# MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1986 19th Board of Representatives Stamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 19th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1986, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, in the Municipal Office Building, Second Floor, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by PRESIDENT SANDRA GOLDSTEIN after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION was given by the Rev. Peter Dora, Pastor, St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church, One St. Benedict Circle, Stamford.

"Oh, help us in the name of God who made Heaven and Earth, who was the Creator of the world, planets, stars, nature, grace, and people. Bless our comings and our goings, bless our deliberations and our decision-making. Lord of our times and seasons, infinite source of all that is of love, we come to You at the beginning of this new year asking your guidance, your light and your direction Send forth your mighty spirit, the spirit that beat over the waters of creation, the spirit that gives us new life, and new expectation; the spirit of hope and concern...(the rest of the Invocation was lost as it does not appear on the tape. The Acceptance of the Minutes recorded at this point, through to Adjournment.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Sandra Goldstein. (This also did not appear on the tape.)

ROLL CALL: Clerk of the Board ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE called the Roll. There were 37 Present and 3 Absent. The absent members were Jeanne-Lois Santy, excused due to serious family illness; also excused was David Blum, who was ill; and Jeremiah Livingston also absent. Mr. Livingcame in at 8:34, making it 38 Present and 2 Absent. The CHAIR declared a QUORUM.

MACHINE TEST VOTE was conducted by the President and found to be in good working order.

THE PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Board, congratulated the proud father and mother of PATRICK JOHN DONAHUE. She said we are so happy for you both. Certainly he is the youngest person to ever attend a meeting. Good luck to Kathy and Donald.

THE PRESIDENT announced that the Steering Committee Meeting has been changed from Mednesday evening to Thursday, January 16, 1986, at the Board of Education Bldg. on Hillandale Avenue.

## MOMENTS OF SILENCE

For the late <u>HENRY LIEBERMAN</u>, who was long active in the community of Stamford. He was the father of Connecticut Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville.

Rep. John Zelinski said Mr. Lieberman was a native of New York City, and operated the Hamilton Liquor. Store on Hamilton Avenue, for over 40 years. He retired in 1980. He was a former director of Congregation Agudath Sholom, and an officer of the synagogue's Men's Club. He was a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the Fred Robbins Post 142 of the Jewish War Veterans of America. He will be deeply missed.

For the late STEPHEN TOLLMAN. Rep. Barbara McInerney aaid: "I would like to ask that my colleagues remember in their prayers this evening a dear friend of mine, who passed away over the weekend, Stephen Tollman. Stephen was a student at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., and his home base was Phoenix, Ariz. Stephen was an unusual young man because when he first learned that he had leukemia, he undertook the strongest challenge of his life. He understood and emphasized living, and his positive emotions and outlook were of immeasurable benefit to his active participation in his therapy and in his relationship with his family and his friends. Actually, Stephen taught all of us who knew him how to face life, and how to face life with dignity and courage. And he did win his fight with cancer, but unfortunately, he died of other complications. I will miss him. He will always hold a dear place in my heart, and his fellow students at the Academy who worked so hard donating platelets and giving their time and themselves, praying for him, will miss him as well. He was a dear friend, and his mother this evening just said that Saturday when Halley's Comet went by, Stephen latched on and now he is up there looking out for all of us. He was a darling boy, and I really will miss him. And Madame President, afterwards, I would like to indulge for a prayer for another young person."

## MOMENT OF PRAYER

Rep. McInerney asked for a prayer for the recovery of Matthew Schiavoni, who is a six-year-old resident of High Ridge. He was hit on Dec. 17, 1985, on High Ridge Road, unfortunately, by a hit-and-run driver. Matthew has been in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Yale-New Haven since that time, where he has been fighting for his life. Certainly the prayers of the Board will be appreciated by his family, and it is hoped that Matthew recovers and gains back the best that God has to offer.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE - Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein

<u>MR. BOCCUZZI</u> Moved to Waive the Rading of the Steering Committee Report. Seconded. Carried, voice vote. HMM:MS

#### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 1985, in Conference Room I, Board of Education Building on Hillandale Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairwoman Sandra Goldstein who declared a Quorum.

#### PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Sandra Goldstein, Chairwoman Annie M. Summerville Scott Morris Dennis White Ruth Powers John Boccuzzi Mildred Perillo Lathon Wider Barbara McInerney Thomas Burke Maria Nakian James Dudley Donald Donahue Audrey Maihock David Martin S. A. Signore Mary Jane Signore Len Gambino, WSTC Helen McEvoy Anne Kachaluba

#### 1. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED MOVED from Resolutions to Appointments was a Sense-of-the Board Resolution Concerning Stamford's Municipal Golf Courses, E. Gaynor Brennan and Sterling Farms.

#### 2. FISCAL COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were eight of the nine items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED OFF the Tentative Steering Agenda was \$186,344.00 Stamford Museum & Nature Center, to grant salary increases. This item was acted on at the December 16, 1985 Board meeting. ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Addenda to the Tentative Steering Agenda and that item was \$5,310.00 Transfer - Stamford Youth Planning & Coordinating Agency (SYPCA) to fund retroactive salary increases.

## 3. LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were two of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA and a new item substituted to be Held in Steering was (L&R19-3) For publication, proposed ordinance concerning the abatement of taxes on structures of historical or architectural merit; new item to replace former is (L&R19-4) For publication, proposed ordinance concerning the deferral of assessment increases due to the rehabilitation of structures of historic or architectural merit.

#### 4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda with the title being changed to "Review of Merit Rules." After Suspension of the Rules approved, ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the Review of Grant Employee benefits and contracts.

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## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

## 5. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Also ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Addenda to the Tentative Steering Agenda and that item being a Report for the establishment of a strategy for sale of all-city owned assets.

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## 6. PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE

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

## 7. HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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

## 8. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was the one item appearing on the Addenda to the Tentative Steering Agenda and that item was Mr. George Reiger's letter of 11/4/85 regarding paddle courts being turned over to the Board of Recreation. Also, ORDERED ON THE AGENDA after Suspension of the Rules was approved was the Matter of block time at the public golf courses (E. Gaynor Brennan and Sterling Farms).

#### 9. EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. ORDERED OFF THE AGENDA was the Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Establishing a budget line item for the Board of Representatives for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office as legislators for the City of Stamford.

#### 10. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT COMMITTEE

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

#### 11. URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

#### 12. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

#### 13. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

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#### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

#### 14. LABOR CONTRACTS LIAISON COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

#### 15. HOUSE COMMITTEE

After Suspension of the Rules approved, item ORDERED ON THE AGENDA was a Review of conditions of Board of Representatives and ancillary offices.

## 16. COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

## 17. CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

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

#### 18. RESOLUTIONS

ORDERED MOVED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE was the Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Concerning Stamford's Municipal Golf Courses, E. Gaynor Brennan and Sterling Farms. ORDERED ON THE AGENDA from the Addenda to the Tentative Steering Agenda were two Sense-of-the-Board Resolutions: Commending Maura Isbell for her bravery and courage in saving the life of a fire victim, Hugh Cunningham and Opposing Northeast Utilities large rate increases.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, seconded, and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

> SANDRA GOLDSTEIN, CHAIRWOMAN STEERING COMMITTEE

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#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MRS. PERILLO said the Appointments Committee met Tuesday, January 7, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., at Hillandale Ave. Present were Reps. Ruth Powers, Pat McGrath, John Boccuzzi, Lois Santy, Sal Signore, Anne Summerville, Tom Burke, Tom Clear, Dave Blum, and Chairwoman Millie Perillo. Nick Pavia also attended. Item #1 is being Held in Committee.

(1) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONCERNING STAMFORD'S MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES: E. GAYNOR BRENNAN, SR., and STERLING FARMS. Submitted by Rep. Mildred Perillo, Chairwoman, Appointments Committee, 12/12/85.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

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#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. PERILLO said that completes her report, and Lois Santy told her she would try to attend as many meetings as she can, although everyone understands the medical emergency she has.

## FISCAL COMMITTEE

<u>MR. DONAHUE</u> said the Committee met last Wednesday, January 8, 1986, with Reps. David Martin, Rybnick, Lyons, Esposito, Begel, Livingston, Mollo, and Donahue attending. He placed on the Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7.

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(2) \$ 5,000.00 - TRAFFIC AND PARKING DEPARTMENT - PARKING DIVISION -Code 281.2310 MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES - Additional Appropriation requested to upgrade lighting in the Bell Street Parking lot which is owned by St. John's Roman Catholic Church Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/2/85. Board of Finance approvd 12/12/85.

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(3) \$ 2,000.00 - LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Code 271.2921 PRINTING - Additional Appropriation requested for printing of various contracts. Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/2/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

<sup>(1) \$4,500.00 -</sup> TRAFFIC AND PARKING DEPARTMENT - TRAFFIC DIVISION -Code 280.2650 NEW EQUIPMENT - Additional Appropriation for new traffic counting equipment. Requested by Mayor Serrani 12/2/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85.

# FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(4) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR FUNDS FOR THE HOMELESS. Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 11/22/85.

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MR. DONAHUE said Item #4 is a duplicate of the resolution approved at our last meeting, therefore no action is required at this time. A second copy of the original resolution was received by the Board and it appeared that you had to pass two resolutions, but that is not the case. This is a duplicate of that passed 12/16/85.

REMOVE FROM AGENDA. NO ACTION REQUIRED.

(5) \$ 3,000.00 - TRAFFIC AND PARKING DEPARTMENT - PARKING DIVISION -Code 281.5560 CONTRACT PARKING GARAGES - Additional Appropriation needed to pay for opening of Bell St. Garage to accommodate the Hartman Theatre parking patrons. This amount to cover the months of January through June. Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 11/14/85. Held in Committee 1216/85.

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

MR. SIGNORE asked this not be on Consent Agenda.

THE PRESIDENT said that when a Consent item is mentioned, all a Board member need do is to raise his or her hand and item will go off Consent automatically. So, for the future, please be aware of that.

MR. DONAHUE said for the past several years, the City has agreed through the Traffic Commission to provide parking for Sunday performances of the Hartman Theatre for activities at the Stamford Center for the Arts, and they would open the Bell St. Garage to accomplish this. This goes back sometime to the Clapes Administration. The theory behind this is that if we were going to encourage people to come downtown to use restaurants on nights and on weekends, to use the Hartman Theatre or Center for the Arts, that we should provide parking for them to do so. Around 30% of this is offset by revenue based on past history. We have made a commitment to continue this funding until the end of this year, and the Hartman Theatre Co. has based their season plans upon that commitment, and this will cover us until the end of the fiscal year to allow us to keep the garage open on Sundays. There are now some possibilities of alternate funding in the future and he believes Mrs. Begel has addressed that already, and the Transportation Committee will be looking into other possible sources for funding. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Fiscal Committee that we approve this amount to end the fiscal year and he so Moves. Seconded.

MRS.MAIHOCK said that Mr. Donahue said it would fund it through the end of this year. As she understood it the other night, it would fund it through June of 1986.

## FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. SIGNORE asked if Mr. Donahue was saying that there is not sufficient parking behind St. John's Church for parking for the Hartman Theatre, and on the surrounding streets.

<u>MR. DONAHUE</u> said St. John's Church has a contractual agreement with the City and they can block out certain times for use of that parking lot for church services. They have four o'clock mass on Sundays so that there is a conflict with the Hartman Theatre being open at the same time as some church services.

MR. SIGNORE said then the church would get short-changed on the parking spaces. Doesn't the matinee start before the mass does?

<u>MR. DONAHUE</u> said the church is right now putting up physical barriers to keep cars out of there when they are planning on it being used for church services. They have the first shot at who is going to park there, in other words. Once their needs are taken care of, then they take down the barricades and Hartman patrons can use that parking lot. This was an effort to provide additional parking because there simply is not enough downtown parking in that back area for the Hartman Theatre as it is. It is additional off-street parking for the patrons. But the church has the controlling interest over that parking lot.

MR. SIGNORE asked if any one has a study on the attendance at the Hartman Theatre on a Sunday afternoon.

<u>MS. SUMMERVILLE</u> said she does not have a study, but she has an on-hand witness, living in the St. John's Towers behind the Hartman. The church has done more than its share in accommodating the patrons of the Hartman Theatre. Not only has the church been jeopardized for its parking, the residents of St. John's Towers find they cannot park in their own assigned parking spaces, and they have had to tow cars away. The church has to hire a policeman, which is an additional expense for the church, to block off parking for the people attending mass. This is a worthwhile appropriation.

MR. SIGNORE asked what was the charge at the garage for parking.

MR. DONAHUE said it is \$1.00 per car, which is very much similar to what other cities do.

MRS. McINERNEY Moved the Question. Seconded. CARRIED, voice vote.

THE PRESIDENT called for a voice vote on Item #5. APPROVED, with two in opposition: Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Signore.

MR. WHITE said he had a question on Item #4 about the resolution for the homeless. Since it was passed at the last Board meeting, does that mean there can be no discussion on it no matter what?

THE PRESIDENT said that is correct, no discussion.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(6) \$ 155,000.00 - BELLTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR A PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS #471.016 PUMPER REPLACEMENT - Additional Appropriation requested for replacement of pumper. To be financed by BONDS. Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 10/29/85. Planning Board approved 11/26/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

(7) \$2,250,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 351.5520 CONTRACT HAULAWAY - Additional Appropriation requested for costs incurred for this service due to changes in State Regulations pertaining to disposal of solid wastes. Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/9/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE. "

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA.

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\$ 145,000.00 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD - NATURAL AND OPEN SPACES ACQUISITION - AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR A PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS 110.489 MILL RIVER GREENBELT - PURCHASE OF BIBLEWAY CHURCH PROPERTY. (\$125,000 is for the purchase of the property, and \$20,000 is to be used for demolition of the building and clearing of the land.) Requested by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/6/85. Planning Board approved 12/17/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85. To be financed from existing funds in Capital Non-Recurring Fund.

Above also referred to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

MR. DONAHUE said Item #8 is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. DONAHUE said Item #9 for \$5,319.00 is a transfer for the Stamford Youth Planning and Coordinating Agency (SYPCA). He wished to put this item on Consent.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she is opposed to Item #9 and does not wish that to go on Consent.

## FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

<u>MR. DONAHUE</u> said Item #9 is part of our application for the grant money for SYFCA. As part of that grant application, there is money placed in the administration account to be used when and if the MEA contract is settled. That has happened. The request now is to increase the salaries by similar amounts to the MEA settled contract. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Fiscal Committee to approve this amount and he so Moved. Seconded. Personnel concurred.

MRS. MAIHOCK is opposed to funding the grant agency on the same level as the Municipal Employees Association. Grant funds are limited and she does not want the City to be funding grant salaries in the future, and she feels this type of a policy could head that way.

MRS. McINERNEY said she thinks she was laboring under the wrong assumption in Steering. She assumed that Item #2 under Personnel, which was going to be a review of grant employee benefits and contracts, was somehow being put on relative to Item #9 under Fiscal, because this was a grant employee and we were not sure, actually, where we were going, and how much this was going to cost the City in the future. If it is appropriate, she would like those answers, or she would like to have some information regarding the Personnel Committee item and Moved to send Item #9 back to committee. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT said the Motion on the floor for discussion is returning this item to committee.

MR. DONAHUE said the issue here is really one of fairness. The City has many, many employees who were just given salary increases under the settlement of the MEA contract through arbitration. There are one or two employees left in the City, and that is all, except for the Ferguson Library who will come in separately. MEA classification, or type job positions have been granted to individuals across-the-board based on the arbitration settlement. He has been told that this is the last such request that will come in before this Board based on the recent arbitration award. It is an issue of fairness. You have people doing like work and they should be treated fairly and given the same types of salary increases.

MR. DUDLEY said he would try to answer some of Rep. Mcinerney's questions. The information Mr. Donahue spoke of was pretty much the information the Personnel Committee obtained, but they are going to explore it further as part of the revision of the Merit Rules and incorporate it next month. The Ferguson Library was the only other one.

MRS. McINERNEY said she has difficulties with those employees who have worked for three years without a contract and been covered under the umbrella of an union and have fought the battles and gone to Binding Arbitration to receive a settlement, and then have employees who are grant-funded and/or unclassified reap the same kind of benefits. It is kind of like an unjust, double jaded sword and she really is not in favor of this kind of activity and would agree with most of the remarks made by Mrs. Maihock. We really don't know where we are going with these grants.

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#### FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. BOCCUZZI asked is this \$5,319.00 part of the grant that was received when we applied for it for SYPCA.

MR. DONAHUE said when the grant application is made, there is money put in there that will take into consideration contract settlements and salary increases for the individuals covered by the grant. This is not 100% grant, so part of the money would be paid by the City, but we would be reimbursed at the end of this year for all expenses paid up to a certain percentage.

THE PRESIDENT said she would not permit any further discussion on the issue. The question is simply does or does this not go back into committee.

MR. LYONS Moved the Question. Seconded. CARRIED, voice vote.

THE PRESIDENT called for a machine vote. The Motion has been DEFEATED by a vote of 11 Yes, 26 No, 1 Non-Voting, Mr. Jepsen will be recorded as voting No, as will Mrs. Fishman, also Mrs. Bromley.

THE PRESIDENT called for a voice vote on the main question which is appropriating \$5,319.00 by transfer. The Motion has been <u>APPROVED</u> with 2 Abstentions (Mrs. Perillo and Ms. Summerville); and 7 No Votes (Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. Maihock, Mr. Burke, Mr. Pia, Mr. Signore, Mr. Heins, and Mr. Pavia.)

(9) <u>\$ 5,319.00</u> - <u>STAMFORD YOUTH PLANNING AND COORDINATING AGENCY (SYPCA)</u> (Transfer) - Transfer request to fund retroactive salary increases based on recently-settled Municipal Employees Association contract. Requested by Maryellen Chambers, Director, SYPCA 11/27/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85. Transfer from Code 205.2916 Administration to:

 Code 205.1110 Salaries
 \$4,963.00

 Code 205.1310 Social Security
 350.00

 Code 205.1330 Medical & Life
 6.00

 \$5,319.00

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

MR. DONAHUE Moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda Items #1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. Seconded. CARRIED, voice vote.

## LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

MR. DAVID MARTIN said the Committee met Monday, January 6, 1986, and again this evening Monday, January 13, 1986. At the first meeting, David Martin, Nakian, Rubino, Morris, Bromley, Dudley, Powers, Zelinski, Maihock were present. At the second meeting this evening, David Martin, Nakian, Rubino, Morris, Dudley and Powers were present.

## LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

<u>MR. DAVID MARTIN</u> said Item #1, also known as L&R19.1 - I'll talk about that at the end of my report - was heard in Committee and the Committee is recommending approval of this resolution. During the questioning, the Committee had two concerns. The first questions concerned the history of this lease and payments that were made by Roadway that were not cashed by the City. Everyone on the Board has received a letter from Paul Pacter addressing those issues. The second concern was that the lease as originally proposed could have enabled Roadway to retain use of this property forever, and that issue has been addressed. On the desks this evening is a revised lease which the Law Department has prepared. There are three changes about which Mr. Martin wishes to speak.

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The first item involves Section 2, the term. The new lease now leaves the term to fifteen (15) years, so that regardless of whatever happens, therewould be a re-negotiation required after fifteen years. In the material handed out tonight, it would be on Page 2; the Law Department negotiated this item today and it is attached at the end of the lease, where the clause is on "Term", and he repeated it, and you will see on the attachments Mr. Martin passed out this evening, that "Term" has been crossed out and the Section at the end will be substituted.

The second important change is mutual identification requirement: The lease will supply the City with insurance coverage" has now been included. And finally, there is a Section which is new, which requires the imposition on Roadway to make all necessary repairs and performing all maintenance on this lot. The Committee voted unanimously to pass this resolution this evening, as amended, 6-0-0 for the lease as it has now been negotiated, and he so Moved. Seconded.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she did not receive the material Mr. Martin refers to.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said it was loose on the top of each desk, not in any of the envelopes. (Another member gave Mrs. Maihock his copy and she read it.)

<u>MR. WIDER</u> asked if the Committee discussed with Roadway, and this is in his District, the matter of the safety of people crossing the street from that parking lot on Magee Avenue to the Motor Vehicle Department.

<u>MR. DAVID MARTIN</u> said that question was not raised. That is an issue that will probably have to be addressed by the State and Roadway in their negotiations for that property, for the continuation of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

MR. WIDER said if we are going to lease that parking lot, then we also have a responsibility for the safety of the citizens who use Magee Avenue and the people who use the Motor Vehicle Dept. This should be discussed even before we discuss the lease. What extent of safety are we going to offer? That is a speedway down there.

<u>MR. DAVID MARTIN</u> said that no one on the Committee was informed of this concern and it was not discussed specifically. He reiterated that what Mr. Wider is speaking of would involve the lease between the Motor Vehicle Dept. and Roadway Express. They would be responsible for safety of pedestrians crossing that street. Mr. Martin does not believe the completion of the lease should be postponed because of several reasons.

## LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

#### MR. DAVID MARTIN (continuing)

First, this lease is important to retaining the Motor Vehicle Dept. in Stamford. Roadway considers this a very small lease compared to the rest of their operations and they must get this lease in order to package this with their facility across the street in lease with the DMV. There have been a lot of problems in negotiating that, and for the City to hang things up at this point after extracting these additional concessions would be bad faith and result in failure to execute the lease.

Secondly, Mr. Martin feels that in response to that, that a letter can be written expressing that concern so that is not lost upon either the DMV or the City or the State with regard to Mr. Wider's issue.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Wider if it would be acceptable if a letter were sent attached to the Board's approval, regarding the concerns for the safety of pedestrians.

MR. WIDER said it certainly would, if that letter were shared with the two District Representatives. He would like to have something to show to the citizens should any of them ask about it.

THEPRESIDENT said she will ask the Co-Chairmen of the L&R Committee to draw up a letter indicating those concerns and will send it along with the approval, if this is approved.

A voice vote was called for Item #1, the Roadway lease. <u>APPROVED</u>, with Mrs. Maihock in opposition.

There are 38 members present as Mr. Livingston has joined the meeting.

(1) (L&R19.1) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND ROADWAY EXPRESS, INC. Property involves a parking lot which Roadway presently leases from the City, and in turn sub-leases to the State of Connecticut. Parking lot serves the Motor Vehicle Department located on Magee Avenue. Submitted by Wm. Hennessey, Asst. Corp. Counsel 11/19/85. Planning Board approved 10/9/85. Board of Finance approved 11/14/85. Held in Committee 12/16/85.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said Item #2 on the Agenda, a/k/a L&R19.2, is a proposed ordinance for publication, amending Sections 11-1 through 11-4 concerning Commission on Human Rights. The Committee approved this item for publication as amended. The two amendments are on everyone's desk tonight. He Moved the publication of the proposed ordinance.

The first amendment is a two-page photocopy that involves both amendments. The first is on page one in the very first paragraph and it is a technical amendment in that instead of Sections 11-1 through 11-4, it should have read 11-1 through 11-6; and the amendment would be to delete in the first sentence, the words "and 11-4" and replace them with the words "11-4, 11-5, and 11-6".

THE PRESIDENT called for a voice vote on Mr. David Martin's proposed amendment as stated. CARRIED.

## LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

<u>MR. DAVID MARTIN</u> said the second amendment is on page two. In Section 11-1A "Definitions", paragraph B, it was Moved in the Committee that the line "or is operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious organization" be deleted from that paragraph, and he so Moved. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT called for a voice vote on Mr. David Martin's second amendment. CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Martin if he has to amend on page one, under the last WHEREAS, the Sections there also.

<u>MR. DAVID MARTIN</u> said he is fairly convinced it is not necessary to make that amendment at this time. The Committee will review that after publication and public hearing to make certain.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on publishing the proposed ordinance as amended. APPROVED.

(2) (L&R19.2) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS <u>11-1 THROUGH 11-4 CONCERNING COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS</u>. Submitted by Wm. Hennessey, Asst. Corp. Counsel 10/23/85. Held in Committee 12/16/85.

<u>MR. SIGNORE</u> made a Point of Order, or a statement of kind, that these last-minute items thrown on our desks before we have had time to study them are kind of difficult to handle at this time. He is not faulting people on committees because he knows how they get jammed for time, but it does make a hardship on Board members to analyze and digest some of the information that is here tonight.

THE PRESIDENT said that was a point well-taken.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said the L&R Committee will be trying to implement a Legislative and Rules Tracking System, and copies will be sent to every one. What is on the agenda tonight, L&R19.1 and L&R19.2 are reference to that Tracking System, and items will be known in L&R not only by their agenda number but also by their tracking number. Items that go out relevant to those pieces will be labeled with that tracking numbers. You will receive copies of that and if you have any questions, you can ask him or Maria.

He would like to express his thanks and appreciation to the Corporation Counsel's Office with regard to the Roadway lease. They responded to the Committee's request and renegotiated several points, even continuing until today. We appreciate that spirit of cooperation from their office in what we had to say.

MRS. McINERNEY asked if each Board member will receive a corrected copy of the proposed ordinance on Human Rights with the new amendments incorporated. Prior to the public hearing.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said that would be done.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MR. DUDLEY said Personnel met on Wednesday, January 8, 1986, at 7:30 P.M. in Conference Room #1 of the Board of Education Administration Bldg. Item #1, the review of the Merit Rules, will be an on-going program. The Committee had a discussion on this item. Rather than meet with the Personnel Commission on alternate months, it was determined by the Committee that we will be meeting in a Workshop format and invite the Commission periodically as we progress. We asked that all Board members who have any suggestions that we may recommend to the Personnel Commission, to please submit these proposed changes to our Committee at their earliest convenience, preferably as soon as possible. In conjunction with that, obviously that was held.

 <u>REVIEW OF MERIT RULES</u>. Submitted by Rep. James Dudley (D) 6th District 11/18/85. Held in Committee 12/16/85.

## HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. DUDLEY said Item #2 is also Held in Committee. He touched on that briefly at Fiscal. In addition, that will be incorporated into the review of the Merit Rules for further study as well.

(2) <u>REVIEW OF GRANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND CONTRACTS</u>. Submitted by Rep. James Dudley, Co-chairperson, Personnel Committee 12/18/85.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

### PLANNING AND . ZONING COMMITTEE

MR. WHITE said a meeting of his Committee was held on Wednesday, January 8, 1986, at 7:45 P.M., in the Board of Education on Hillandale Ave. Present were Committee members Thomas Clear, David Jachimczyk, Maria Nakian, Wm. Heins, Sal Signore, Barbara McInerney, and Dennis White. Rep. Terrence Martin was unable to attend due to illness and Donald Donahue due to Chairing another Committee meeting of the Board. Also attending were Public Works Commissioner John O'Brien, and Tom Fava, Production Planner for the department.

Item #1 concerns the realignment of Washington Blvd. It was thought generally a common sense solution but there was some feeling that they were afforded inadequate information. For example, no map was provided, and when two were, one gotten by the Chairman that afternoon, and one provided by Commissioner O'Brien that evening, it was felt by some of the members to be inadequate; inadequate in the sense that it did not give a proper picture of what is the road pattern presently down. It should be noted that when the Chairman called the Engineering Dept. that day, they were very cooperative. At real inconvenience to themselves, they provided the Chairman a map to be picked up that afternoon. Notwithstanding, some members of the Committee felt that a traffic study should also have been provided.

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## MR. WHITE (continuing)

There was also some speculation as to why the project, which had been fallow for some time, was suddenly resurrected within the space of a month or so. Some members wondered if there was a connection between the sudden rebirth of the project and talk of the sale and development of the contiguous HELCO property. At least one member felt that before the road was "improved", he would like to see the zoning of the area reviewed., i.e., the HELCO property rezoned to R-6 or R-7½ and really begin a non-speculators' renaissance. The bottom line was that the majority of the Committee wanted to step back and take a second look at the situation. However, it should be noted that a significant minority of the Committee felt that the project made sense and probably ought to be approved now. Two votes were taken. The first vote to hold the project in committee went 6 in favor and none against.

However, with the appearance of a seventh member, other considerations of the subject were raised, and a vote for reconsideration (i.e., whether the project should be held) was Moved. By a vote of 3 in favor and 4 against. the Move to Reconsider being held in committee was rejected. Therefore, the vote to hold stands.

(1) PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND REALIGNMENT OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH DYKE LANE AS SHOWN ON MAP ENTITLED "MAP SHOWING REALIGNMENT OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD. AT PACIFIC STREET, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, DATED 9/13/77." Submitted by Mayor Thom Serrani 12/3/85. Planning Board approved 11/26/85. Board of Finance approved 12/12/85.

<u>MR. WHITE</u> said Item #2 is the handling of the strategy for City-owned assets. The Committee reviewed the report done by the sub-committee of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the 18th Board of Representatives. After line-by-line analysis of the report, it was decided that some deletions, some additions, and language changes should be made. About 90% of the original report will probably stand. Nonetheless, it was felt that the report must be re-written and again reviewed by the Committee before being submitted to the full Board. The Committee, therefore, voted unanimously, 7-0, to hold the report, pending its re-writing and review. At 9:30, the meeting was adjourned, and that concludes the report.

(2) REPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRATEGY FOR SALE OF ALL CITY-OWNED ASSETS. Submitted by Rep. W. Dennis White (D) 1st District, 11/21/85. Held in Committee 12/16/85.

#### HELD IN COMMITTEE.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE

MR. TARANTO said there is no report.

## FUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE (continued)

 <u>ILLEGAL DUMPING ON LAKESIDE DRIVE</u> - Refer to letter from R. Nori, 75 Pembroke Drive, Stamford 06905, 11/24/85. Submitted by Reps. Santy and Signore (R-18th District) 12/6/85.

## HELD IN COMMITTEE.

## HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

(1) A REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROCEDURES AND POLICIES OF THE STAM-FORD POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS REGARDS TO CIVIL AND DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES. Submitted by President Sandra Goldstein and Majority Leader John J. Boccuzzi 12/6/85.

<u>MR. MORRIS</u> said his Committee met on Thursday, January 9, 1986, at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Board Room of the Board of Education Bldg. at 195 Hillandale Ave. Present were Committee members Patricia McGrath, Thomas Burke, James Rubino, and Scott Morris. Absent due to illness was Committee member Mary Lou Rinaldi. Also in attendance were Chief of Police John Considine, Police Commission Chairman Michael Pavia, Corp. Counsel Michael Clear; and Reps. Goldstein, Boccuzzi, Mildred Perillo, Summerville, and Lathon Wider; also Correspondent Len Gambino of WSTC. The only item on the Committee's agenda was a review and discussion of the procedures and policies of the Stamford Police Department with Police Department officials as regards to civil and domestic disturbances.

All Board members have in their possession, Corporation Counsel's letter of Jan. 3, 1986 to the President of the Board regarding this Committee's agenda item. As a result of his written comments, plus a brief verbal elaboration of those comments at the Committee's meeting, the Committee voted 3-0 to defer consideration of this item until all pertinent investigations are concluded, and he so Moved. That completes the report.

#### HOLD ON PENDING AGENDA.

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

<u>MR. PIA</u> said his Committee met January 9, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. at the Board of Education Bldg., Conference Room II. In attendance were Pat McGrath, Ruth Powers, Jerry Rybnick, Will Heins, and Tom Pia; from the Parks Dept., Supt. Robert Cook.

On Item #1, Mr. Cook addressing the problems at Kiwanis Park and Veterans' Park, feels there are four areas that need attention. First, repair the brick surface of the parks, to increase the wattage for better illumination, repair the fountain, and keep the area picked up twice a day. Because of the volume of traffic generated by the pedestrian traffic and the people using the park to eat lunch and to rest, he feels that to do an adequate job, he is going to request in his new budget the addition of two people added to his staff, and to call them the Downtown Area Staff. That is to maintain the parks in the inner city.

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## MR. PIA (continuing)

To repair the brick area is a maintenance problem which he can handle with present staff. To increase the wattage needed, he will have to have more money as it would be either a capital project item, or it might be in the operating budget, but he will need more money to bring in the extra power. The fountain presents a big problem as it is three-fold; one, he needs water; two, he needs a circulator; and three, he needs a new fountain-head on it.

To bring in the water, it will be necessary to dig up the Streetscape, and then replace the Streetscape as that is where the water valve is. The problem with the water in the fountain is that he needs a new circulator, as the present one does not do an adequate job, and the spray head on the fountain is not the correct type to keep the fountain operating efficiently. The circulator does not circulate the water properly. The spray head causes the water to dissipate into the air and there is no water being replaced that is being dissipated into the air. It's a complicated problem and it is going to cost quite a bit of money, but he hopes to have that in operation this coming spring.

At Veterans' Park, Mr. Cook said most of the problems there in the past have been solved. The trouble has been that there have been so many alterations to the park, and so many new electrical contractors, that they all pass the buck. When they come with a problem, they all say it is the other fellow's fault. Right now they feel the only problem they have is trying to get replacement globes for the lamp posts because they are not readily available and are not in stock.

MS. SUMMERVILLE said she, as one of the District Representatives, is very unhappy with Mr. Cook's alleged report that he gave on his status of Kiwanis Park. She would like to ask Mr. Cook himself some questions and wondered if she should go to him and ask, or if the Chair of this Committee would like to hold this item and get the questions answered. For instance, reference is made to Mr. Cook saying that in order to clean up the park, he would have to have additional appropriations for men to do this. Ms. Summerville wishes to know how many men are working there already and what are their functions. On the fountain, she hears the same thing over and over. The only thing she did not hear was something that Mr. Cook has always said about the fountain in Kiwanis Park is what happened to the soap suds. Did he clear that up? She is afraid that once we appropriate the money, then the next thing will be a request for funds to take care of this matter, too. She would like to know if she should pursue this herself, or would the Committee Chairman do it within his Committee, as she would not like to see this kind of an item left hanging with the kind of response that the Parks Supt. gave. She is not satisfied, as one Representative. She is not afraid of an additional appropriation, but she tends to be annoyed with the fact that when you ask somebody to clean up their act, the first thing they say is they need more money. She does not think that is all of the problem.

<u>MR. PIA</u> said Mr. Cook told them he is using his present staff, and taking people off of other duties throughout the City. He feels if he had two more people, to use them as an Inner City Crew to take care of the inner city parks, that it would be a help to him to maintain the parks the way they should be in the inner city. This is where the people travel and this is what the people see.

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#### MR. PIA (continuing)

He can do them with the crew that he has, but could only hit them perhaps once a day, or every other day, but there is so much traffic in these parks today that if he feels he has this crew, he could hit them twice a day.

<u>MR. LIVINGSTON</u> said from some of the things that Ms. Summerville said, it reminds him of Carwin Park. He Moved that this be Held in Committee so that Mr. Cook could attend and speak to Board members who may wish to ask some questions. If this is allowed to just ease on by and nothing is said, the problems are only going to be more severe. He Moved that this be sent Back to Committee in order to have Mr. Cook give further clarification. Seconded.

MR. PIA said he would be glad to keep this in committee and have Mr. Cook answer any questons.

(1) MATTER OF DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS AT KIWANIS PARK AND VETERANS' PARK. Submitted by Rep. Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, 14th Dist. Rep., and Chairman of 18th Board's Parks & Recreation Committee 11/14/85. Held in Steering 12/2/85.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(2) <u>REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HANG A BANNER ON SUMMER STREET FROM 5/26/86</u> <u>TO 6/8/86, TO PUBLICIZE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK.</u> Requested by David Winston, Safety Officer, Stamford Power Squadron, 1128 Cove Rd., Stamford 06902, 11/26/85.

MR. PIA Moved for approval of Item #2. Seconded. CARRIED, voice vote.

(3) MR. GEORGE REIGER'S LETTER OF NOV. 4, 1985 REGARDING PADDLE COURTS BEING TURNED OVER TO THE BOARD OF RECREATION (FROM STERLING FARMS GOLF) - Submitted by Rep. Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, 14th Dist., Chairman of 18th Board's Parks & Recreation Committee, 11/14/85. Held in Committee 12/16/85.

MR. PIA said this is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

(4) THE MATTER OF BLOCK TIME AT THE PUBLIC GOLF COURSES (E. GAYNOR BRENNAN AND STERLING FARMS). Submitted by Rep. Audrey Maihock (R-19), Dec. 18, 1985.

<u>MR. PIA</u> said the Committee met, after meeting with Mr. Cook, and discussed the problems at E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course. They had a full Committee present, also the Brennan Golf Commissioners, also the presidents of the men 's and women's clubs, and avid golfers in the City of Stamford. Comm. Ferguson was asked to enlighten those present with what happened at the previous two meetings at Hubbard Heights. He yielded the floor to John Pirre who was the prime mover of the first petition.

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#### MR. PIA (continuing)

Quoting Mr. Pirre: "I was the prime mover of the original petition asking Gaynor Brennan commissioners to eliminate the preferential blocked-in time and because of the prior meeting with Mr. Ferguson, I was satisfied with the action taken by the Commissioners. This is all water under the dam. The differences are all gone. Let us now get on with the business of running a golf course." The silence you hear right now is nothing compared to the silence we heard at that meeting. The people there who are involved with the Gaynor Brennan Golf Course were all satisfied. There were a couple of questions pertaining to the tournaments. They were all resolved. The Commissioners asked that they submit an application to the Committee, and the Committee would put it into their schedule of tournaments and allow them to go on with the business of Gaynor Brennan Golf Course.

Mr. Ferguson apologized to the general public for causing the problem. They said that they did not initiate anything. They just continued the policy that had beenlong going on, and they felt there will not be a problem any more, and there will be no more preferential time for the Commissioners and they would get their time just like everyone else. That is the end of the Committee report.

<u>MR. DAVID MARTIN</u> said a few weeks ago in the STAMFORD ADVOCATE, a letter appeared which erroneously stated some opinions that they felt were held by the Board of Representatives. I think that it is appropriate for the Board, or for you, to write a letter to the ADVOCATE clarifying that the Board has never taken any actions or made any of the statements that were attributed to the Board in that letter.

THE PRESIDENT said she believed that would take care of itself when the resolution that is in the Appointments Committee comes before the Board. That will be an action taken by this Board. This Board has taken no other action.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said he was speaking specifically to block time, and that is not in the resolution in the Appointments Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said that would speak volumes. The Board has no opinion on block time, unless this Board chooses to. Your opinion may be different from mine, and my opinion may be different from Mrs. McInerney.

MR. DAVID MARTIN said that is fine. He feels that should be communicated because that is not what was presented in the letter, that, in fact, the Board had made a statement, and that is the way it was communicated through that letter to the citizens of Stamford.

THE PRESIDENT said perhaps they could look at the letter, as she is not familiar with it.

She observed that, very often, the question is asked what good does placing a matter on the agenda when it is a matter that does not require Board action. A case in point really was the last meeting of Parks and Recreation Committee where the Committee acted as a catalyst for positive action to take place although there was no direct power of the Committee to effectuate change. The very action of holding a meeting and giving

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#### THE PRESIDENT (continuing)

both parties an opportunity to speak, effectuated change, and in an impartial atmosphere allowed everyone to state their viewpoints, and she believed it was very beneficial.

MR. WHITE said he cannot get ahold of this whole controversy and he is not asking anyone to do it now, but it ought to be noted that the people who manage the golf course and have been managing it for the past twenty years, have done one helluva job despite alleged shortcomings, if that is what they are, and he does not know what has been resolved at the present time, but he can remember when he was just starting college back in the mid-50's, and was playing on that golf course, and it was absolutely in deplorable shape. Then he recalls going back a few years later, and there had been a "changing of the guard", he noted it had been improved. All during the 60's and 70's when he played and walked the course, he noted that with every passing year it was improved. So you are talking about a golf course, now, in terms of its shape, it is probably one of the finest municipal golf courses around in terms of how it is kept, its shape, and so on; and one of the reasons for this is that the decision was made in the early or mid-50's, that some of the people on that golf commission, who in fact were golfers and would go out and play the course, they were required to play the course, and the free time that was allocted them was part of a requirement that they were to get out on the greens and get out on and play that course a couple of times a month so that they would see what kind of a shape it was in, and they would be committed as golfers to do so. One of the reasons we have had a steady improvement in that golf course was because you have had people on that commission who were golfers, who loved the game, were committed to the course, and got out there and saw what was going on, and in fact, there was a steady, steady improvement in the status of As far as the greenskeeper is concerned, he hopes they are that course. not going to charge for a greenskeeper to play, because that would be an absolute violation of what has been traditional in the international golfing community. He does not know of a greenskeeper in a private or public course, rich or posh or not, in this country or any other country, where a greenskeeper has to pay a fee. That is part of the decorum of golfing. He must see that the greens are in shape. As far as preferred starting time, he is not familiar with all of that and cannot quite get a handle on it, but this talk about people sleeping in cars, there is nothing terribly sinister about that. These people go there early to get a starting They assign one of ther members time. There are groups that go out. to go and pick up an early starting time so they go there very early in the morning to get that starting time. It is just like you stand in line You can't just let this pass without saying that he hopes for a concert. there is not a mass of restructing of this whole administration of that golf course because, being basically a traditional person, you leave well enough alone. Perhaps there are some changes that ought to be made, but right now you've got one helluva municipal golf course there, brought about by the people who managed it, and he hopes that we are not in the throes of some sort of malaised mass of structural reform wherein you'll wreck the whole course and in fact go back to where it was in 1950 and 1951, a living disgrace.

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<u>MR. BOCCUZZI</u> agrees that it is nice for a committee to take a matter and try to solve a problem, but you have an Appointments Committee that has ten people on it, a Parks and Recreation Committee which has five people on it, and they all put in a couple of hours and you are talking about 20, 30 man-hours of Board of Reps people, besides all the time they take on the telephone. To just hear the answer, it's all been solved, it's all water under the bridge, and let's get on with the business at hand, Mr. Boccuzzi thinks the Board members as a whole should get some explanation in writing as to what happened. He, for one, still does not know what happened. Does anyone else on this Board know what happened? If the man said it is all solved, then tell us what they solved, put it in writing, how they solved it, send us a letter thanking us for our support, and at least we would know that we were there. The way it is now, he still does not know what happened.

MRS. McGRATH asked if Mr. Boccuzzi would like her to tell him what happened.

THE PRESIDENT said she thinks Mr. Boccuzzi was asking a rhetorical question. However, if Mrs. McGrath wishes to make a statement, she can do so.

MRS. McGRATH said she, herself, went into shock that evening. She was at that meeting and fully expected to have a brawl which did not happen. Mr. Pirre called her the next day to tell her what did happen, since she is his Representative, and Mr. Pirre knows her number by heart. He said . that in the hallway, Mr. Ferguson approached him, asked him what they could do to resolve their differences, what would it take. Mr. Pirre told him, as far as he was concerned, his petition asked that the golf commissioners do not take preferred starting time before it is offered to the general public. That is what he asked for in his petition, and that is what, in their meeting in December, they gave him. However, along with voting that they would not receive preferred starting time, they also removed all block-out time. That is what happened when the general public went' bananas. Mr. Pirre told him he was satisfied, but he said he would like the tournaments back, since he is a member of the men's club, whatever. He told him if he would make a statement going into that meeting that everything was resolved, that the Commissioners would take care of it. And he said fine, and that is what happened.

MR. RYBNICK said he wanted to continue on the same thing. We won't know, definitely, until tomorrow night's meeting, whether this takes place or not.

THE PRESIDENT said tomorrow night's meeting should be very interesting.

# REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA

MR. PIA Moved to Suspend the Rules to consider an item not on the Agenda, being the Westhill Chamber Singers to publicize their grapefruit sale. Seconded. CARRIED, voice vote.

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<u>MR. PIA</u> said the Westhill Chamber Singers request permission to hang a banner from 1/27/86 to 2/8/86 to publicize their grapefuit sale, and then two weeks later for the benefit of the concert from 3/9/86 to 3/23/86.

THE FRESIDENT asked where they would like to hang it.

MR. PIA said they did not care, either Summer St. or Bedford St., whereever it can be done.

THE PRESIDENT said a location will have to be assigned.

(5) <u>REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HANG BANNERS FROM WESTHILL CHAMBER SINGERS</u> from 1/27/86 to 2/8/86 to publicize their grapefruit sale; and from 3/9/86 - 3/23/86 to publicize their concert.

THE PRESIDEN called for a voice vote to grant the Westhill Singers to hang a banner. CARRIED.

permission

She said did Mr. Pia wish to Suspend the Rules to consider another item to hang a banner in March.

MR. PIA said he was advised not at this time. Mrs. Kachaluba duplicated it.

THE PRESIDENT asked if anyone had a copy of the NAACP letter making the request. While a copy is being procured, they will go on to the next Committee.

#### EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(1) REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES and MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE. Submitted by Rep. Maria Nakian, Chairman, E.W.&G. Committee, 18th, Board of Reps., 11/6/85. Held in Committee 12/16/85.

MRS. POWERS said her Committee met on Monday, January 6, 1986, at 7:00 P.M., at the Board of Education Bldg. Present were Committee members Fishman, Na kian, Maihock, Bromley, and Powers. Also present was Rep. Morris. A discussion was held on Item #1. We received very few responses to our questionnaire. Understandably with the holiday season, many Representatives may not have had time to respond. The Board Office will send the questionnaire out again. If a more substantial response is not received, it will be taken as a lack of interest in this item and proceed accordingly.

THE PRESIDENT said the office will send the questionnaires to the members again. A lack of response will indicate no interest to the Committee.

#### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MR. WIDER said his Committee met on January 8, 1986 in the Conference Room III in the Board of Education Bldg. Attending were Committee members Summerville, Esposito, and Wider. Also present was Rep. Blum. From F. D. Rich, replacing Dennis Lyndon, was Eugene Matyor, also Irwin Silver. Mr. Silver could not make a public statement to the Committee at this time from the F. D. Rich Co. He said that it would hurt his program to do it at this time, and asked for a sixty-day extension to get a presentation together for the public. It was pointed out to Mr. Silver that they were concerned because the people who heard them vote to change the zoning line for the Broadmoor Housing that housing would be built and he assured Mr. Wider that housing would be built. He also promised more units than had been expected. He could not get them, however, unless the people signed on the line and they had not as yet signed on the line and that is why he could not make a report. A meeting is planned again with Mr. Silver no later than Feb. 15th to get anup-to-date report on when he will be able to present a plan for public review.

The Committee was encouraged that there will be housing built, but it just hurt that it has taken so long to do something that we had voted for them to do and give them a line change to do it. This will be kept on the agenda for March.

(1) <u>STATUS REPORT ON THE BROADMOOR HOUSING PROJECT.</u> Submitted by Rep. Lathon Wider, Sr., Chairman, Housing and Community Development Committee, 18th Board of Reps., 11/25/85. Held in Steering 12/2/85.

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MR. SIGNORE said one word was left out and that was "affordable", "affordable housing." That is the key.

<u>MR. WIDER</u> said that question was asked but Irwin was non-committal on that affordable housing, because when you begin to talk about affordable housing, you may get people who won't sign on the line until they can run their property up a little more. That is why he is hesitant to put anything out there in the public until he gets the people to sign.

### URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE

MS. SUMMERVILLE said there is no report.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MRS. MAIHOCK said her Committee did not have an itemized agenda. However, it was the secondary committee on Item #8 under Fiscal and she attended the Fiscal Committee meeting on behalf of the Environmental Protection Committee.

MR. WIDER said he has had a problem in his area with the oil spill. Is this Committee involving itself in any way at all with that massive oil spill that was coming on down into the sound.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE (continued)

THE PRESIDENT advised Mr. Wider that the matter is not on the agenda. If Mr. Wider wishes to place the matter on the agenda, he can put it on Steering. It is not open for discussion now.

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MRS. BEGEL said her Committee met on Thursday, January 2, 1986. In attendance were Reps. Maihock, Clear, Mollo, Pia, and Begel, also Rep. Scott Morris. Also present was Paul Disario regarding the Transportation Center, giving a status report on that, and John Thompson from Traffic & Parking Dept. regarding the computerized traffic signalization system, High Ridge Roal signal improvement, and Long Ridge Road widening. She asked Mr. Disario and Mr. Thompson to prepare status reports on these issues, also giving us an historical background that she thought would be helpful not only to the new members of the Transportation Committee, but also members of the Board, which has been forwarded to each member. She would like to commend both Mr. Disario and Mr. Thompson on giving the Committee a thorough up-date on these projects. It was very enlightening and it was a little disheartening at the same time. Everyone has the reports and they are selfexplanatory.

For the record, Mr. Mollo was excused from the Committee meeting.

- (1) UP-DATE AS TO THE STATUS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION AS REGARDS THE STAMFORD TRANSPORTA-TION CENTER. Submitted by President Sandra Goldstein 12/11/85.
- (2) UP-DATE FROM THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING DEPARTMENT REGARDING STATUS OF THE COMPUTERIZED SIGNALIZATION PROJECT. Submitted by President Sandra Goldstein 12/11/85.

#### LABOR CONTRACTS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MR. BURKE said there was no meeting and no report.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

MR. RYENICK said he will have a report on the agenda item next month.

 REVIEW OF CONDITIONS OF BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANCILLARY OFFICES. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, Clerk of the Board, 12/18/85.

HELD IN COMMITTEE:

## COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

MR. DeROSE said there is no report.

## CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO INITIATE AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO A FOURTEENTH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION. Submitted by Rep. David

 BLUM(D-12), 11/12/85, and Rep. Sandra Goldstein (D-16), 11/14/85. Held in Steering 12/2/85.

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee met on Thursday, Jan. 9, 1986, in the Board of Education Bldg. at 7:00 P.M. Present were Committee members Summerville, Lyons, Pavia, Maihock, Rubino, Fishman, Nakian, Goldstein, Morris. This was approved 6-0 and she Moved for approval. She also wished to offer an amendment. Seconded.

The amendment is the last line of the first paragraph: report its recommendations no later than February 1, 1987, and the change is the date which would be March 2, 1987. Seconded.

The Home Rule Act of the State Statutes are very clear in the process that has to be followed once this draft report is submitted to the Board of Representatives. When the Committee counted out very carefully the dates, they did not realize that they would come out in the middle of May which is the budget month. Therefore, the change will make the draft report come to the Board on March 2, 1987 and thus they would be able to approve the final proposed revisions at the June 1, 1987 meeting which would be a much better time frame than coming to the Board for a May meeting.

THE PRESIDENT called for a voice vote on the amendment. CARRIED.

A voice vote on the main motion for the resolution as amended to initiate was Moved. APPROVED.

MRS. McINERNEY asked since the members of this Commission must be appointed prior to Feb. 1, 1986, is a special meeting anticipated during the course of this month.

MRS. NAKIAN said she believes that will have to be done. An opinion from Corporation Counsel advises this Board has to appoint the members before Feb. 1, 1986; therefore, it is up to the President to call a special meeting.

THE PRESIDENT stated she spoke to Corporation Counsel this evening, and he now believes there may be merit in appointing the Commission as they did tonight and have that filled by Feb. 1st deadline; and therefore we may be able to appoint the members of the Commission on Feb. 3rd at the regular Board meeting. She will speak to him further. She spoke to them twice today, both the Assistant and Corporation Counsel agree that this would satisfy the requirements of the Home Rule Act and our Charter, but before she decides one way or the other definitely, she would like to speak to them in more detail.

## CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. McINERNEY said if they assume this would satisfy, and in fact it does not, as we might find out down the road, what would that do to the report of the Charter Revision Commission? Would it be null and void?

THE PRESIDENT said she does not wish to hypothesize on that until she speaks to the Law Department further. If there is a chance of nulling our work, certainly it is easier to hold a special meeting. On this particular matter, she won't proceed with not holding a special meeting unless she has an opinion in hand from Corporation Counsel.

#### RESOLUTIONS

(1) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAURA ISBELL FOR HER BRAVERY AND COURAGE IN SAVING THE LIFE OF A FIRE VICTIM, HUGH CUNNINGHAM. Submitted by Rep. James L. Dudley, Jr., 6th District, 12/17/85.

MR. DUDLEY read the resolution, and Moved for approval. Seconded. CARRIED, voice vote.

(2) <u>SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING NORTHEAST UTILITIES LARGE</u> <u>RATE IBCREASES</u>. Submitted by Rep. John Zelinski, 11th District, 12/18/85.

MR. ZELINSKI read the resolution, and Moved for approval. Seconded. He said some of the changes call for increases of 20% or more, the average will be 12.5% on rate I for residential electricity, and 7.4% increase for gas residential, etc. APPROVED by voice vote, with Mr. Heins abstaining.

#### PETITIONS

None.

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

December 2, 1985 Organizational Meeting Minutes of the 19th Board. Moved, Seconded, Approved, voice vote.

December 11, 1985 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Moved, Seconded, Approved, voice vote.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES (continued)

## December 16, 1985 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

MR. DONAHUE said under Fiscal Committee, the record should show that Mrs. Begel was also in attendance at that meeting. He inadvertently left her name off the Committee report.

Moved, Seconded, as corrected. APPROVED, voice vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

THE PRESIDENT said she received a letter from the Labor Negotiator, Tom Barrett, regarding the beginning of negotiations with the MEA for the new agreement. Mr. Barrett asks for any suggestions. Please think about this very carefully and bring any suggestions you have to Mr. Burke and he will then convey them along with his Committee to Mr. Barrett so Mr. Barrett can have the Board's in-put prior and simultaneous with negotiating the contract.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made, Seconded, and APPROVED, the meeting adjourged at 9:50 P.M.

Helen M. McEvoy, Adminiatrative Asst. (and Recording Secretary) Board of Representatives City of Stamford, Connecticut

APPROVED:

Sandra Goldstein/

Sandra Goldstein/ President 19th Board of Representatives

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