do not have to do that. The Committee felt it was far better to inform the public by providing an explanatory text to everyone who is going to vote, as well as the absentee voters. Mrs. McInerney asked Mr. Livingston to further enlighten Mrs. Conti on this issue. Mrs. McInerney Moved to authorize the preparation and printing of the explanatory text for the Charter Revision proposals. Seconded.

MR. LIVINGSTON said the Town Clerk has an obligation to send an explanatory text to all absentee voters. The Committee felt that since there would be a special election, there should be an explanatory text distributed in the same way that the Mayor distributes his Annual Report. Corporation Counsel has the sole right to approve such text, and will write it.

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MRS. CONTI does not object to the printing of a text. She thought the Board was being asked to approve the contents of it.

MR. BOCCUZZI made a Point of Information, asking if he missed something in caucus, as he thought they would have the right to approve the text.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said she believed that was the impression given in the Democratic Caucus, and asked Mr. Livingston if some new information came to light.

MR. LIVINGSTON said perhaps he was misunderstood. He said the Board has the right to approve or reject the questions. The explanatory text is something the Corporation Counsel has the sole right to approve.

MRS. GURQIAN said she understands that the printing and distribution of that text is not mandatory under the State Statutes, and this Body could choose to distribute it, to print it, to write it up, if it wishes. However, it seems that the option presented on whether the Board wanted to distribute it or not is negated by the fact that she doesn't know what the text says. She questions that she has any option at all, in fact.

She can vote against the distribution because she does not know what the text is going to say; or she can vote for distribution and somebody else can write the text and she will have no control over what it says. Is it not impossible for the Board members to see the text at the next meeting and then vote, or is it too late?

MS. SUMMERVILLE said she does not agree that they do not know what the text is, because the text is exactly the Charter changes. Those explanatory statements will be by each particular item; for instance, if you are voting in the voting booth on Item #1, there will be an explanation of the entire text of whatever is included in Item #1. Each one of these 10 questions will carry an explanatory statement, and it will be as simple as this is what the Charter Revision Committee came up with as far as why they would like changes; explaining the reducing the size of the Board of Representatives and what is five members at large, etc.

MRS. GURQIAN said she understands what Annie Summerville thinks what the explanations will be; but she has another idea about what the explanations will be. There are 40 people in this room and she would venture to guess that each one has a different idea as to what the explanations will be. She is very conscious of the use of words, and she cringes every time she has to depend upon somebody else to explain something to her. She would like to see the explanations in writing before she votes on them.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN suggested they go back to Mrs. Guroian's original question as to whether they have time for that to be accomplished.

MRS. MCINERNEY said since she was not on the last committee, she will defer this question to Mr. Livingston, as he would be more familiar with the time tables set up by the previous committee.

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MR. LIVINGSTON said he understood Mr. Hennessey to say he would have such a text drawn up by the February meeting, but it must be understood it is not subject to this Board's approval. The text will simply point out the ramifications of the questions.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said there seems to be some question about whether the Board can make changes in the text.

MRS. McINERNEY said the State law states: Explanatory Text Relating to Local Questions, Preparation and Posting. Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the preparation and printing of concise explanatory text of local proposals or questions approved for submission to the electors of a municipality at an election. Therefore, each such explanatory text shall be prepared by the municipal clerk subject to the approval of the municipal attorney, and shall specify the intent and purpose of each such proposal or question. Such text shall not advocate either the approval or disapproval of the proposal or question. The municipal clerk shall cause such question or proposal and such explanatory text to be printed in sufficient supply for public distribution and shall also provide for the printing of such explanations of proposals or questions on posters of a size to be determined by said clerk. At least three such posters shall be posted at each polling place at which electors will be voting on such proposals or questions. Any posters printed in excess of the number required by this section to be posted, may be displayed by said clerk at his discretion at locations which are frequented by the public. The explanatory text shall also be furnished to each absentee applicant pursuant to Section 9-144." The End.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that was very clear, once it is read.

MRS. McINERNEY wished to stress that the key word is "may" to the Board of Representatives. It is an optional thing that this Board can do to provide more information to the voting public. It is not mandatory unless the Board approves the printing.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said they would decide tonight whether the Board wishes to authorize the preparation, not the content.

MR. MARTIN asked if members are permitted to see the material before they decide whether or not to distribute it. That is not said.

MR. LIVINGSTON said they are going to have to take some of this on good faith. Mr. Hennessey is employed to work for the good of the City, and he feels a reasonable explanatory text can very well be written by the Law Dept. and would be acceptable to the Body.

MRS. MAIHOCK questioned the distribution, and what does Mr. Livingston mean by the distribution being the same as the Mayor's Annual Message. She wants to know what will be the anticipated cost of the distribution of this text to the voters other than the distribution to the absentee voters which is required. She agrees with posters being put up, but is there a plan to mail this to every person, every voter, or what procedure is anticipated?

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MRS. MCINERNEY said you cannot separate what you must print if you vote for authorization of this. But it is not planned to send this out to every voter. The cost would be prohibitive. The cost for the printing and the preparation will be done by the Town Clerk's Office, and she is looking into details and cost. It may be printed on onionskin which is economical. No arms need to be twisted. If you don't want to print the material, that is your prerogative and you can do what you want.

MRS. CONTI asked if they go along and approve this printing, will each Representative be able to get a supply for their own constituents.

MRS. MCINERNEY said the Town and City Clerk will be handling the printing and this Board cannot tell her to print 100,000 copies and then distribute 100 to each of the 40 Representatives.

MR. SKOVGAARD said he finds it very interesting that the Board is being asked to approve the printing and dissemination of information at an unknown cost at the same time that this same Board refused to fund \$27,350 for a prior motion on the floor.

MR. ZELINSKI cannot take on faith as is requested, a legal document such as our Charter. He does not want any misinterpretations as to what might be in the explanation notes. He is also concerned about the cost, and cannot vote without having some approximate idea of that.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said Reps. Santy and Signore have left the meeting; as have Mr. Hogan and Mr. Owens. There are now 36 members present.

MR. ZELINSKI said it was printed in the Stamford Shopper and there were public hearings. There was very little interest among his constituents on this particular matter. It would be a waste of taxpayers' money, regardless of what the amount is, to print something like this. He is not in favor of this.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a machine vote.

MR. DUDLEY asked if it is correct that if this is voted down, there will be no text whatsoever. President Goldstein said that was correct.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN announced the vote. Motion APPROVED with 30 Yes, 4 No, 9 Abstentions, 6 Non-Voting. Preparation has been authorized.

- (2) APPROVAL OF FORMAT FOR CHARTER REVISION QUESTIONS. Submitted by Barbara McInerney and Jeremiah Livingston, Co-Chairpersons, Charter Revision Committee 12/19/83.

MRS. MCINERNEY Moved for a vote on Item #2. Seconded.

MR. SKOVGAARD referred to Question #6 about the five members-at-large and said this would require a change in the Rules of Order of the Board as they now call for 10 members.

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PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said there are many things that will occur more than a change of Rules, such as a change in City Government, which would probably be important, but she appreciated Mr. Skovgaard's bringing this to the Board's attention.

She called for a voice vote on Item #2. APPROVED with Rep. Dennis White voting No; and with Abstentions by Reps. Blum, Zelinski, Terrence Martin and David Martin.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS - None.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTESDecember 13, 1983 Regular Board Minutes

Moved and Seconded.

MR. DUDLEY said he wished to again remind the new Board that they are voting on minutes that they were not present for.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said these are December 13, 1983 Minutes which are 18th Board Minutes. She asked if there were any changes.

MRS. McINERNEY stated she has two changes which she will submit to the Clerk which she has written out. Mrs. McInerney was present at Fiscal Committee meeting, pg. 6; and on pg. 16, the word should be Republican, rather than republic, a typo.

MR. DUDLEY said under the Personnel Committee report, Rep. Blum was reported as just another Representative. He was a member of that committee.

Motion made to accept minutes as corrected. Seconded. APPROVED voice vote.

November 16, 1983 Regular Board Minutes

Not submitted.

June 6, 1983 Regular Board Minutes

MRS. MAIHOCK said on Page 33 there seems to be some ambiguity. She has not had anything to do with URC. And "be" should be "we".

MR. DUDLEY wished to remind the new Board members they were not present for these meetings and they are voting for something they were not even present for.

MRS. GUROIAN wished to go on record as abstaining on all votes for the minutes because she has a problem with the legality of one Board voting on minutes of a previous Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

MS. SUMMERVILLE asked for a Point of Information. Does Mrs. Guroian refer to all minutes, or just those that they did not vote on, or attend?

MRS. GUROIAN said all the Minutes of the previous Board that this Board is voting on.

MR. DUDLEY said he would like to be noted as an Abstention on the same meetings.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated they would use the machine on the June 6, 1983 Minutes. APPROVED: 15 Yes, 15 Abstentions, Zero No, a few non-votes and 4 or more members had already left for the evening.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said in the interests of fairness, and to clear this once and for all, she does not wish to appear negative, but for those who are not pleased, and she has not heard any new members discuss any displeasure on voting on minutes that they did not participate in, she would like to have a Corporation Counsel ruling to put this to rest once and for all so that those who wish to do the right thing can do so. She has not heard any new members speak out on this, but there tend to be constant reminders by members who also sat on the 17th Board, as well as the 18th. Therefore, she would like a ruling from Corporation Counsel on this item.

MS. SUMMERVILLE also thanked the staff for the Dec. 13, 1983 Minutes, which she felt were very nice, and she asked the Board to be patient with us, and we are going to try to make them even better.

May 11, 1983 Adjourned Special Budget Meeting

Not submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Malloy so Moved. Seconded by several. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY voice vote, there being no further business to come before the Board. Adjourned at 12:10. All members left by 12:25 A.M.

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

APPROVED:

Sandra Goldstein
Sandra Goldstein, President
18th Board of Representatives

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