

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 13, 1985

FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/85 - 6/30/86

18TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 18th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, May 13, 1985, pursuant to a "CALL" issued by PRESIDENT SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was Called to Order at 8:05 p.m. by President Sandra Goldstein, after both political parties had met in Caucus.

INVOCATION: Rep. David Martin (D), 19th District.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the Invocation would be delivered by David Martin.

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID MARTIN: "Dear Lord, our prayer tonight is very simple; thank You for life, and thank You for the living of life and guide us in the decisions that we must make tonight and in the future for our community and for our country. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Sandra Goldstein.

ROLL CALL was taken by CLERK ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE. There were 32 members present and 8 members absent. Absent were Reps. Schlechtweg, Wider (excused), Vos, (excused), Livingston, Skovgaard (excused), Santagata, Owens, and Boccuzzi (excused). The CHAIR declared a QUORUM. Shortly after, Reps. Schlechtweg, Boccuzzi and Santagata joined the Meeting, making it 35 present and 5 absent.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN read the "CALL" of the Meeting.

"I, SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, President of the 18th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives for Monday, May 13, 1985; Tuesday, May 14, 1985, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS for fiscal year 1985-86, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 18, 1985."

MACHINE TEST VOTE: President Goldstein asked each member to vote, in turn, yes, no, and abstain, and declared the machine in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

For the untimely death of LATHON WIDER, JR.; born in 1946, son of Representative Lathon Wider, Sr. and Margaret Vaughn. He was a resident of Stamford for 20 years. This tragic death tends to be one of the things we cannot understand and often cannot accept. One of Rep. Wider's favorite quotation is, "I can do all things through Christ and I'm sure remembering that, that this death will be understood by Lathon and by the entire City of Stamford. Deepest sympathy is extended to Rep. Wider on behalf of the entire Board, and also sincere sympathy is extended by all the employees of Mida's Muffler where Lathon, Jr. was employed. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville.

For the late Mary G. Androsko, who died suddenly this morning - sister-in-law of Anne Kachaluba. Submitted by Rep. Barbara McInerney.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN extended on behalf of the Board, Curly Perillo a very happy retirement. Curley retired recently and Millie runs the whole show with her two wonderful children. Also, Curly has a birthday this month. Double cheers to Curly.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that tonight and tomorrow night, perhaps, the Board is to consider one of the most important roles which is the deliberation on the Operating and Capital Budgets of the City of Stamford. Certain parameters must be acted on in relation to this budget. The Mayor and the Board of Finance submitted the budget to the Board with their cuts. The Board can restore no cut; the Board can only make additional cuts or leave the budget as it is. The operation of the budget will be in the same way that has been done in the years past under a continuing motion; that is that Mr. Donahue will begin his budget presentation by making a motion to approve the operating budget for 1985/86. Mr. Donahue will then go on to read the Fiscal Committee's action on each department. After Mr. Donahue is through with the department, if there are any questions in relation to the department, the questions will be entertained in the form of motions or questions. Minority Fiscal reports will be entertained first as per Robert's Rules of Order so that after Mr. Donahue gives the Committee report, if there is a Minority report, that will be entertained next.

If no cuts are made or a motion to cut is made and passed, those motions will be entertained and proceed on to the next department. Once a department is finished, the Board will not return to that department except by a motion to reconsider.

The Fiscal Committee, as usual, did a wonderful job. They worked very, very hard over the course of the past month. A great deal of credit and appreciation on behalf of the Board and the citizens of Stamford goes out to the Fiscal Committee. President Goldstein personally thanked Don Donahue, Fiscal's very, very, able Chairman and the following Committee members: John Mallozzi, Mary Lou Rinaldi, David Martin, Jerry Livingston, Richard Lyons, Gerry Rybnick, Cadie Vos, Betty Conti, and Barbara McInerney. "Thank you for a job very, very well-done." Mrs. Goldstein turned the Meeting over to Mr. Donahue.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. DONAHUE said that the Fiscal Committee just completed a series of meetings with various Boards and Commissions, various Department Heads over the past three weeks. The budget process is constituted by department, line by line, examination of the proposed operating budget for the 1985/86 fiscal year.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. DONAHUE continued that the budget provides for more police protection in terms of downtown foot patrols, greater traffic enforcement and decreased response time. It also provides for more efficient service to the public and allows for greater accountability both within city departments and also from commercial taxpayers; badly needed repairs on city property will be accelerated.

MR. DONAHUE thanked his Committee for their participation and cooperation. Also, Mr. Donahue extended his thanks to Commissioner Pacter and for the Commissioner's work on the second budget book which provided such great backup material for all departments. Mr. Donahue also thanked Frank Harrison who was a great help to the Committee and Sherry Dorfman, the Board's researcher, and also thanked the Staff. Mr. Donahue thanked Ann Summerville for her help last Saturday (also thanked her for last year because Mr. Donahue forgot to do that last year). Mr. Donahue stated that Rep. Scott Morris attended just about every meeting and was a great help to the Committee on their deliberations last Saturday.

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Fiscal Committee met last Saturday with Reps. David Martin, Lyons, McInerney, Mallozzi, Rinald, Livingston, and Donahue attending. The Committee worked long and hard and has presented a good and reasonable recommendation to the Board.

MR. DONAHUE moved to approve the Operating Budget for fiscal year 1985-1986 as amended. The Motion was Approved and Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that this would be a continuing Motion, and no separate Motions will be taken on a Fiscal Committee recommendation or on the bottom-line of a department.

MR. DONAHUE said that the latest blue book received is the one being used.

PAGE 12 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$205,343 and no recommendation to reduce.

PAGE 14 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$92,385 and no recommendation to reduce the amount.

PAGE 16 - BOARD OF FINANCE

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$117,125 and no recommendation to reduce the amount.

MR. DONAHUE stated that there is an outline of the Fiscal Committee's recommendations on each desk this evening. This outline may be helpful to all as the proceedings go along.

PAGE 17 - PLANNING BOARD

MR. DONAHUE said that the Committee has recommended a reduction of \$700 from 104.5604 Southwest Regional Planning. It would be \$13,764. The bottom line would be \$441,246.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MRS. CONTI asked about the positions in the Planning Board. She said there was a new position of Office Manager and she never saw that in the budget before. Last year, there was an Administrative Assistant. She wanted to know if that was one and the same person or is there two separate people?

MR. DONAHUE stated that the position was upgraded by the Personnel Commission from Administrative Assistant to Office Manager during the past year. The only additional position left in this account was for the Executive Secretary that was in the Zoning Board account. The Director of Planning and Zoning has been taking their Minutes for sometime now. There is a secretary in the Planning Board budget; it use to be in the Zoning Board budget. There is no increase in Staff.

MRS. CONTI stated that if she remembered correctly, there was no Office Manager before, and asked if that was the same person as Administrative Assistant?

MR. DONAHUE said that he believed so.

MRS. CONTI said that in other words, it was one of the same.

MR. DONAHUE stated that was right. It was not an additional position.

MRS. McINERNEY believed that that job was advertised and the person that was previously Administrative Assistant is no longer in that capacity. A new employee is serving as Office Manager.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the bottom line total was \$441,246.

PAGE 20 - STAMFORD ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

MR. DONAHUE stated the Committee recommended to reduce the \$60,000 by \$5,000; funding at a level of \$55,000. The bottom line would be \$55,000.

MR. DeLUCA made a Motion to reduce this by another \$5,000 to bring it down to last year's figure, \$50,000. He felt that SEAC can still do an excellent job with \$50,000. MOVED AND SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE said that he hoped the Board would up-hold the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee. The benefits received outweigh the costs. If consultants had to be hired to do the work that SEAC has done, it would cost far more than what is asked here.

MR. DAVID MARTIN opposed the cut. SEAC took a severe cut years ago and is now building up. The backup information supplied by Commissioner Pacter showed the cuts made several years ago.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$5,000 from the Fiscal Committee's recommendation which was already to cut \$5,000. This would bring line 106.4392 under SEAC to \$50,000. MOTION DEFEATED: 11 yes, 20 no votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)PAGE 21 - ZONING BOARD

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$49,213. Substantial reductions in Staffing were taken out of this account and some switching was made to the Planning Board; for that reason, the Committee recommended no further reduction.

PAGE 22 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$30,324. No recommendation to reduce that amount.

PAGE 23 - BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

MR. DONAHUE said there was no recommendation to reduce the \$150.

PAGE 24 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$129,221 and the Committee made no recommendation to reduce that amount as many cuts have been taken throughout that department.

PAGE 26 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$29,023 and the Committee made no recommendations to reduce that amount.

PAGE 27 - SEWER COMMISSION

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$57,091 and no recommendations were made to reduce that account.

PAGE 28 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$112,373, and reductions have already been made and the Committee made no recommendation to further reduce it.

PAGE 29 - COMMISSION ON AGING

MR. DONAHUE said because reductions were already made, the bottom line is \$292,391 and no further reduction was recommended.

MRS. McINERNEY said that as a Minority member of the Fiscal Committee, she did attempt to make a cut in the Program Services account and she made a Motion to cut 114.4201 from \$7,500 to \$6,500. A \$1,000 cut. SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY stated that this account goes for the cost of programs run by the Commission which included speakers' fees, conference fees, musicians fees, film rental, etc., and basically since it hasn't grown this year, they have requested more money, and \$7,500 was a sizeable amount. She felt that the Commission could survive on \$6,500.

MR. DONAHUE said the Committee was concerned that the \$7,500 amount was equal to their current budget appropriation of '84/85, and also spent in '83/84 was \$6,764. Fiscal recommended no reduction.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on the Motion to cut line .4201 by \$1,000 coming to \$6,500. DEFEATED; 22 no, 11 yes votes.

MR. ZELINSKI asked about line item 114.1135 Permanent part-time, and stated that the original budget last year was \$17,126 and there has been an increase of \$12,000. He asked the rationale for the additional \$12,000 in that account.

MR. DONAHUE said that accounts .1130 and .1135 have been combined. The two part-time custodians were switched to be one permanent part-time custodian.

MR. ZELINSKI proposed a cut to line item 114.2940 Conferences & Training. Last year's budget was \$500 and there was a 100% increase in that budget. He proposed a cut of \$500 in that account, leaving a balance of \$500. MOVED AND SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE said the Commission in '83/84 spent \$1,329 on Conferences & Training. \$500 was their original budget last year. He believed the Board made significant cuts in those line items. The conferences are used to enrich the programs and to keep up with State mandates on Commission on Aging. The Director of this Commission runs a tight-ship. Mr. Donahue suggested that the funds be left as is.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on cutting \$500 from line .2940. The Motion was DEFEATED; 22 negatives, 11 affirmatives votes.

MR. ZELINSKI said on line item 114.2942 Travel expenses, he would like to make a cut in the amount of \$400 to bring it back to last year's level of \$500. His rationale was that it was almost a 100% increase. He said that the Stamford taxpayers still face a tax increase; 2 1/4% or something and hoped that the Board would do better and have no tax increase at all. MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$400 from line .2942. DEFEATED; 21 no, 13 yes votes.

The Chair recognized that John Boccuzzi joined the Meeting, and 34 members are present and 6 absent.

PAGE 31 - FAIR RENT COMMISSION

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$75,391, and recommended no reductions in that amount.

MRS. MAIHOCK wanted to know the cause of the increase in the salary account of the Fair Rent Commission?

MR. DONAHUE stated that it was the contract settlements from MEA and MAA. There were no new positions.

MR. DeLUCA wanted to know if any adjustments were made in the salary accounts? He said that in the years that went by, many said the contracts were approved because the Board had no choice because they went before binding arbitration, and when budget time would come, the Board would only fund the contract perhaps for only 95 or 90% of the requested funds, and cuts would be made to compensate for the fact that the Board had no choice in approving the contract. Mr. DeLuca asked if the Fiscal Committee took into consideration the comments made by members of the Board?

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. DONAHUE said that one salary account was reduced but not for that reason. No 5% reduction was taken in any salary accounts due to that rationale because it would mean a cutback on amount of positions funded, and would result in a direct decrease in service.

MR. DeLUCA made a Motion to reduce this salary account by \$1,500; account 115.1110, bringing the account down to \$67,674. MOVED AND SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE stated that it was important for the members to know that there are three positions in that department. If that account is reduced, one of three positions will be lost in the Fair Rent Commission.

MR. DAVID MARTIN stated that his notes showed that an additional \$9,850 was approved to get the fund up to the level necessary to support the positions. Mr. Martin thought it was unwise to cut this account.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$1,500 from line .1110. The Motion was DEFEATED; 12 yes, 21 no votes.

MR. BLUM wanted to know if he could go back to the Commission on Aging?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that the Chair delineated the ground rules at the beginning; that we do not go back to any department unless there is a Motion to reconsider.

MRS. MAIHOCK said on item 115.2942 Travel expenses, recommended a \$200 reduction, leaving the amount to \$150. MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$200 from the Travel expense account. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 11 yes, 20 no.

PAGE 32 - PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMITTEE

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$20,150 and no recommendations made to reduce this amount.

PAGE 33 - DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT

MR. DONAHUE said that \$132,293 is the bottom line, and no recommendations made to reduce that amount.

PAGE 34 - BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

MR. DONAHUE said \$5,030 is the bottom line and no recommendations for reductions.

PAGE 35 - PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS

MR. DONAHUE said that \$150 is the bottom line and that was left intact.

PAGE 36 - CHARTER REVISION - NO MONEY FUNDED FOR THIS ACCOUNTPAGE 37 - SECTION TOTAL \$1,843,898.

MR. DONAHUE said this Section was reduced by \$5,700.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that several people on the Floor were checking the department and section totals and stated that she would like confirmation by those people. Mrs. Guroian and Mr. Morris confirmed the figures read by Mr. Donahue.

PAGE 38 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MR. DONAHUE stated that there was an addition of one employee, a clerk-typist, due to the increase of the volume of work in the Mayor's office. No reductions were made and the bottom line is \$275,205.

MRS. MCINERNEY stated that the Republican Minority was concerned with the very rapid growth rate within the office of the Executive of the City. The budget had an increase of \$57,340.38 in the last two years. The figure does not reflect the removal of two items from the budget; the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and SWARPA which is now under the Planning Board. Mrs. McInerney made a Motion to have line .7905 Budget Reduction reduced by \$20,000, leaving the department manager to rework the budget in the matter in which he sees fit. SECONDED.

MR. DONAHUE said the presentation made to the Fiscal Committee clearly indicated the need for the additional clerk-typist position, and the expansion of one more work-station in the word processor. For the past two years, the Stamford Youth Planning and Coordinating Agency has not been included in the Mayor's budget. It is not listed as a separate department any longer. The presentation by the new director of SYPCA was excellent. Mr. Donahue said that \$20,000 would be an irresponsible cut from this budget and wished this cut to be defeated.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked Mr. Donahue to explain the "Budget Reduction Line."

MR. DONAHUE said that the Budget Reduction Line has been included in the budget for a few years now. It allows the Board to take a number and reduce it from that line. It is a minus figure that is inserted. It allows the department heads or managers to set their priorities as to the most important items in their budgets.

MRS. MCINERNEY said that the exclusion of CT. Conference of Municipalities and SWARPA collectively total approximately \$17,000. Since these items are not included in the budget, she stated that the department could reflect a decrease instead of a growth of \$57,000 plus. She felt that the other \$3,000 could be found in a manner in which the department has set their priorities.

MR. ZELINSKI asked if line .5602 CCM has been allocated somewhere else?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN told Mr. Zelinski that his question would be entertained after the vote on Mrs. McInerney's Motion.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the Motion to cut line .7905 by \$20,000. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 13 yes, and 21 no.

MR. ZELINSKI asked the Chairman of Fiscal if line .5602 CCM has been appropriated somewhere else in the budget?

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. DONAHUE said the item was reduced last year based on the reduction made by this Board.

MR. ZELINSKI asked if it was anywhere in this budget; did the Mayor appropriate any funds?

MR. DONAHUE said that it was not.

MR. ZELINSKI stated that it was very unfortunate.

MR. DeLUCA made a Motion to put a \$10,000 cut on .7905 Budget reduction based on the reasons given by Mrs. McInerney. MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the Motion to put \$10,000 on line .7905 to represent a cut. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 20 negatives and 13 affirmatives.

MR. ZELINSKI asked about line item .5610 U. S. Conference of Mayors, and wanted to know what that is used for?

MR. DONAHUE replied that that was for membership in the U. S. Conference of Mayors; a nationwide organization with which we can share problems and solutions with many cities. He said this organization does a good job and would be helpful to the citizens of Stamford for the future.

MRS. MCINERNEY entertained a Motion to reduce line item .5610 U. S. Conference of Mayors to \$3,000. SECONDED. She stated that each community does not pay the same amount of money. She could see no benefits derived by this organization. She was disappointed that the U. S. Conference of Mayors was chosen over the CT. Conference of Municipalities. We did receive benefits from CCM. It should be noted that there is money in the Conference & Training account to pay for travel and housing at the U. S. Conference Mayors' meetings as well.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$1,650 from line .5610 bringing the total to \$3,000. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 22 no, and 10 yes votes.

PAGE 41 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Committee made a recommendation to reduce line .3150 Election expenses from \$14,300 down to \$11,300. This reflected two clerk-typist who will be doing some of this work as part of their functions. The two clerk-typist are needed due to the increase of work in this office. The bottom line would be \$346,467.

MRS. MAIHOCK said on item .2651 Equipment Rental, there was about a \$3,000 increase. She wanted to know what equipment was being rented?

MR. DONAHUE said they were going to rent or lease two copiers. One would be for office use which is badly needed and the other for a machine that copies made on would be charged for; instead of the vendor making a profit, the money would be kept within the City. After the 5-year lease expires, both machines will be owned by the City.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. BURKE asked if there was any representation of the huge increase in income generated by the Town Clerk's office?

MR. DONAHUE stated that in 1983/84, the income was \$950,694. The projection for 1984/85 is \$1,229,783; there is growth in this account.

MR. BLUM asked if the Town Clerk's office was on a computer service, and why did we need indices and record books?

MR. DONAHUE said that by State law, you are required to have a backup system. Computerizing is done as much as possible but also written records must be kept.

PAGE 43 - PROBATE COURT

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$8,810; no reduction in the line.

PAGE 44 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$616,935. No recommendations were made to reduce this amount. There is no program expansion and a number of items were reduced by the Board of Finance.

MR. ZELINSKI made a Motion regarding line item .5110 Professional Legal Services. to reduce this line by \$30,000 leaving \$5,000 in the account. He stated that personnel in the Law Department has been increased by 50%. He wants the Board to have more accounting regarding the need for Professional Services.
MOVED AND SECONDED.

MR. ZELINSKI felt that it was time that all the city departments be more accountable to the Board for expenditures. He stated that if this item was not cut, that \$35,000 could be used for something that we know nothing about. He would like to know what the Professional Legal Services are for. If we reduce, they can come back for an additional appropriation and we would know the rationale for the appropriation.

MR. DONAHUE said that this line item has been used in the past and continues to be used to handle conflict-of-interest matters. Mr. Donahue went over the figures of previous years. He stated an example where Mr. Fuller was recently hired and he assumed the funds would come out of this account. The legal department's hands cannot be tied; sometimes fast settlements are the best for the city and the taxpayers. The line should be left intact.

MS. SUMMERVILLE agreed wholeheartedly with Chairperson Donahue. If we cut this, it would appear that we have no trust in our legal department. She said the example Chairman Donahue stated was a thing that had to be done on the spur-of-a-moment. She could not see the Law Department coming in for an appropriation and waiting for a month before coming before the Board. She was in favor of voting for this appropriation.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. BLUM said that in 1983/84 on that line, the legal department did not have the number of permanent legal people. That was the year they used the most in bringing in people on a number of suits and claims against the city. It was time that we knew where our money was going to in this Law Department.

MR. ZELINSKI said that he would not want to tie the hands of our Law Department, so he reduced his Motion that was for \$30,000 and instead made it \$20,000, leaving \$15,000 in that account. The SECONDER agreed. Mr. Zelinski repeated the Motion.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to reduce this line item by \$20,000. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 20 no and 6 yes votes.

MR. ZELINSKI made a Motion to reduce line item .5150 Professional Consultants by \$25,000, leaving a balance of \$25,000. There was no SECOND to the Motion.

PAGE 46 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Committee has recommended funding for two auditors this year instead of three. The Program Expansion line would be reduced by \$24,600. The new amount would be \$100,880. This is line .7901. The new bottom line would be \$426,983.

MRS. MAIHOCK noted that on item .1130 part-time salaries, in 1984/85, it was \$10,345. It is now requested to fund \$25,683. She proposed a reduction of \$10,000. Her reason was that under .1140, they were asking for \$3,600 additional. The reduction with the \$10,000 would leave \$15,683. MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting that account by \$10,000. Mr. Santagata was noted as voting no on this item. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 24 no and 7 yes.

MRS. MCINERNEY made a Motion to reduce .7901 Program Expansion by \$20,000, final figure being \$80,880. MOVED AND SECONDED. Mrs. McInerney talked to Commissioner Pacter in the early part of the evening and asked about the internal auditors and asked if we had this particular service which is now done through outside services, and whether that could be continued instead of hiring fulltime people and adding the benefits to the payroll by utilizing outside services, and to what extent this account could be cut; and let the Commissioner use his priorities to continue with the outside consultant. The Commissioner agreed that \$20,000 would be the proper cut. It was her feeling that this department has been growing within the past 3 or 4 years. The same work can be done at a cheaper rate by using the outside consultants.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on reducing line .7901 by another \$20,000 bringing the total to \$80,880. The Chair noted that Mr. Schlechtweg arrived, making 35 members present and 5 absent. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 22 no votes and 10 yes votes.

MR. DONAHUE read the bottom: \$426,983.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)PAGE 48 - OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

MR. DONAHUE went to the Budget Reduction line .7905 to allow the manager to provide some cost savings. The Committee made a recommendation to reduce that line by \$3,000, bringing the bottom line to \$594,366.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN reminded the Members that when there are no additional Motions made by the Members of the Board, all of Fiscal's cuts are in the sheet that Mr. Donahue prepared for everyone and put before them.

PAGE 50 - BUREAU OF PURCHASES

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Committee recommended a reduction of \$1,000 on line .7905 Budget Reduction line for the same reasons as previously stated. The bottom line would be \$218,968.

PAGE 51 - CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said they were no recommendations to reduce. The bottom line is \$164,486; cuts were already made by the Board of Finance.

MR. BLUM was asking about line .1135 permanent part-time \$4,160 and wanted to know how many permanent part-time employees, and were they entitled to fringe benefits?

MR. DONAHUE said he believed there was one part-time employee and entitled to certain percentages of fringe benefits. This could be a person that was hired by an ordinance in recent months. This employee is contractual and not in the classified service.

MR. BLUM questioned the duties of this employee.

MR. DONAHUE stated she helped in Central Services where they do all the printing and photocopying for the city.

PAGE 52 - BUREAU OF DATE PROCESSING

MR. DONAHUE stated that this department has been underfunded for a number of years. An effort is being made to create a data processing or computer plan for the city based on urging by members of the Fiscal Committee. There is a new position here for a person to manage the Luis Mapping System and a new data base administrator to oversee a project by which we will have a direction for data processing in the future. No recommendations were made to reduce the amount which was \$744,790.

PAGE 53 - FINANCE-GRANTS ACCOUNT

MR. DONAHUE stated the bottom line was \$73,867. Approximately \$47,000 is reimbursed. Much of the work in this department is required to receive state and federal grants.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued).

MRS. MAIHOCK asked for an explanation on the Professional Consultants and reasons therefor?

MR. DONAHUE stated that in the backup book, it is for an outside CPA to prepare city-wide cost allocation plans, to allocate indirect expenses to departments for grant reimbursement purposes. It's required by federal and state programs.

MRS. MAIHOCK wondered if this could not be performed by any other department of the city?

MR. DONAHUE stated that he believed an independent CPA must look at the grants. No person is being hired to do that job so we have to rely on an outside consultant to do the job.

MR. BLUM said he would like to reduce .5150 Professional Consultants by \$5,500. MOVED AND SECONDED. His rationale was that he thought that \$10,000 would do to hire consultants, and we will be losing some of these grants due to the Federal cuts.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said that we must prepare cost allocations correctly and in accordance with an outside independent audit agency. It is important in allocating all overhead costs in terms of building, social security, benefits, etc. that are not found in the individual budgets and grants.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on reducing line .5150 by \$5,500. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 19 no and 5 yes votes.

PAGE 54 - RISK MANAGEMENT

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Committee recommended to reduce line .2650 New Equipment from \$400 to 0 because there was no information on this. The bottom line would be \$90,158. The Program Expansion was \$21,000 which was mandated by an ordinance passed by the Board.

MRS. SANTY questioned the telephone account .2740. She noticed that as going through the pages, the telephone accounts on all department are up 50 to 75 percent. She asked for an explanation.

MR. DONAHUE said there was a new cost allocation system that came into the city to more fairly and accurately assign costs of telephone service per department. This is the result of a new system of accounting. The Board of Finance reduced many of these accounts.

MRS. MAIHOCK noted that under Program Expansion, the Board of Finance cut \$10,000. She wanted to know if this could be reduced further without any problems?

MR. DONAHUE stated that the position left there was a Safety Director created by ordinance and passed by the Board.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)PAGE 55 - ASSESSORS OFFICE

MR. DONAHUE said they recommended a \$6,000 reduction on the Budget Reduction line .7905, basically to fund the two new positions at six months of the year rather than 9 or 12 months of the year. The bottom line would be \$460,500.

PAGE 57 - TAX COLLECTOR

MR. DONAHUE stated the bottom line is \$283,180. No changes were made.

PAGE 58 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Committee made a recommendation to reduce the salary line .1110 by \$13,400 make that line \$281,089; reflecting the salaries actually approved for this department. Further reductions to the City-training Program line .2939 from \$30,000 to \$20,000 reflecting a \$10,000 reduction. The Committee did this to recommend that the \$30,000 request for the Employee Assistance Program be funded. The new bottom line would be \$433,372.

MRS. MAIHOCK proposed a reduction on line .1130 Part-time of \$2,000 making it read \$12,696; to be more in line with 1984/85 budget and reflecting the Permanent part time \$15,873. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to reduce \$2,000 from line .1130. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 20 no and 15 yes votes.

MR. BURKE said that the Board turned down a recommendation of the Personnel Appeals Board in granting the Director of Personnel a salary increase. He questioned whether that money was included in this budget. Mr. Burke stated that we will be ordered to pay the salary, if lucky. If unlucky, we'll be paying triple damages plus court costs. He thought some contingency funding should be in this budget.

MR. DONAHUE said the salary account was reduced based on the recommendation from the Board of Finance. It was reduced from the total amount funded which was like \$261,000. Funding is there pending any future action or litigation.

MR. ZELINSKI asked for a reduction in line .2939 City Training Program by another \$10,000. Fiscal reduced by \$10,000. MOVED AND SECONDED. Mr. Zelinski stated the previous level '83/84 fiscal year, the amount allocated was \$9,400, and \$10,000 in 84/85. If this additional cut of \$10,000 is approved, we would be at the previous two years spending level.

MR. DONAHUE said this was discussed by the Committee and they felt that the employees should receive more training. There are various training programs. These programs make the city more effective and we should leave this at the funding recommended by the Committee.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote. The Motion was DEFEATED; 12 yes and 20 no votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. BOCCUZZI asked whether he could go back to the salary line .1110? He wanted to know if Mr. Donahue said that there was money in that salary account line to satisfy or pay for the salary of the Personnel Director; the one that was turned down?

MR. DONAHUE said the salary levels were recommended by the Personnel Commission. The amount of funding was reduced by us from 261 to 253 which is approximately the recommendation of the Personnel Appeals Board; reason that we may have to fund it. That cannot be appropriated until the issue is resolved. We did not fund at fullest amount.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if anything was undone that was taken up at the last Board meeting.

MR. DONAHUE replied they did not.

PAGE 60 - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

MR. DONAHUE read the bottom line as \$68,280. No reductions were recommended.

PAGE 61 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC

MR. DONAHUE said they recommended a Budget Reduction on line .7905 of \$3,700, bringing the bottom line to \$753,639; allowing the manager to readjust the budget as he wishes.

PAGE 63 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC PARKING DIVISION

MR. DONAHUE recommend \$5,400 reduction on the Budget Reduction line .7905, bringing the bottom line to \$1,079,574.

PAGE 65 - STAMFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT - NO FUNDING IN THIS ACCOUNTPAGE 66 - STAMFORD RAILROAD STATION

MR. DONAHUE stated that this is to operate the railroad station as is; maintenance, security, etc. \$138,700 was recommended. The Board of Finance used the Budget Reduction line and recommended \$88,700 be cut; the new bottom line being \$50,000 with no recommendations for further reductions.

PAGE 67 - INDIRECT EXPENSES

MR. DONAHUE read the bottom line of \$13,494,882. No reductions were recommended.

PAGE 69 - PRIOR YEARS RETRO PAY - NO FUNDING ON THIS LINE

PAGE 69 - SECTION TOTAL \$20,184,462.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)PAGE 70 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

MR. DONAHUE stated that the Committee recommended a Budget Reduction on line .7905 of \$5,500 bringing the bottom line to \$549,762.

PAGE 72 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 31 BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE DIV. HIGHWAY

MR. DONAHUE said that on the Budget Reduction line .7905, the Committee recommended \$53,000, bringing the bottom line to \$5,238,750.

PAGE 76 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 33 BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

MR. DONAHUE said a reduction of \$28,000 on the Budget Reduction line .7905, bringing the new total to \$2,778,067.

PAGE 78 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 34 BUREAU OF SANITATION

MR. DONAHUE stated that a reduction of \$100,000 on the Budget Reduction line .7905, bringing that total to \$8,210,913.

PAGE 81 - SECTION TOTAL OF \$16,777,492PAGE 82 DEPARTMENT GROUP 41 POLICE PROTECTION

MR. DONAHUE said the Committee recommended a reduction of \$37,500 on the Budget Reduction line .7905, bringing the department total to \$15,214,021.

MRS. MCINERNEY made a Motion to reduce line item .1201 Overtime by \$300,000 bringing the total down to \$600,000. MOVED AND SECONDED. Mrs. McInerney said that the Program Expansion for this budget allowed for hiring 20 new policemen, and if they are hired, we could substantially reduce the overtime in this account. The Board of Finance reflected a small reduction in this account. We should find out if the department can manage with the 20 new men without having excessive overtime.

MR. DONAHUE said that the Board of Finance did reflect a slight cut in this account to account for the current staffing levels. The new staffing levels will not have an impact on the '85/86 fiscal year due to the amount of time it takes to train and put a policeman on the street by himself. Possibly a \$200,000 impact may be seen in the following fiscal year. The overtime account can not be reduced for this reason at this time.

MR. DAVID MARTIN stated that of the 20 new positions, 10 are only funded for a half-year.

MR. ZELINSKI said that he would be in favor of this. The funding for last year was \$350,000, and even if reduced, it would be a total of \$600,000. That is almost a 100% increase over last year regardless of the new personnel. Mr. Zelinski felt that it should be cut. If an additional appropriation would be needed, the Police Department can come back and request it.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. MALLOZZI pointed out to Mr. Zelinski, that last year we did have to go to an additional appropriation to fund a request for this account which was cut by the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives approved. It is not really an increase of 100% over last year.

MR. DONAHUE stated that the minimum manpower accounts and the overtime accounts have been combined in this budget; any cut would not reflect that.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on line .1201 Overtime, to cut \$300,000 from this line bringing the total to \$600,000. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 22 no and 7 yes votes with 1 abstention.

PAGE 86 - DEPARTMENT GROUP TOTALS \$15,214,021

MR. BLUM asked Mr. Donahue what new equipment is being rented for the Police Department under line .2651 Equipment rental - Equipment?

MR. DONAHUE stated that the back-up material is interesting and explicit; existing equipment, IBM copy data, Xerox; \$31,000; experimental program leasing various types of vehicles for police services required; leasing Walkie-Talkie units at \$50,000 on a short-term basis. The Mayor already reduced this amount to \$13,000. The department has to reallocate the equipment being rented to reflect that cut. Mr. Donahue said that there should be no further reductions.

MR. BLUM said that he thought they were using the computer system that is in City Hall, and that all have the right to use the system we have here.

MR. DONAHUE stated that they do but must also have the equipment there to make use of the main frame and they have other tie-ins to national crime computers.

PAGE 87 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 45 CITY FIRE PROTECTION

MR. DONAHUE said there was no program expansion here. The Committee recommended a reduction in line .7905 Budget Reduction of \$28,500, bringing the bottom line to \$11,384,706.

MR. ZELINSKI wanted to know the rationale behind the \$28,500 reduction.

MR. DONAHUE said the budget was tight. There is no program expansion. The Committee felt that the department heads could make some reductions in some of the new equipment being requested or other areas. In some cases, a percentage of the bottom line was used.

MR. ZELINSKI felt that the Fire Department is one of the most vital areas, and he has not been told where that particular amount of money, which is considerable is going to come from, and felt that by not knowing, he could not vote for this, and urged his colleagues to vote against this reduction unless there was a specific line where a reduction would not create any problems or harm to the firefighters or residents.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that Mr. Zelinski would have to make a Motion to restore the \$28,500.

MR ZELINSKI MOVED to restore the cut. SECONDED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to restore \$28,500 on line .7905 Budget Reduction. Mr. Santagata noted as voting "no" on this Motion. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 28 no votes and 4 yes votes.

PAGE 90 - VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES

MR. DONAHUE said that they recommended no reductions; the bottom line is \$2,093,018.

PAGE 91 - HARBORMASTER

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$2,120 and no cuts were recommended.

PAGE 91 - SECTION TOTAL \$28,693,865.PAGE 92 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said that the Committee was recommending a reduction on line .3610 General Hospitals of \$300,000, reducing the number \$800,000 to \$500,000. The new bottom line would be \$2,730,762.

MR. BLUM asked what the rationale was to cut money from a hospital.

MR. DONAHUE said that the department was two to three years behind on payments in this account because they have to wait for federal and state agencies to determine whether or not they will pay for these accounts. This account was just funded at the last budget meeting. Mr. Donahue pointed out that expenditures in 1983/84 were \$281,591. \$200,000 was for 1984/85. The department went from \$200,000 to \$800,000. The Committee felt that they went from \$200,000 to a potential this year expenditure of \$400,000 to a projected expenditure of \$800,000. No logical could be seen for this kind of increase.

MR. DAVID MARTIN stated that there was no justification of why this number was set. The number put down by the Fiscal Committee is more realistic of what is going to happen.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked about line .2740 Telephone and noticed that the department was requesting \$2,720 more than their original budget of \$4,280. Mrs. Maihock asked if there was any reason that this item should not be cut?

MR. DAVID MARTIN said that the Finance Commissioner has been trying to deal with a better allocation of specific expenses back to departments; telephone is one of those. Individual departments making the calls are getting changed, for the first time this year, to reflect the expenses of those calls. If this account was to be reduced, it would not be a realistic cut. The phones will still be used.

PAGE 94 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 50 SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

MR. DONAHUE said there was an addition of a custodian in the Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility. The Committee recommended a reduction on the Budget Reduction line .7905. This line is not in the book; we must add this line. The reduction would be \$39,000, reducing the bottom line to \$3,924,176.

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MR. DAVID MARTIN said that Mr. Canino said that he would review this budget. Mr. Canino did not consider it his. He would review it and bring it back to the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives for their review, when he had a better understanding of what he wanted to do.

PAGE 97 - GROUP 52 SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE

MR. DONAHUE said that the Fiscal Committee recommended a budget reduction on line .7905 of \$7,300, bringing the bottom line to \$726,321.

PAGE 100 - NON-CITY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

MR. DONAHUE stated that the bottom line is \$50,750, and no reductions were recommended.

PAGE 101 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said that Budget Reduction line .7905, a budget reduction of \$4,000, bringing the bottom line to \$860,521.

PAGE 103 - CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

MR. DONAHUE stated the bottom line is \$212,486, no reductions were recommended.

MR. ZELINSKI asked about line .1110 Salaries, stated that he understood that the Director has left and did not know if a reflection was made in the allocation time of his salary and the time a new Director will come onboard.

MR. DONAHUE stated that he believed that interviews were being conducted, and if it has not happened, the position will definitely be filled by July 1.

PAGE 104 - DRUG FORENSIC LABORATORY

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$38,360; no reductions were recommended.

PAGE 105 - COST SHARING GRANT FROM STATE

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$13,082; no reduction was recommended.

PAGE 106 - V D CLINIC GRANT STATE

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$9,700; no reduction was recommended.

PAGE 107 - EPSDT PROGRAM

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$14,947; no reductions recommended.

PAGE 108- PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$606,900; no reductions recommended.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)PAGE 109 - HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PAROCHIAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$1,174,861; no reductions recommended.

MRS. SIGNORE stated that she was leaving the Floor for this vote because of a conflict-of-interest on all items 561.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that the record will note that.

PAGE 111 - SHAPE PROGRAM

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$43,799; no reductions recommended.

PAGE 112 - NON-CITY HEALTH AGENCIES

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$145,000; no reductions recommended.

MRS. McINERNEY stated that she was disappointed that this budget was cut. She said that Drug Liberation has been serving the Community for many years trying to liberate many of our residents from drugs, and as known by all, there is a epidemic of cocaine use of all ages within the Stamford Community. She said that at the meeting on Saturday, it was asked about other communities contributions, and for the record she stated that New Canaan has given more money this year than they have in the past. New Canaan has gone from \$23,000 to \$27,500; Darien has gone from \$25,000 to \$30,000; Greenwich has gone from \$55,000 to \$58,000. Stamford has gone from \$175,000 to \$145,000. The drug epidemic not only affects the user but also their families. Mrs. McInerney said that she was surprised that this program which is so worthwhile to the health of Stamford has been reduced to this, and hoped that in the future there will be more consideration paid to the needs of Drug Lib.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said that she agreed with Mrs. McInerney. Ms. Summerville stated that she felt that she must speak on this although this program was not cut by either the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives. She stated that it was unfortunate that the Mayor of the City of Stamford saw fit to only fund this program at the level at which it was funded last year. She stated that Community Centers are funded, but everyone knows the outbreak of cocaine use in the country. The Drug Liberation Program added on a cocaine clinic; cutting this budget does not give the leadership that Stamford should to other communities. Ms. Summerville stated that it was unfortunate that our hands are tied and we can't do anything about it. The public should be aware that the Mayor has chosen not to increase the funding although approximately 55 new positions have been funded.

MR. BURKE concurred with all that was said. Mr. Burke asked Mr. Donahue, if the \$30,000 shortfall that seems to exist in this account now, was this picked up in some other budget in some other department?

MR. DONAHUE stated that the \$30,000 shortfall has been accounted for. There were problems within the Liberation project itself. They recently had an insurance reimbursement of \$30,000 which can be used for the next fiscal year. Mr. Donahue stated that that was his understanding.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. SANTAGATA stated that this is a very, very important program and he is involved and it is tough to see these youngsters go through dramatic times with drugs or alcohol. He said that these are children; 16, 17, 18 year olds, and when someone is there for four or five months, and then is told, "I'm sorry, there is no room for you here, the budget will not allow us to treat you anymore," then you are putting this kid back on the street. On checking with the Police Department records, addicts involved with this program, do not go out and steal or break into houses. There are about 95 to 100 kids there. A super job is done by this program and these kids are kept off the streets. They make sure they have jobs and have to report each day. Mr. Santagata further stated they have nowhere to go after you turn them away from this program, and felt sorry for them and hoped that the Board would feel the same way.

PAGE 113 - SHELLFISH COMMISSION

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$1,200; no reductions recommended.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that she noticed that everything was cut out except secretarial service and wanted to know if this was a service that they contracted out, and what need did the Shellfish Commission have for secretarial service in that amount?

MR. DONAHUE said they work closely with city and state departments, health, the marine police, the Department of Public Works and Sewer Commission to establish shellfish regulations. Mr. Donahue stated that he would think they have to publish the regulations and keep accurate records of meetings. The permits are sold at the Town Clerk's office and also there is a transplant of clams program in Westcott Cove at no cost to the city due to a donation by Talmage Brothers Fisheries of Norwalk. Mr. Donahue thought that based on past usage, they decided that secretarial service would be most cost-efficient when they needed a person to come in to do the work rather than trying to maintain the budget for the full course of the year.

PAGE 113 - SECTION TOTAL \$10,551,865PAGE 114 - PARK DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said a budget reduction was recommended on line .7905 Budget Reduction of \$6,800, bringing the bottom line to \$1,354,623.

PAGE 116 - TERRY CONNERS RINK

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$359,246; no recommendations were recommended.

MR. ZELINSKI asked about line .2210 Maintenance of Buildings and said that last year the figure was \$18,000 and this year there has been an increase of \$6,430 and asked about the back up on this item and why the large increase.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. DONAHUE said the budget increased due to a number of reasons; rate increases for energy, overhaul of mechanical equipment, and retro-fitting of lighting fixtures. Mr. Donahue said that revenues are expected to increase due to more summer programs and adjustments in rates. He also stated these reasons account for the increase in the budget, and later these will be offset by revenues.

PAGE 118 - BOARD OF RECREATION - DEPARTMENT GROUP 65 RECREATION

MR. DONAHUE stated that the bottom line is \$999,185; no reductions recommended.

PAGE 123 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 66 RECREATION AREA MAINTENANCE

MR. DONAHUE stated that the bottom line is \$96,664; no reductions recommended.

PAGE 126 - DEPARTMENT GROUP 67 ETHEL KWESKIN THEATER

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$69,261; no reductions recommended.

PAGE 128 - BRENNAN GOLF COURSE

MR. DONAHUE said the total is \$289,787; no reductions recommended.

MR. MALLOZZI stated that when Fiscal met on this, the Golf Commission was very defensive on a certain item of income to the City, and for that reason, he Moved to add \$1,100 on line .7905 Budget Reduction. MOVED AND SECONDED.

MR. DeLUCA stated that this is one reduction that he would not be in favor of. He thought the E. G. Brennan Golf Commission is doing a fantastic job, and would not take \$1,100 reduction just because the Commission was defensive.

MRS. McINERNEY said that she would speak against this cut based on the fact that the E. Gaynor Golf Commission is presently running at a position where their expenditures and their revenues are not quite the same, and running in a deficit position, a not quite deficit position. She said that employee benefits have not been included, insurance depreciation or capital expenditures within their budget costs. She did not think cutting the budget reduction line would improve the situation there. She spoke with Commissioner Pacter and the Commissioner indicated that he has someone looking into that particular project to see what can be done to improve the revenues to the city. Based on that, she would vote against this cut.

MR. MALLOZZI said that not giving them money for deficit spending or not enough revenue reinforces what he was saying, and said there is money being made on the advertising on carts that the Commission was willing to forego. Mr. Mallozzi said that we should not give them more money and let go of the other money.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$1,100 from the Brennan Golf Course budget to be reflected on the budget reduction line. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 23 no votes and 5 yes votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

PAGE 130 - SECTION TOTAL \$3,168,766

PAGE 131 - FERGUSON LIBRARY

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$3,669,920 reflecting a 5% increase in non-salary operating expenses; no reductions recommended.

PAGE 132 - STAMFORD MUSEUM

MR. DONAHUE said the bottom line is \$557,176; no reductions for the same rationale.

PAGE 132A - COMMUNITY CENTERS

MR. DONAHUE said this page is funding for the Yerwood Center, ROSCO, Southfield Community Organization, and South End Community Center, and the bottom line is \$124,385, and based on the recommendations of United Way and City Task Force, no reductions recommended. Mr. Donahue stated that there is no action required for Stamford Day Care Centers. These are covered by a grant which was applied for.

PAGE 133 - SECTION TOTAL \$4,351,481.

PAGE 134 - BOARD OF EDUCATION

MR. DONAHUE said that he would like a break and because of a possible conflict-of-interest, he would turn this over to Mr. Lyons.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mr. Donahue for carrying on the budget thus far at 10:20 p.m.

MR. LYONS made a Motion for a 10-minute recess. MOVED AND SECONDED for a 10-minute recess.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN asked that all members take their seats.

CLERK SUMMERVILLE called the Roll. There were 35 members present and 5 absent, they being Reps. Wider, Vos, Livingston, Skovgaard and Owens. A Quorum was present.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that Mr. Donahue left the Floor.

MR. LYONS stated that the Fiscal Committee's recommendation on the Board of Education budget is a reduction of \$200,000 on line .7110 bringing the budget to \$63,332,582.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that Mr. Lyons did not need a Second; we have a continuing Motion.

MR. BOCCUZZI made a Motion to reduce the Board of Education's budget to a total of \$800,000 which would include Fiscal's recommendation of \$200,000, bringing the number to \$62,732,582.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated the Motion was MOVED AND SECONDED to increase the Board of Education cut by another \$600,000, bringing the total to \$62,732,582.

MR. BOCCUZZI stated he did not want to tell anyone how to run their budget. The figures warrant some consideration for his Motion. He stated that he had some research work done and from 1980/81 to 1985/86. In '80/81, the student body was 14,970. In '85/86, it will be 11,678 (which is a projection). This is 3,292 students less. He said the total of school buildings in use in '80/81 was 22; in '85/86 it is going to be 17, leaving a minus of 5 buildings. The total staff in '80/81 was 1,814 and in '85/86, it is 1,662. That is a reduction of 152 people. Mr. Boccuzzi said that in the past five years, everything came down.

MR. BOCCUZZI stated that the operating budget went from \$43,817,870 to \$63,732,582; an increase of \$19,914,712. Mr. Boccuzzi said that he did not want to take anything away from the students. The same process is discussed each year that if money is cut, education will "go down the tube." He said he did not buy that kind of reasoning. Mr. Boccuzzi said that one has to look at the figures, buildings, and staff to find out exactly what is affordable and those things must be taken into consideration. He said that taking all those numbers into consideration, he did not think the \$800,000 will affect the education of students or would bring it to a lower level of what it is now. The reduction might mean a little tightening of the belt here and there, but will not affect the actual education of the student.

MR. LYONS said that we were talking about a \$4½ million increase in this budget which represents a 7.8%, 6.8% or \$3.4 million negotiated pay increases; another \$140,000 is for early retirement; social security and medical premiums \$250,000; transportation, supplies are \$234,000; programs, additional programs, new programs are \$348,000; all other objects, postage, telephone, equipment, building improvements are \$352,000. Mr. Lyons said they will have to tighten their belts. They will have to take another \$500,000 from somewhere else.

MR. LYONS said that from '81/82 actual vs. '85/86, the student enrollment during that period is down 17%. The administrative positions are down 17.3%, and teachers are down 10.1%; aides down 3.7%, secretaries down 10.1%, custodians down 14.4%. Mr. Lyons said the educational team in Stamford has its feet on the ground. They know what they are doing and moving in the direction to save the taxpayers' money without the expense of the education of the children. Mr. Lyons stated that if this cut is made tonight, we will damage the education of our children. Mr. Lyons quoted figure comparing Stamford's education budget with other municipalities around the state. He asked that this cut be rejected.

MR. DeLUCA supported Mr. Boccuzzi's comments regarding the figures submitted by our very efficient researcher Sherry Dorfman. Mr. DeLuca said that in 1982/83, that was the year of the \$3.8 million cut and that same year, there was a \$1.4 million surplus. Mr. DeLuca said thanks to Dr. Papallo, he understood that about a \$1 million surplus is anticipated this year because of belt tightening and changes made by Dr. Papallo in the education system. Mr. DeLuca stated that he did not believe that this \$800,000 cut would harm the education of our children, and if the \$1 million surplus which is proposed is realistic, perhaps some of that money could buy supplies and other things needed for next year. Mr. DeLuca said the numbers speaks for themselves, and we have to be cognizant of our taxpayers, and hoped that this cut would be supported. Mr. DeLuca stated that he has much confidence in Dr. Papallo and that he can do the job for us.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MR. DAVID MARTIN said that a lot of comparisons have been made regarding the figures from 1981 to the present and thought that we should look at the other side. He said that last year, third graders scored 68 percentile nationwide; up 12% from four years ago; sixth graders scored at 78%, up 16% from 4 years ago, and eighth graders at 70%, up 17% from 4 years ago. Mr. Martin quoted figures on math concepts which were up between 24 and 28% from 4 years ago. Mr. Martin stated that the budget was a large some of money, but we were getting the value from it, and said the school system is fundamental to our system; it is one of the strengths of our country. Mr. Martin stated that 95% of the students graduate from college which is outstanding figure given the mix of our population. We are ranked as one of the best school districts in New England.

MR. DAVID MARTIN stated that he had spent a lot of time with Dr. Papallo and others on the Board of Education, and the answers he received were encouraging and reassuring. He did not think that \$600,000 should be taken away from this important function.

MR. MORRIS said he wished to speak against the Motion, and concurred with Mr. Lyons and with Mr. David Martin. Mr. Morris also stated that we have to take into account the guaranteed tax base grant that the school system receives from the State of Connecticut. He said it should be noted that for the year coming up, '85/86, the school system will be receiving from the state about \$271,000 less than the amount that we would normally be entitled to due to the cuts in the budget that the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives enacted three years ago; approximately a \$3.8 million budget cut. Mr. Morris said that we should be careful of what we do tonight; we don't want to jeopardize any further funding from the state in future years.

MRS. NAKIAN said that she has been following our schools for a long time. Stamford is not like our suburban neighbors where there is more or less the same class of child, and educational programs can be planned around a very small and simpler core of students. She said that Stamford has mentally retarded children that the state mandates they have to be educated from the age 3 to 21. She said we go from this bottom level to children that are Presidential scholars, and we have to have the programs to keep these children in the schools or they go out to the private schools. She felt that the programs in our schools give all the children a chance for an equal education. Mrs. Nakian spoke about the early kindergarten program and the science programs; also foreign languages, the cluster program which was initiated two years ago bringing back a lot of children back into the public schools. Mrs. Nakian said that there is teacher training and computer have entered the schools. If a cut is made in the budget, these programs would be affected; teachers' salaries still have to be paid, and basics also. Mrs. Nakian said she supported the smallest cut possible, but not \$800,000.

MRS. FISHMAN stated that she is opposed to this cut, and would not support any cuts from an education budget. She said that we have to remember that we are still trying to bring teachers up to a reasonable level of recompense. They are not paid enough and there is a movement throughout the state to bring teachers up to a higher level of pay. Mrs. Fishman stated that obviously, Dr. Papallo has done a great job on his budget and did not want any cuts made.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MRS. GUROIAN stated that she wanted to correct Mrs. Fishman in her faulty conclusion that school teachers are so grossly underpaid. Mrs. Guroian said that more than half of the school teachers in Stamford will be earning over \$30,000 a year next year, and that is for a 180-day teaching school year. Mrs. Guroian said that that was not a bad salary compared to what people were getting in the outside world. She said that Ms. Fishman will agree with that. Mrs. Guroian said that she is not saying that everybody is paid the way they should be, but half of them are being paid over \$30,000. Mrs. Guroian said she has a college professor in her family, and even they do not make that much. That's a high salary for a college professor that goes to school for many more years than a high school teacher does in many instances. Mrs. Guroian said the school system gives a fine education to the students, and year after year, even after the cuts, the school system turns in a surplus. They are running at the highest surplus this time of the year in many, many years, and probably the highest ever. They are running a \$1 million surplus at this particular time, and no doubt they will be spending that money as fast as they can because what is not spent, will be turned into the general fund.

MRS. GUROIAN did not think that \$800,000 out of a budget of \$63 million is that much of a cut in view of the fact, that so many less students have to be educated in Stamford. She said she would support the \$800,000 cut.

MR. BURKE said he joined in some of his colleagues in expressing his faith in Dr. Papallo; the way he has operated and brought the school system along. The budget is Dr. Papallo's and Mr. Burke thought it was a good budget. Mr. Burke said that the Board was "creaming" the Board of Education when the Board of Representatives approved the contracts for the various segments of the school system, and that makes up the largest portion of this particular increase. Mr. Burke said if these cuts were made, it would come out of the hides of the children, and he didn't think we wanted that. Mr. Burke stated he did not favor the \$800,000 cut.

MRS. MCINERNEY said she did not verification of the fact about the \$1 million surplus, and she would like someone to get that verification for her as that would color her vote. Mrs. McInerney stated that children have to be educated in a different way now that was never thought of 20 or 30 years ago. Mrs. McInerney was not pleased with the SAT scores of the Class of '83, and said she didn't think we were meeting the needs. Mrs. McInerney said she would like a verification of the \$1 million figure before she could make a judgement on the \$800,000 and preferred that Mr. Boccuzzi reconsider his Motion and make it a much smaller number.

MRS. GLOVER said that at the end of this school term, she would have five children come through the public school system in Stamford. She felt that an additional budget cut would be disastrous, and stated that if Dr. Papallo has done such a good job, don't tie his hands; give him what he needs to keep doing a good job. She did not want to see any additional cuts from the budget.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

MS. SUMMERVILLE said that everytime she hears from the Representatives that tend to always say that, "kids are going to be hurt," and she disagrees with this statement. She does not believe that \$800,000 will cause the school system and the dedicated teachers to not produce. She stated that she was not in favor of the cut, but she was totally against some of the rationale. She said she would like to speak on why this cut should not be made. She said that Dr. Papallo has done a good job and that there are also dedicated members of the Board of Education. Roz Nesin and Beatrice Foreman told Ms. Summerville that they will continue to see that the school system betters itself, and when they told Ms. Summerville that the budget was not "coated" and inflated, Ms. Summerville believed them. Ms. Summerville did not believe in cutting the Education budget.

MS. SUMMERVILLE she said would charge the Board of Education to ride to Mrs. Glover's district, the Southfield Village district, at 12 o'clock noon. She is very disturbed to see eight, nine year olds, young men, visible to all in the city, who are not attending school. Ms. Summerville stated that somewhere there is a law and a responsibility not only on the parents' part, but also on the Administration's part of the City, to demand that those students attend school. She hoped that by next year, and if she is still on the Board, and this problem is not corrected, she would tend to want to cut the budget. Ms. Summerville said that she thought this should be a priority. These children are the future of this community. The law should be carried through.

MR. BLUM said that he hoped the Board of Education would bring back the truant officer; this is needed in this City, and hope that Dr. Papallo understands what Ms. Summerville and Dave Blum are talking about. Mr. Blum said the school system is much better than it was years ago, and the system has many programs for those who cannot get through but can learn various trades. Mr. Blum stated that he did not want to take any more money away from Dr. Papallo. He did not want to see public education leave the City of Stamford. In order for the city to have public education, our school system must be turned around to be comparable to none.

MR. DUDLEY said his children were too young to attend school. He stated that he did not believe this budget was padded. He looked the budget over very carefully. He said that if it were padded, would it be that bad that \$600,000 goes to the education of our children in the city, and did not believe that it was. Mr. Dudley said that the quality of education here has improved and he believed that enrollment will be going up in the future. He believed many people that move into a city first ask the question, "What type of an educational system do you have?" He said that he could not support the cut.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that Mr. David Martin proved his point when Mr. Martin said that certain scores were up within the last few years. Mr. Boccuzzi said that cuts were made over the last few years and the Board of Education was still able to do a good job. He said that he was not say that they are not doing a good job or not educating the children properly. He was not against education. Mr. Boccuzzi said that people are not leaving the system because it does not have enough money. There are other reasons. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that percentages of budgets cannot be made; you don't know what percentage of. He said that 60% of a \$25 million budget is nowhere near 30 or 40% of a budget that is over \$100 million. A percentage of a big number makes the dollars more. He believed that \$800,000 would not have a disastrous affect on the school system. Mr. Boccuzzi said that he congratulated Dr. Papallo on the great job he was doing.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on a \$600,000 cut over Fiscal's recommendation on the Board of Education's budget. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 24 no, 9 yes votes and 1 abstention.

MRS. NAKIAN made a Motion to amend the Fiscal recommendation to the total figure of \$300,000. SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that Mrs. Nakian's Motion was to cut an additional \$100,000 from the Board of Education budget to bring the total to \$63,232,582. MOVED and SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting an additional \$100,000 bringing the total to \$300,000. The Motion CARRIED by a vote of 24 yes, 9 no votes and 1 abstention. The line will read \$63,232,582.

PAGE 134-A - BOARD OF EDUCATION NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

MR. LYONS said that Fiscal did not recommend any cuts. The bottom line is \$795,385.

PAGE 135 - FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

MR. LYONS said that Fiscal did not recommend any cuts. The bottom line is \$97,435.

PAGE 136 - SECTION TOTAL \$64,125,402.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mr. Lyons on his presentation of the Board of Education budget.

MR. WHITE said that he wanted to be noted on Record, that he abstained from the entire Education budget.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that Mr. White has abstained.

PAGE 137 - DEBT SERVICE

MR. DONAHUE said the total is \$17,001,943 and no recommendations made for reduction of that amount.

PAGE 138 - SECTION TOTAL \$17,001,943.PAGE 138 - GRAND BUDGET TOTALS FOR OPERATING BUDGET \$166,699,174.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETPAGE 141 - PLANNING BOARD

MR. DONAHUE said \$70,900 for Intera Graphic Work Station; no reduction recommended.

PAGE 142 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

MR. DONAHUE said New Vehicles \$12,500; Cove Pond Dam Repairs \$6,250; Holly Pond Improvements \$147,000; no recommendations for reductions; bottom line is \$165,750.

PAGE 144 - SEWER COMMISSION

MR. DONAHUE said Hope Street Interceptor \$1,000,000; Section 17-2B Crystal Lake Ridge Park area \$100,000; Section 18-2 Stillwater Rd., Westwood, Skyview \$232,500; Section 16-3 \$100,000; no recommendations for reductions; bottom line is \$1,432,500.

PAGE 145 - MAYOR'S OFFICE

MR. DONAHUE said Housing Site Development \$250,000; Housing Fund \$150,000; Government Center Building \$500,000.

MRS. MCINERNEY made a Motion to reduce line .349 Government Center Building to 0. MOVED AND SECONDED.

MRS. MCINERNEY said that a letter on the desks had two choices for sites for the City Hall. She said that she felt that we have not defined which site is the one that would be the ultimate site based on projections on what is necessary for improvements, construction, costs analysis as far as forecasting a detailed assessment and impact to a particular area. Mrs. McInerney thought that the capital funding was based on a site that was chosen the other day; we don't have one site, we have two. In her opinion, she thought it would be better to defer any action on this account until we knew exactly where we were going and what the long-range cost would be to the City. She said that if all felt this project has merit, it could stand a deferment and could come before the Board as an emergency request based on actual figures needed to perform a design, a traffic study and what type of future ramifications i.e. road widening, would be necessary. Mrs. McInerney said that it would be foolish to put this money in at this time. She felt that this action should be deferred until a later date.

MRS. SANTY said she concurred with Mrs. McInerney. Mrs. Santy said that she was contacted by many, many of her constituents and was asked to deny this appropriation. She said that it was difficult for her constituents and herself to understand that when they ask for a street light, sewers, storm drains, and even a few shrubs and flowers at a right-of-way in her area, to be told there is not enough money; we can't do that, but somehow millions can be found for a new city hall complex.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

MRS. SANTY continuing said that she told her constituents to go to the budget hearings, and their reactions were, "why, you are going to raise taxes anyway; you are not going to listen to the people." Most constituents felt that their voices were not heard. Mrs. Santy said that she listened to the people and was going to say no to this appropriation. Mrs. Santy further stated that at the meeting, she was told that the cost to the individual taxpayer would probably be $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ of a mill. She questioned this cost, and did not know how this could be projected if the site is unknown, and said that until the objectives are defined, and reached, we must consider the people we represent and look to what has already been expended. She said the consensus for the site has been Rippowam High School although it is not available. She said that we must say no to this appropriation.

MRS. MAIHOCK agreed with Mrs. McInerney and said that until there's is a consensus the city needs a new government office building, money should not be expended on design plans. Mrs. Maihock also stated that her constituents asked, "Audrey, you certainly wouldn't vote for a new government center, would you?" She said that she did not think she would because a very intelligent assessment has not been made on what we could accomplish with this particular project.

MR. DONAHUE said he wanted to speak on the rationale behind the Committee's recommendation to include this in the Capital Projects budget. He said the Committee did this with no site in mind, and with knowledge that there were things that were going to have to be done concerning a municipal office building; whether renovations on the present building or whether we have to go to other sites in the city as pointed out, or whether there are other alternatives.

MR. DONAHUE said that it was the consensus of the Committee that because of the knowledge that we must do something at some point in time, and act upon this in the near future because of present conditions we are working under, money should be included in the Capital budget.

MRS. CONTI said she would speak in favor of the cut. She said that she stayed to the very end of the meeting at which the consultants were present to listen to every word and ask all questions in her mind. She said that none of the downtown sites discussed had any room for future development. There was no room for expansion at any of these sites and ridiculous to spend this amount of money to locate somewhere where there is no expansion; projections seem to be that the city will grow further, and a need for an expanding government. She said that until a site is found with adequate expansion possibilities, it was foolish to spend another nickel.

MRS. PERILLO made a Motion to move the question. MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$500,000 from line .349 Government Center Building, leaving zero on that line. The Motion has CARRIED by a vote of 18 yes, and 17 no votes. The line will read zero.

MRS. MAIHOCK made a Motion to cut \$100,000 from line .154 Housing Site Development, leaving the total \$150,000. MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the cut. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 12 yes and 21 no votes.

The bottom line for page 145 should read \$400,000.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)PAGE 146 - TRAFFIC AND PARKING DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said that page 146 should read 147, and page 147 should read 146. The total for the Traffic and Parking Department is \$2,523,500. On page 147, the Computer Signal System \$2,140,000; Vehicle Replacement \$38,500; High Ridge Road System \$345,000; no recommendations for reductions.

PAGE 149 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS)

MR. DONAHUE said Intermodal Passenger Mall \$500,000; D.P.W. computer \$20,000; West Avenue Widening \$445,000; Citywide Resurfacing and Reconstruction \$550,000; Raised Manholes \$25,000; no recommendations for reducing anything on that page.

MRS. MCINERNEY made a Motion to reduce line item .013 Intermodal Passenger Mall to zero. MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN repeated the Motion to reduce line .013 from \$500,000 to 0.

MRS. MCINERNEY said to construct an intermodal area with passenger shelter for buses, taxis, limousines plus commuter services and shops was totally premature at this point in time. She said this particular item was included in the budget probably back in November prior to the City's knowledge of the vast flaws that are evident at the Transportation Center. She said that at this very moment, we do not know what must or must not be taken down and reconstructed or if anything can be reworked in the present stage. Mrs. McInerney stated that all reports indicate that there will be much rebuilding, and razing of the building. Mrs. McInerney said that the budget was formulated in good faith and it was assumed that all would be operational by this time, but it has not worked out that way.

MRS. MCINERNEY preferred to delete this request until the City knew exactly where it was going on the Transportation Center.

MR. DONAHUE said there was no conflict between the problems at the Transportation Center itself and the Intermodal area. There is already an Intermodal area underneath the Thruway. This would be to add passenger shelter for buses, taxis, limousines, commuter services and shops, and lease revenues to the city are already estimated at \$50,000 a year. Mr. Donahue said this area is worth it, and it aids the commuters who use this area now and who will use this area in the future up to and during the completion of the Transportation Center. Mr. Donahue again stated that there was no conflict.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked a Point of Information: "If any of the money was returnable by grants from the state and federal government?"

MR. DONAHUE said that there was discussion of the possibility that some of the money is reimbursable. Mr. Donahue said he was going to look through his material and would give a more conclusive answer.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the Floor would be given to the next speaker while Mr. Donahue was looking for his back-up material.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

MR. DAVID MARTIN stated that a few months ago, an appropriation came before the Board regarding funds for the Transportation Center, and he voted to hold the funds because he was concerned about the spending of additional monies in the trouble, plagued area. He said that this area was adjacent to the troubled, plagued area. It was an independent area and that we should provide these amenities for the people of Stamford, and we should realize the lease income which would offset the capital cost. He said this was a fine project and should not be delayed due to the problems elsewhere.

MR. DONAHUE said that some funding from state and federal sources is being pursued although there is no commitment, however, that those funds are available at this time.

MRS. MCINERNEY said that as a Point of Information, that when the Board of Finance voted on this item, there were only five members present. The vote was 3 no and 2 in favor; based on the Board of Finance rules, it took 4 negative votes; the item was passed on to us intact, but the consensus of that Board at that particular time, was to delete this.

MRS. GUROIAN said that she wanted to know, "What kind of Intermodal Mall were they talking about?" She said she understood that it was going to be under the Thruway.

MR. DONAHUE replied that it would be under the Thruway. There is room there for shops, bus terminals, ticket areas. He said as stated in the budget book, "passenger shelter for buses, taxis, limousines plus commuter services and shops."

MR. DONAHUE said it would run along North State Street between Atlantic and Washington Boulevard, underneath the Thruway in the Intermodal Center that is already in operation.

MRS. SANTY said that she disagreed with Mr. Martin. She did not think that this was an independent project, and that all would have to be related to the Transportation Center. Mrs. Santy said that we should know what direction we are going in before we appropriate \$500,000.

MR. LYONS made a Motion to Move the question. MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to delete \$500,000 from line 284.013. The Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 14 yes and 21 no votes.

PAGE 150 - PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

MR. DONAHUE said there was one item on the page, Rolling Stock Replacement \$700,000.

MR. BOCCUZZI asked if the list listed under Rolling Stock Replacement was a guaranteed list or a list that is there for now, and later on, we will not see these vehicles come in line?

MR. DONAHUE said that he had the priority list and it included one 20 cubic yard container dump truck to replace a '69 or '70 model; two 3 cubic yard wheel loaders; one 13 cubic yard vacuum basin cleaning truck; two mechanical sweepers to replace the '72 Elgins; tractor mowers with sickle bar attachments to replace 1968 International unit; 5 to 7 cubic yard dump trucks to replace the 1976 Internationals, and an air compressor that already has been removed from this list.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

MR. DONAHUE continuing said that the total on the page (priority list) was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$967,000; that has been reduced to \$700,000.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that if we give them the \$700,000, we would see these vehicles on line?

MR. DONAHUE said that he believed so.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that he would hold Mr. Donahue responsible.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that she did not notice any garbage trucks on this list. She said that recently she called the Mayor's office after seeing a garbage truck on Main Street that the back of that truck was swaying so much that it was very hazardous for anyone to pass that vehicle. She hoped that some of this money could be appropriated to give us better garbage trucks because they are a hazard on the road in the condition that they are operating at the present time.

MR. WHITE asked if page 150 with Rolling Stock Replacement on it, part of the unit on page 149?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN replied that it was.

MR. WHITE questioned the West Avenue road widening; to acquire land needed, was this to acquire land to widen the road through the residential neighborhood?

MS. RINALDI said that she understood that it would be the other end of West Avenue near Bongiorno's; that area.

PAGE 151 - PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

MR. DONAHUE said Snow Removal Equipment \$54,560; Salt Silo - Town Yard \$110,000; Canine Shelter \$94,600.

PAGE 152 - PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

MR. DONAHUE said Public Works Garage \$50,000; Storage Building/Scofield yard \$50,000; Storm Drains Citywide \$400,000; Pulaski Bridge/Dam \$550,000; Mathews Street Drainage \$579,000.

PAGE 153 - PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

MR. DONAHUE said Seawalls \$80,000; Sanitary Sewers, City \$50,000; Retaining Wall, Waterbury Avenue \$75,000.

PAGE 154 - PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

MR. DONAHUE said Incinerator Repairs \$845,000; Solid Waste Management Plan \$150,000.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS \$5,328,160.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)PAGE 155 - FIRE DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Apparatus Replacement \$345,000; Air Paks Replacement \$15,000; Up-grade Fire Alarm \$47,500; Training Center \$30,000;

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT \$437,500.

PAGE 157 - NEW HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Building Boiler Replacement \$9,500; Building addition \$10,000.

TOTAL NEW HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT \$19,500.

PAGE 158 - LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Fire Hydrants \$10,000.

TOTAL LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$10,000.

PAGE 159 - TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Turn of River Station Expansion \$197,000.

TOTAL TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT \$197,000.

PAGE 160 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Vehicle Replacement \$10,000.

TOTAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT \$10,000.

PAGE 161 - SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

MR. DONAHUE said Replacement Lights \$45,300; Resurface driveways/new road \$98,000; Replace emergency generator \$90,000; Replace Walk-in freezer \$20,000; Replace dishwasher \$19,999; Purchase Station Wagon \$14,000.

TOTAL SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY \$286,300.

PAGE 163 - SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE

MR. DONAHUE said Asbestos Treatment \$18,000; Air Conditioning \$140,000; Pick-up truck has been reduced from \$12,000 to 0 based on information that they may not need it at this time; Expand Recreation room \$24,000.

TOTAL SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE \$182,000.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

MR. DUDLEY said that a large sum of money was allocated for air conditioning some time ago, and Mr. Dudley wanted to know if this was one and the same project?

MR. DONAHUE replied that he believed that was for the Skilled Nursing Facility, and this is another part of a complete project. Mr. Donahue said that as he recalls that the most controversial part was the Skilled Nursing Facility.

PAGE 164 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Van Replacement \$12,000; Vehicle Replacement \$21,900; Portable Chromatograph \$7,500.

TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT \$41,400.

PAGE 165 - PARKS COMMISSION

MR. DONAHUE said Vehicle Replacement \$133,900; Paving, Curbing, Drainage \$32,100; Trees and Shrubs \$20,000; Shore Stabilization \$46,800.

MR. ZELINSKI asked about item 610-458 Vehicle Replacement, and wanted to know what the sedan would be used for.

MR. DONAHUE stated that was to replace the Director's vehicle; the vehicle is old and has a lot of miles on it.

MR. ZELINSKI wanted to know the year and mileage on this vehicle.

MR. DONAHUE stated that that question was brought up indirectly at his meeting, but no one asked the year and model. Mr. Donahue said that if anyone saw the car, you would know that it had to be replaced.

MRS. MCINERNEY said that she was concerned with this item and she spoke to Bob Cook. She said the car was a 1979 full-size sedan and it has close to 40,000 miles on it. Mrs. McInerney asked Mr. Cook if this item was a critical item. He indicated that the other items were priority and this was placed in the budget in accordance with the City's department rescheduling program.

MRS. MCINERNEY made a Motion to reduce line item .458 by \$10,000 to reflect the sedan out and urged Mr. Cook to put this item in next year. MOVED AND SECONDED.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to reduce line item .458 by \$10,000 bringing this line to \$123,900. The Motion CARRIED by a vote of 23 yes and 7 no votes.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that she had voted yes, but did not know if she had pushed the button the exact second of the beginning when the vote was being recorded.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN asked how Mrs. Maihock voted? Mrs. Goldstein said the vote would be noted as 24 yes, and 7 no votes. Mrs. Maihock will be recorded as having voted yes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)PAGE 166 - PARKS COMMISSION CONTINUED

MR. DONAHUE said Rehab Building and Utility \$40,340.

TOTAL PARKS DEPARTMENT \$263,140.

PAGE 168 - RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MR. DONAHUE said Vehicle Replacement \$41,000; Athletic Field Development \$17,900; Heroy Pool \$5,500; repaving \$13,046; Youth Center \$7,080; Scene-Art Building Renovations \$54,950.

TOTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT \$139,476.

PAGE 170 - FERGUSON LIBRARY

MR. DONAHUE said Computer Expansion \$175,000.

TOTAL FERGUSON LIBRARY \$175,000.

PAGE 171 - STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER

MR. DONAHUE said Main Building Fire Exits \$48,400; Main Building Entrance \$8,500; Maintenance Garage Design \$6,600; Road/Parking Resurfacing \$25,179.

MRS. SANTY said that she would like to comment that the Stamford Museum and Nature Center was founded by her uncle; never with the intention of being funded by the City of Stamford; never with the intention of spending taxpayers' money; how far we have come.

TOTAL STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER \$88,679.

PAGE 173 - BOARD OF EDUCATION

MR. DONAHUE turned the Floor over to Mr. Lyons to do the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget.

MR. LYONS said Renovation of Murphy School \$807,000, State reimbursement 45%; Auditorium Lighting Cloonan \$75,000; State reimbursement 40%; Fire Compliance Turn of River District \$220,000, State reimbursement 40%; Roof restoration Stillmeadow \$103,079; Roof Replacement Springdale \$41,200; Roof restoration Stamford High School \$55,000; Repairs Boyle Stadium \$59,220; Door Replacement Springdale and Turn of River Schools \$48,065; Tennis Court Reconstruction Stamford High School \$229,395; Ceiling Replacement at Newfield and Stark Schools \$63,177; Ceiling Replacement at Cloonan \$43,771. Total for Board of Education \$1,744,907.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

MS. SUMMERVILLE asked the Acting Chairman regarding 810-604 Repair Roof at Stamford High (Note: 810-604 is Repairs-Boyle Stadium). She said that this was Phase I, and she asked the total cost for the completion of the work.

MR. LYONS replied that he believed it was \$109,613 as shown in the book, and funding was for about half of the project.

MS. SUMMERVILLE asked how old the buildings were in line 810-486 replacement of ceilings in Newfield and Stark Schools?

MR. LYONS replied that he had no idea.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said she had the same question on both item, and that a consultant stated that after 20 years, they had to be replaced.

MR. LYONS said that he understood that we were safe at 20 years.

MR. BURKE asked about 810-162 Renovation Murphy School \$807,000. He wanted to know if the State would reimburse 45% of that figure.

MR. LYONS replied that it would be 45% of that figure; the total of the project is \$2,142,153.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that the Tennis Court Reconstruction was before the Board before, and the courts were built on soil that was not stable. She asked if these five courts would be relocated or was this money going down in the same hole again?

MR. LYONS said that a different hole would be found and they would be relocated.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked Mr. Lyons for his assurance on the matter and whether he was jesting?

MR. LYONS said that question was asked and the courts will be relocated.

MRS. CONTI was going to ask the same question Mrs. Maihock asked. Mrs. Conti wanted to know what will happen to the area where the courts are now; will the courts be torn down? Mrs. Conti said there are terrible conditions there, and there are people with sinking properties there. She said that if the courts were torn down, there would be more problems.

MR. LYONS said that he was informed that the Board of Education will use the area for parking.

MRS. CONTI asked if paving would be done there?

MR. LYONS replied that he assumed it would be paved.

MRS. CONTI asked about the condition there of the sinking land, and said the tennis courts are sinking.

MR. LYONS said that he was informed that they will use the courts for parking. He assumed that they have a solution.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

MRS. GUROIAN asked where the new tennis courts would be?

MR. LYONS said the new courts would be behind Stamford High School.

MS. FISHMAN said her suggestion for the tennis courts would be to turn them into a swimming pool.

MRS. CONTI said that because of the conditions there, she moved to take the Tennis Reconstruction out of the budget. She said that there are lawsuits against the city because of this land. She suggested that for the present, we delete this appropriation which is for \$229,395.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that the Motion was to delete \$229,395 Tennis Court Reconstruction leaving zero. **MOVED AND SECONDED.**

MR. BLUM said that he would speak in opposition to this Motion. He said the courts are not only used by children, but also by constituents in the 12th District. He said that when the courts started to sink, the Board of Education closed the courts, and children had to go elsewhere. Mr. Blum said that five courts are called for as a regulation of the Tennis Association. He said the courts were not only used by the schools, but were used by the Board of Recreation who leases the courts to the public at a cost.

MR. ZELINSKI said that he would be against this cut. He said that Westhill High has a tennis team, and also Stamford High, and he thought it was most unfair not to have the students who play and have a tennis team and participate with other schools, not be able to participate and practice on their own courts. He hoped that this would not be deleted.

MR. LYONS said the new courts will be located off Hillandale Avenue behind the old Stamford High School which is presently used for teachers' parking.

MR. DUDLEY Moved the question. **MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

MRS. GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on reducing line 810-929 by \$229,395. The Motion was **DEFEATED** by a vote of 27 no, 1 yes and 2 abstentions.

TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION \$1,744,907.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that a resolution must now be passed for the Operating and Capital Projects budget. She asked that the auditors get together to check on the Capital Projects budget; the Operating budget has already been checked.

MR. DONAHUE Moved for approval of the Operating budget, the sum of \$166,699,174.00 and for the Capital Projects Budget, \$13,515,712.00, for a total of \$180,214,886.00. **SECONDED.**

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a voice vote on the approval of the budget. After hearing the ayes and nos, President Goldstein called for a machine vote. on the approving of the Operating and Capital Projects Budget; Operating Budget being \$166,699,174; the Capital Projects Being \$13,515,712. The Chair noted that this requires 21 votes. The Motion **CARRIED** by a vote of 28 yes and 6 no votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mr. Donahue for a fine job; also, Mr. Lyons for pinch-hitting, and the Fiscal Committee for an excellent job. President Goldstein said that it was marvelous to have to meet for only one night. President Goldstein also thanked Mr. Morris and Mrs. Guroian for being auditors, and thanked the Staff: Mrs. Kachaluba, Mrs. McEvoy, and Mrs. Dorfman, the Staff Researcher for their work.

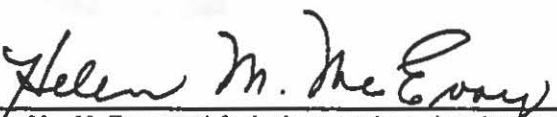
PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a motion to adjourn. MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED by a voice vote.

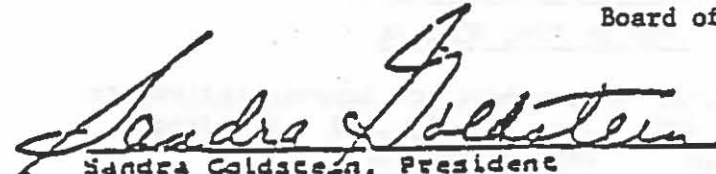
ADJOURNMENT: 12:20 a.m.

SG:aak
Enclosures

APPROVED:

By


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RESOLUTION NO. 1610

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

FISCAL YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1985 to JUNE 30, 1986

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended Budgets for the ensuing year, commencing July 1, 1985 and ending June 30, 1986, for final action by the Board of Representatives:

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1985-1986 in the Budgets as submitted by the Mayor, and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of:

\$166,699,174.00 OPERATING BUDGET

\$ 13,515,712.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ACCEPTED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED, and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action, of said Board of Representatives.

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the 18th Board of Representatives held on Monday, May 13, 1985, the above Budgets were acted upon and approved; and the above Resolution No. 1610 was APPROVED by a vote of 28 Yes, 6 No, Zero Abstentions, and 1 Non-Voting; with 35 members present and 5 absent at time of voting.

SG:HMM

cc: Mayor Thom Serrani
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