

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1989

FOR FISCAL YEAR 7/1/89 - 6/30/90

20TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 20th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Tuesday, May 9, 1989, pursuant to a "Call" issued by President Sandra Goldstein, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut. The Call 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. after both political parties had met in caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Captain William Bentley, Salvation Army, 20 Beehler Street, Stamford, CT 06901.

"Let us pray. Our Father, we are grateful and thankful for the many concerned people who come out in the night to do things for our city. We ask now that you give courage, give understanding and give that little bit extra of commitment that is needed to bring forth truth in the budgetary. Help us to be more aware of the needs as they occur and to be quick to respond. Give now here each person the benefit knowledge of knowing that as we stand for the City of Stamford something, you stand behind us all. We pray this in your name. Amen."

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

The "Call" of the Special Meeting was read by President Goldstein.

"I, Sandra Goldstein, President of the 20th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives on Tuesday, May 9, 1989 to consider and act upon the Capital and Operating Budgets for the fiscal year 1989-1990, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 20, 1989, pursuant to provisions of Section 8-30-3 of the Stamford Charter."

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk Annie M. Summerville. There were 38 members present and two absent. Absent were Thomas Pia and Bobby Owens. Mr. Owens arrived while the test vote was in progress. 39 members present and one absent.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: President Sandra Goldstein - Machine in good working order.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mr. Lyons and the outstanding Committee for the impressive job and the many hours of work done to review the budget. Mr. Lyons took over the Fiscal Committee literally moments prior to the budget review time. Mr. Lyons did an extraordinary job—Thanks, to Mr. Lyons, and Committee members Ms. Rinaldi, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mollo, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rybnick, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Jetta and Mrs. Powers who also came on the Committee at the beginning of the budget session.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Commissioner of Finance Paul Pacter and Budget Director Frank Harrison for participating in the budget review meetings. Also, thanks to Annie Summerville who helped preparing and organizing last Saturday's meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

President Goldstein commented on the procedure for the budget meeting. She said a running motion will be used. She said the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee will make a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Committee. Then, the Board will proceed page by page, line by line and the Chairman of the Committee will tell the Board what was cut by the Committee. If there are no questions, we go on to the next page. Once a page is finished, there is no going back to that page. The pace is rapid. Monies cannot be added to the budget; only subtracted from the budget. The main motion is to approve as recommended by the Fiscal Committee and then any appropriate motion can be made.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Richard Lyons, Chairman, Fiscal Committee

MR. LYONS said the Fiscal Committee began their hearings on April 17, 1989, and ended on May 6, 1989. Present at the last meeting were Reps. Jetta, Esposito, Rinaldi, Mollo, Morris, Martin, Powers, Livingston and Lyons. Also present at the meeting were Rep. Summerville, Commissioner Paul Pacter, and Budget Director Frank Harrison.

Mr. Lyons Moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Fiscal Committee. Seconded by Mr. Livingston.

PAGE 19 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS CODE 101 - Committee recommended no change - bottom line reads \$327,329.

PAGE 20 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CODE 102 - Committee recommended no change.

MR. JETTA Moved to cut \$2,800 from line .2930 office supplies and expenses to show objection to some members sending mail to constituents. Seconded.

MS. SUMMERVILLE opposed the motion and what Mr. Jetta alluded to. She said as Clerk of the Board for many years, she can attest that the Board runs a tight ship and this line item is very much needed. She said the Board does not come in for an exorbitant amount of funds each year. There is no money in the line item that is not needed. She said in the past, we did not come before the fiscal body for any additional appropriations. She pleaded not to cut this line item.

MR. LYONS said this line account includes other items besides postage. He said communications with constituents is not objectionable. Car plaques, desk plates, audio system repairs and replacements, refreshments, supplies for the computerized voting machine, updating of the Code, postage fees went up substantially on April 3, 1988, which caused an increase, plus all the mail that goes to each representative; these are some of the items which come out of this account. He urged not to cut this line.

MR. RUBINO said he was in favor of the motion. Mr. Rubino stated the Board would be setting a policy in this area in the next few months. He said the cut would not cripple the budget. He said he would like to keep the line item tight so there isn't a lot left over that is not needed.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he was against the cut. He said Ms. Summerville's comments were correct. He said many of the remarks made were political; there are letters from the Corporation Counsel stating there was no wrong doing. Mr. Boccuzzi said we are working on the budget for the city. The item should not be cut.

MR. OWENS Moved the question. Seconded. APPROVED by voice vote no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$2,800 from line 102.2930. DEFEATED by a vote of 32 no and 7 yes votes.

The bottom line for the Board of Representatives is \$115,047.

PAGE 21 - BOARD OF FINANCE CODE 103

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no changes. Bottom line is \$152,959.

PAGE 22 - PLANNING BOARD CODE 104

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$1,000 reduction on the budget reduction line 104.7905. Bottom line is \$488,046.

PAGE 23-STAMFORD PARTNERSHIP CODE 106

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$1,000 reduction on line 106.4392.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to cut \$4,500 on line 106.4392, making the total \$60,000. Seconded.

MR. LYONS said he was against the cut. He said the agency appeared before the Committee and stated they will raise \$310,000 to match the \$64,000. The agency helps the city in innumerable ways.

MS. RINALDI Moved the question. Seconded. APPROVED by voice vote with one member in opposition.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote. DEFEATED by a vote of 29 no and 9 yes votes with 1 abstention. Bottom line is \$63,500.

PAGE 24 - ZONING BOARD CODE 107

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$119,033.

PAGE 25 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CODE 108

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line is \$46,027.

PAGE 26 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD CODE 110

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$1,000 on the budget reduction line .7905.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked about line .5150 professional consultants. She said the literature stated there was a student intern for \$500 and a soil scientist for sites \$400 each; this would add up to a total of \$2,100. The budget request is for \$5,100.

MR. LYONS said more student interns would be brought on.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to cut \$2,100 from line .5150 professional consultants. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to cut \$2,100. DEFEATED by a voice vote. Bottom line is \$213,492.

PAGE 27 - SEWER COMMISSION CODE 112

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$78,356.

PAGE 28 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CODE 113

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$149,365.

PAGE 29 - COMMISSION ON AGING CODE 114

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$354,188.

PAGE 30 - FAIR RENT COMMISSION CODE 115

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$108,068.

PAGE 31 - PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES CODE 116

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to cut \$26,220 from line .3220 July Fourth. This would bring the total for that line to \$15,280 as budgeted for 1987/88. The motion was Seconded.

Mrs. Maihock said a creditable job could be done for \$15,280. She stated that Fourth of July needs a lot of spirit not all the air pollution that the fireworks create.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on cutting \$26,220 from line .3220 July Fourth. DEFEATED by voice vote.

MR. ZELINSKI Moved to cut \$4,400 from line .3220 July Fourth. Seconded. He said this would be keeping with the 1988/89 budget. He said the \$37,100 figure spent last year provided a good celebration.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to cut \$4,400 from line .3220 July Fourth. DEFEATED by voice vote. Bottom line is \$63,950.

PAGE 32 - COA OUTREACH GRANT CODE 117

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$64,078.

PAGE 33 - DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT CODE 118

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$242,022

PAGE 34 - BOARD OF TAX REVIEW CODE 119

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$7,342.

PAGE 36 - SECTION TOTAL is \$2,592,802. Cuts in this Section \$3,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 37 - MAYOR'S OFFICE CODE 201

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$5,000 reduction on the budget reduction line .7905. Bottom line is \$382,849.

PAGE 39 - SYPCA CODE 205

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to make a \$13,000 reduction on line .7905 budget reduction. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to reduce SYPCA's budget by \$13,000. DEFEATED by a voice vote. Bottom line for SYPCA is \$159,364.

PAGE 40 - TOWN & CITY CLERK CODE 210

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$496,265.

PAGE 41 - PROBATE COURT - CODE 220

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$21,850.

PAGE 42 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW CODE 230

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$5,000 reduction on the budget reduction line .7905. Bottom line is \$861,814.

PAGE 43 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE CODE 240

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$680,419.

PAGE 44 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS - T CODE 241

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$161,923.

PAGE 45 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS - F CODE 242

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$372,347.

PAGE 46 - BUREAU OF PURCHASES CODE 243

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$265,447.

PAGE 47 - CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CODE 244

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$236,253.

PAGE 48 - BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING CODE 245

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$10,000 reductions on line .7905 budget reduction line. Bottom line is \$1,090,868.

PAGE 49 - PAYROLL DEPARTMENT CODE 246

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$203,559.

PAGE 50 - RISK MANAGEMENT CODE 249

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$100,200.

PAGE 51 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE CODE 250

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$709,945.

PAGE 52 - TAX COLLECTOR CODE 260

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$415,812.

PAGE 53 - PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT CODE 270

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$689,867.

PAGE 54 - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS CODE 271

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$149,522.

PAGE 55 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC CODE 280.

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line .7905 budget reduction. Bottom line is \$1,144,056.

PAGE 57 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC PARKING CODE 281

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a reduction of \$10,000 on line .7905 budget reduction. Bottom line is \$1,969,758.

PAGE 59 - STAMFORD RAILROAD STATION CODE 284

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$859,474.

PAGE 60 - EMPLOYEE TAXES AND INSURANCE CODE 290

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$50,000 reduction on line .1330 medical and life. Bottom line is \$18,950,261.

PAGE 61 - PENSIONS AND RETIREES BENEFITS CODE 293

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,622,096.

PAGE 62 - PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CODE 295

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$5,368.

PAGE 62 - SECTION TOTAL is \$31,549,308. Cuts in this Section \$90,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 63 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIONS CODE 301

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$2,141,722.

PAGE 64 - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CODE 302

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$33,431.

PAGE 65 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE CODE 310

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$2,383,182.

PAGE 66 - DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CODE 311

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,202,659.

PAGE 68 - SNOW REMOVAL AND FLOOR EMERGENCY CODE 314

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$50,000 reduction on line .2181 rock salt and sand.

MR. ZELINSKI Moved to cut another \$50,000 from line .2181 rock salt and sand. This would be in addition to the \$50,000 cut recommended by Fiscal Committee. Seconded.

Mr. Zelinski said during the past winter which was mild, there was not that much of a need for the city to use the sand and salt mix. He said that at the present time, he did not think the city knows the amount of inventory of sand and salt purchased last year. He said he would like to see the figure of \$300,000 for this line item; the Department could come in for an additional appropriation if needed during the winter.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote. DEFEATED by a vote of 21 no and 15 yes votes. The Fiscal Committee's recommendation stands. The bottom line is \$813,039.

PAGE 69 - LEAF PICK-UP CODE 315

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked for more information regarding line 315.5501 contracted services. She wanted to know what type of services were involved?

MR. LYONS said this was used for haulaway contractors, including trucks, loaders, packers and laborers. These are hired by the city to pick up and move the leaves.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to reduce line .5501 by \$25,000 making the total \$75,000. Seconded.

MR. LYONS said no one knows if we will have less leaves this year than last year.

MRS. MAIHOCK said at meetings that she attended, Ms. Semon informed them that the City will be trying to get more people to compost⁺ their leaves, therefore, it is possible that this can be accomplished and \$100,000 would not be needed. *correct*

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to cut \$25,000 from line 315.5501 contracted services. DEFEATED by voice vote. Bottom line is \$267,660

PAGE 70 - DIV. OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CODE 320

MR. LYONS said Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$2,814,372.

PAGE 71 - GASOLINE CODE 321

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$122,400.

PAGE 72 - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING CODE 330

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,113,137.

PAGE 73 - DIV. OF BUILDING INSPECTION CODE 332

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$765,265.

PAGE 74 - OPERATION SHELLFISH CODE 338

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$37,917.

PAGE 75 - BUREAU OF SANITATION CODE 340

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$321,677.

PAGE 76 - SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT CODE 341

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$2,500 reduction on line .7905 budget reduction line. Bottom line is \$2,115,392.

PAGE 79 - CONVENTIONAL INCINERATOR CODE 343

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. RUBINO Moved for a \$50,000 reduction on line 343.2730 water. Seconded.

Mr. Rubino stated that in the next year, the City is expected to use sewage treatment plant effluent.

MR. LYONS said he is not sure if using the effluent will be successful. The account has already been cut by the Mayor and the Board of Finance.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$50,000 from line 343.2730 water. DEFEATED by a vote of 23 no and 11 yes votes with 1 abstention. Bottom line is \$9,385,634.

PAGE 81 - RECYCLING CODE 344

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$25,510.

PAGE 83 - DIV. OF EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS CODE 346

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,375,513.

PAGE 85 - DIVISION OF COLLECTION CODE 350

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$2,990,621.

PAGE 87 - SECTION TOTAL is \$27,909,131. Cuts in this Section \$52,500 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 88 - POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE 410

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$50,000 reduction on 410.2550 new vehicles. Bottom line is \$15,760,745.

PAGE 91 - DOG WARDEN CODE 421

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$6,000 reduction on line 421.1201 overtime. Bottom line is \$133,795.

PAGE 93 - PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CODE 433

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,306,538.

PAGE 95 - PENSIONS AND RETIREES BENEFITS CODE 440

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$2,259,517.

PAGE 96 - FIRE DEPARTMENT CODE 450

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line 450.7905 budget reduction line. Bottom line is \$11,541,849.

PAGE 98 - FIRE MARSHAL CODE 451

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$17,000

PAGE 99 - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CODE 452

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. DeLUCA Moved for a \$5,000 reduction on line 452.7905 budget reduction line. Seconded.

Mr. DeLuca said the salary increase in this account has risen by 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. He said a few months ago, many Board members were not happy with the increases given to the nurses even though their salaries were low. Mr. DeLuca said the budget went up 45.6%.

MR. LYONS said on line item 452.2916 administrative expense, \$6,662 is billable back to the government; this is a grant. If this item does not appear in the budget, it cannot be billed back to the federal government. These are indirect costs.

Mr. Lyons said the salary increase for the director is 50% reimbursable by the State.

MS. RINALDI said because of the nature of the grant, the salary is a five-quarter reflection and not a four-quarter. Five-quarters is beyond the scope of the fiscal year.

MR. MARTIN said the position did not exist at the beginning of 1988/89. The position was created last year and the account was not entirely funded because there was a vacancy for a period of time. The director was not on for a full year last year. The increase was granted for a period that extends over a year.

MRS. POWERS said in the back-up material, the salary is \$36,000. She said it looks like it is for five-quarters in this budget.

MR. BLUM said take the \$5,000 reduction and if more is needed for the salary, it can come out of the contingency fund.

MR. DeROSE asked if the salary is based on five-quarters, why is that put into this budget; why wasn't a salary based on four-quarters put into this budget?

MR. BOCCUZZI said that perhaps in 1988/89, the director was not onboard for a full year which may be reflected in that year's account. The present figures may reflect a whole year's salary.

MR. MARTIN stated a grant year from the federal government is from October to October; the fiscal year is different from what we have. On-going grants overlap from year to year. He said this is a new grant and the overlap does not work well here; the director is getting the same amount as he received last year; there was no raise whatsoever in the salary. Mr. Martin said at the end of the year, the unspent funds, as with all grants, become accrued against the last quarter of the federal grant.

MR. FEDELE said the backup shows a salary of \$36,000 per year and the only employee, and the amount is exuberant regardless of the quarters.

MR. DeLUCA urged the Board to cut \$5,000 on the budget reduction line.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she concurred. She said there was a large increase in the telephone line and the consultant line. She said the \$5,000 cut would be reasonable.

MR. OWENS Moved the question. Seconded. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to take a \$5,000 reduction on line 452.7905 budget reduction. DEFEATED by a vote of 22 no and 17 yes votes. The bottom line is \$65,510.

PAGE 100 - PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS CODE 460

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,667,740.

PAGE 101 - VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE CODE 470

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$3,832,992.

PAGE 102 - HARBORMASTER CODE 482

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,300.

PAGE 102 - SECTION TOTAL is \$36,586,986. Cuts in this Section \$66,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 103 - SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT CODE 510

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$3,174,882.

PAGE 105- ADMINISTRATION SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY CODE 521

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$519,310.

PAGE 106 - NURSING SERVICES SNF CODE 522

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$3,253,459.

PAGE 107 - DIETARY SERVICES SNF CODE 523

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$719,699.

PAGE 108 - PLANT MAINTENANCE SNF CODE 524

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$624,304.

PAGE 109 - HOUSEKEEPING SNF CODE 525

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$209,956.

PAGE 110 - LAUNDRY SNF CODE 526

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$145,632.

PAGE 111 - RECREATION SNF CODE 527

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$155,875.

PAGE 112 - SOCIAL SERVICES SNF CODE 528

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$77,041.

PAGE 113 - PHYSICAL THERAPY SNF CODE 529

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$85,945.

PAGE 114 - ADMINISTRATION SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE CODE 531

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$102,771.

PAGE 115 - RESIDENT CARE - RES CODE 532

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$269,281.

PAGE 116 - DIETARY SERVICES - RES CODE 533

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$298,834.

PAGE 117 - PLANT MAINTENANCE - RES CODE 534

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$160,009.

PAGE 118 - HOUSEKEEPING - RES CODE 535

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$53,932.

PAGE 119 - LAUNDRY - RES CODE 536

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$30,241.

PAGE 120 - RECREATION - RES CODE 537

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$37,135.

PAGE 121 - SOCIAL SERVICES - RES CODE 538

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$3,918.

PAGE 122 - NON-CITY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES CODE 540

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$28,400.

PAGE 123 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT CODE 550

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line 550.7905 budget reduction line. Bottom line is \$1,382,819.

PAGE 125 - CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE CODE 551

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$350,243.

PAGE 126 - DRUG FORENSIC LABORATORY CODE 552

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$106,938.

PAGE 127 - COST SHARING GRANT CODE 553

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$56,311.

PAGE 128 - VD CLINIC GRANT STATE CODE 554

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$12,845.

PAGE 129 - MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CODE 557

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$137,834.

PAGE 130 - HEALTH RISK REDUCTION GRANT CODE 558

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$14,487.

PAGE 131 - TB CONTROL GRANT CODE 559

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$41,311.

PAGE 132 - PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM CODE 560

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$955,048.

PAGE 133 - HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PAROCHIAL & PRIVATE SCHOOLS CODE 561

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,566,672

PAGE 134 - SHAPE CODE 571

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$83,986.

PAGE 135 - NON CITY HEALTH AGENCIES CODE 581

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked about line 581.4397 Southwestern Regional Management Health Board \$5,000. She said we are already participating in the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency and wanted to know why we are paying \$5,000 to the Southwestern Regional Management Health Board?

MR. LYONS said this was a new agency 1989/90, and other area communities are members. He said funding has been in the form of a grant with little accountability back to the city for how the money is spent or what services are provided. Starting in 1989/90, this funding will be in the form of services contracted for by the city. Contracts with each agency will be developed as a condition of their receiving funding. The city's objective will be determined by the Health Department, which will have the responsibility for oversight and contract administration.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked if this would not really be restricted to Stamford?

MR. LYONS said it will be restricted to Stamford and we will have more accountability on how the money is spent.

The bottom line for Code 581 is \$197,600.

PAGE 136 - SECTION TOTAL is \$14,856,718. Cuts in this Section \$10,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 137 - PARKS AND RECREATION/PARKS DIV. CODE 610

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line 610.7905 budget reduction. The bottom line is \$2,225,766.

PAGE 139 - PARKS AND RECREATION/TERRY CONNERS CODE 620

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$411,096.

PAGE 141 - PARKS AND RECREATION/RECREATION CODE 650

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$1,219,415.

PAGE 143 - PARKS AND RECREATION/PROJECT MUSIC CODE 651

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$42,568.

PAGE 144 - PARKS AND RECREATION CUBETA STADIUM CODE 652

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$31,610.

PAGE 145 - PARKS AND RECREATION FEE SUPPORTED CODE 655

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$190,297.

PAGE 146 - PARKS AND RECREATION DOROTHY HEROY CODE 660

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$23,690.

PAGE 147 - PARKS AND RECREATION KWESKIN THEATRE CODE 661

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$98,621.

PAGE 148 - PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH CENTER CODE 662

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$10,124.

PAGE 149 PARKS AND RECREATION STERLING FARMS CODE 663

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions.

MRS. MAIHOCK said on line 663.2720 gas and electric, the amount in this budget is almost double from the previous year. She wanted to know why the amount requested was so high. She said in 1988/89, the amount was \$7,500; 1989/90, the request is for \$14,175.

MRS. POWERS said that since the Ethel Kveskin Theatre is being repaired, the Sterling Farm premises are being used. There was no electric account in the Kveskin Theatre budget so the line item is in the Sterling Farms budget.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to reduce line item 663.2720 gas and electric by \$6,675 which would bring this account to \$7,500. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to cut \$6,675 from line item 66.2720 gas and electric. DEFEATED by a voice vote. The bottom line is \$26,341.

PAGE 150 - PARKS AND RECREATION BELLTOWN FIELD CODE 664

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line is \$2,660.

PAGE 151 - PARKS AND RECREATION SCOFIELDTOWN CODE 665

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line is \$3,339.

PAGE 152 - BRENNAN GOLF COURSE CODE 670

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$460,512.

PAGE 152 - SECTION TOTAL is \$4,746,039. Cuts in this Section \$10,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 153 - FERGUSON LIBRARY CODE 710

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$4,600,000.

PAGE 153 - STAMFORD MUSEUM CODE 720

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$808,755

PAGE 154 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CODE 730

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a reduction of \$21,840 on line 730.7901 program expansion.

MR. BLUM Moved to restore \$21,840 to the Community Development Program. Seconded.

Mr. Blum said money coming into Community Development comes from the federal government. He said he did not know why the Fiscal Committee wanted to cut \$21,840.

MR. MOLLO said that is not money coming from the federal government. He said it was city funds. Mr. Mollo said \$12,000 of the total salary of approximately \$30,000 plus is for the program services coordinator who spends 1/3 of her time on housing relocations for the city. The plan is to move her salary while she is doing the city job and the Community Development job totally to the city. Mr. Mollo said she still is doing 1/3 city work so 1/3 of her salary is being funded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to restore \$21,840 cut by the Fiscal Committee. DEFEATED by voice vote. Mrs. Maihock abstained on this vote. The bottom line for Community Development is \$12,000.

PAGE 155 - COMMUNITY CENTERS CODE 745

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$182,000.

PAGE 155 - SECTION TOTAL is \$5,647,755. Cuts in this Section \$21,840 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PAGE 156 - BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE 810

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended a reduction of \$100,000.

MR. DeROSE, MR. CARDILLO AND MRS. KENNEDY abstained and left the Floor on the discussion and vote on the Board of Education budget.

The bottom line for the Board of Education budget is \$88,167,862.

PAGE 156 - BOARD OF EDUCATION NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION CODE 820

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$918,332.

PAGE 156 - BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM CODE 840

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$47,301.

PAGE 156 - SECTION TOTAL is \$89,133,495. Cuts in this Section \$100,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

The Record will note that Mr. DeRose, Mr. Cardillo and Mrs. Kennedy abstained on all matters relating to the Board of Education budget.

PAGE 157 - DEBT SERVICE CODE 900

MR. LYONS said the Committee recommended no reductions. Bottom line is \$26,670,977.

PAGE 158 - SECTION TOTAL is \$26,670,977. No reductions in this Section.

PAGE 158 - TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET IS \$239,693,211. Total reductions in Operating Budget as recommended by the Fiscal Committee is \$353,340.

MR. MORRIS and MR. JETTA kept a running total of all the budget figures.

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET:PAGE 191 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD CODE-110 - OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

No reductions recommended.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to cut the entire \$671,000 from this account. Seconded.

Mr. DeLuca said the city is having a tough time selling land and now we are buying land. He said this is for the Greenbelt acquisition. He said that much of what we have now is not being taken care of properly. He said the grass is overgrown and seldom does he see anyone walking along the Greenbelt.

Mr. DeLuca said that when the buying of the Downer Funeral Parlor came before the Board when a 2/3's vote was needed, it was defeated. He said then the project is put into the capital projects budget where a vote of the simple majority is needed to approve the project. He said he hoped this would not happen this evening, and this project would be defeated this evening.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he was in favor of this project. He said the effects of the Greenbelt will not be seen until the entire project is completed. The Greenbelt is from the Mill River and finally ending at Southfield Park. This area would give the residents a place to walk within the confines of the city. Mr. Boccuzzi said when Cove Island was bought, many were against it and also E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course, and Sterling Farms. Today, you could not afford to buy these properties. Mr. Boccuzzi said this type of purchase has to do with the future and the Greenbelt would be an asset for the citizens of the city. He urged his colleagues to vote against taking this money out of the project.

MS. RINALDI said she was in favor of the project. It was in her district and fiscally prudent to acquire the property when it is available; No one knows when an opportunity like this will come again.

MR. PAVIA said this project does not compare to Cove Park. He said this project is being done piecemeal and the owners of property along the project could wait for a good offer for their properties and the project could cost a lot of money. He said instead of the Greenbelt he would like to see the city tighten its belt and spend the money on better priorities.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$671,000 from Code 110.489. DEFEATED by a vote of 20 no, 17 yes votes and 1 abstention. The bottom line is \$671,000.

PAGE 192 - SEWER COMMISSION - no reductions recommended - bottom line is \$8,285,046.

PAGE 193 - DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT CODE 118 - no reductions recommended - bottom line is \$80,000.

PAGE 194- MAYOR'S OFFICE CODE 201 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND - no reductions recommended.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to take the entire \$250,000 from 201.154 Housing development fund. Seconded.

Mrs. Maihock said this would be to purchase land, site developments; the city cannot sell its own properties and it is buying. She said this could be left for another period when the city is more fiscally able to purchase land. She said the capital budget is exceedingly high and all that could be done should be done to reduce the capital budget.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to cut \$250,000 from line 201.154 Housing development fund. DEFEATED by a voice vote. The bottom line in this account is \$250,000.

PAGE 195 - TAX ASSESSOR - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$200,000.

PAGE 196 - TRAFFIC AND PARKING - The Committee recommended a reduction of \$100,000 on Code 280-294 Hoyt Street Extension.

MRS. POWERS left the Floor on the discussion and vote on this item.

MR. CARDILLO said that one year ago, facts were presented to the Board demonstrating that funding for the Hoyt Street project would not be in the best interest of the people and taxpayers of Stamford. He said that one year later, the situation has not changed because the facts have not changed. He said the motion to delete the project should be supported and voted for.

Mr. Cardillo Moved to delete the \$200,000 from item 280.294 Hoyt Street extension. Seconded.

Mr. Cardillo said he moved for deletion of the project for the following reasons: He said he visited and made several on-site inspections of the part of Washington Boulevard to be effected by the proposed Hoyt Street extension. He said on the following random selected dates, he counted the total number of vehicles passing during the peak morning and evening rush hours. He said on Wednesday, April 19, between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., he counted 1,894 vehicles which represented the total traffic flow for that hour. On Wednesday, April 19, between 5 and 6 p.m., he counted 1,482 vehicles; Friday, April 21, between 8 and 9 a.m., he counted 1,249 vehicles and on Friday, May 5, between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., he counted 1,992 vehicles.

Mr. Cardillo said during his observations and analyses, he observed several serious traffic backups near the area which would be effected by the Hoyt Street project. He said he teaches statistics at the university level and is well-versed in the area of statistical applications; therefore, he applied some statistical analyses to the data collected and found the probability for serious traffic congestion could be aggravated and worsened if another busy artery such as the Hoyt Street extension were to be built, and as a consequence a heavy traffic flow be allowed to collide with the already heavy traffic flow that presently exists on Washington Boulevard, thus increasing the probability of the occurrence of serious accidents.

Mr. Cardillo further stated that in addition to doing onsite inspections of the Washington Boulevard area, he also personally visited the area of Summer Street to be effected by the Hoyt Street extension project. He did a traffic analyses of the area and found the Hoyt Street project would hinder north-south traffic on Summer Street in a serious way; congesting Washington Boulevard and Summer Street. He said the Hoyt Street extension necessitating the installation of new traffic lights would make the traffic more congested, less efficient and extremely dangerous as a result. He said the Hoyt Street project would empty into an already narrow area called Linden Place, thus creating an extremely hazardous traffic situation in which motorist would be forced to suddenly and abruptly slow down upon approaching Linden Place.

MR. CARDILLO: (continuing) said one of the major characteristics and features of the plan is the creation of a traffic loop. He called attention to the fact that the experience of major metropolitan cities on both the east and west coasts, suggests and demonstrates that the traffic loop has had the very negative effect of worsening traffic congestion and not improving it. He said in the cities where the traffic loop has been instituted, motorists have been subjected to a tangle of traffic confusion and exposed to an increased risk and danger of the occurrence of serious traffic accidents.

Further, Mr. Cardillo said another major feature of the Hoyt Street extension plan is that it provides for an east-west traffic flow via a short roadway; the experience major metropolitan areas demonstrate that the north-south traffic flow is much more efficient than the east-west flow obtained through a short roadway which would act as a mini-highway.

Mr. Cardillo said the Hoyt Street extension project would not only create a less efficient and less safe system of traffic flow but would also interfere with two major north-south traffic flow patterns, namely, Summer Street and Washington Boulevard.

Mr. Cardillo said the last major reason why the present motion before the Board to delete should be supported and voted for, relates to the fact that we as members of the Board are expected by the voters of Stamford to be vigilant and responsible in making sure the taxpayer funds are not wasted and should use the funds only when such expenditures are factly justifiable. Mr. Cardillo said based on the facts presented this evening, it is obvious that funding for the Hoyt Street extension would not represent a wise use of the taxpayer funds. He said the Hoyt Street project lacks scientific, mathematical and technical legitimacy and justification and would have the effect and strong potential of wasting and squandering taxpayer funds and should not be allowed to become a reality.

Mr. Cardillo stated there have been numerous expressions of extreme concern voiced by Stamford residents and voters concerning the advisability of spending such a huge sum of taxpayer money for a road that is so short and that is so technically and financially flawed in terms of achieving its stated objectives. He said the ultimate cost of the Hoyt Street extension project could eventually be millions of dollars over and above expectations. He said the money would be better spent in areas that directly effect and impact upon the well being of the people of Stamford; areas such as education, repairs and maintenance of existing roads, improve police protection and approved funding of a senior citizens center so badly needed by our senior citizens and currently significantly underfunded, and for the construction of sewers in areas of Stamford where sewers are in great need and demand.

Mr. Cardillo said last year the majority of members of the Board voted to delete funding for the Hoyt Street extension project. He said the support was based on facts demonstrating that the funding and construction of the project would not be in the best interest of the people of the City of Stamford. He said the same facts apply today as they did one year ago. He said the present motion to delete the project merits your vote and full support.

MR. RUBINO Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to Move the question. DEFEATED by a vote of 15 no and 21 yes votes. A 2/3's vote was required.

MR. ESPOSITO said as members of the Board, we do not know the real impact an east-west traffic corridor may have on downtown traffic because we do not have an accurate or complete study that indicates what the impact would or would not be. Also, there is no study pointing to the advantages of one potential route like Hoyt Street as opposed to possibly North Street.

Mr. Esposito said he would not want to pass judgement on a capital project that could have an impact on the city and the traffic flow and in his district without having the facts. He said he would be opposed to any further cuts and would go along with the Fiscal Committee's recommendation of \$100,000 for a study and then a good decision could be made.

MR. MARTIN said last year he supported the motion to cut but was in error. This year, he listened at the joint hearings of Fiscal and Board of Finance, and heard two things about the project; where is the study to justify the spending of millions of dollars behind this project; a few people spoke about doing something about the traffic and a lot of people said don't let this project continue to hang because my life is being jeopardized because I can't move from the condominium where I'm living.

Mr. Martin said he thinks there is merit in the project. He said that traffic may move better east and west and the amount of traffic may be reduced on the side streets. He said the issue was complex and a professional study should be done. He was not in favor of a \$200,000 cut and would go along with the \$100,000 recommended reduction.

MR. ZELINSKI said we are fortunate to have Mr. Cardillo who took a lot of time for his research and study. Mr. Zelinski said if we want to vote for a study for an east-west artery, then we must vote to cut the additional \$100,000 to zero in the account. Mr. Zelinski said the present request is for the Hoyt Street extension and Hoyt Street extension only; the remaining \$100,000 for the project 280.294 and Mr. Zelinski quoted from the book, "Extension of Hoyt Street from Summer Street to Washington Blvd. - design and acquisition of required properties are proposed for FY90." Mr. Zelinski said it would be used for that purpose and that purpose only and not for any type of a study or anything other than that.

Mr. Zelinski stated the Traffic Department can request an additional appropriation for an east-west artery study that could be considered at a future date. He stated it is wrong to keep the owners of the condominiums on Summer Street that would be effected by the proposed extension not knowing if the city will be purchasing their properties or not, thereby hindering those who presently have their units for sale.

Mr. Zelinski said he attended the joint meeting between the Fiscal Committee and the Board of Finance and heard some of the owners speak and they stated they would like to know one way or the other if the project is going to happen or not. Mr. Zelinski said it would be a disservice to the taxpayers and the homeowners on Summer Street to keep this project in limbo; that is not knowing all the additional funding of \$6 to 7 millions will be approved in the near future. Mr. Zelinski said the project could cost the taxpayers \$10 to \$12 million. He said if the project is completed the traffic flow will be right onto Washington Boulevard with a right turn only which would move the traffic to Bridge Street thereby moving the congestion only from one area of the city to another and not accomplishing anything.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he was in favor of the \$100,000. He said there have been many attempts for an east-west corridor. He said the Planning Board rejected certain proposals most of the time. He said the Hoyt Street proposal was number one on the Planning Board's recommendations. They know what is needed for the city.

Mr. Boccuzzi stated that many of the people living in the condominiums are in favor of the proposal. These people are at a point that they cannot do anything unless a decision is made. Mr. Boccuzzi said if the proposal is rejected a 100%, this does not take away the possibility of the proposal not coming back next year. He said the \$100,000 gives the city enough money to prepare a report to be presented to the Board for approval or disapproval. It is possible the report may contain the same information provided by Mr. Cardillo; we don't know. Mr. Boccuzzi said he would like to be sure before he votes for or against the project that all the facts are known. Mr. Boccuzzi stated he attended meetings with the Traffic Department present and Engineering Department, and he said it could be the answer to the east-west corridor for the city. Many people would not have to go into the center of the city. He hoped that the members of the Board would vote for the \$100,000.

MR. OWENS Moved the question. Seconded. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to approve a \$200,000 reduction on line 280.294 Hoyt Street extension. DEFEATED by a vote of 18 yes and 18 no votes with 1 abstention. A tie vote is a defeat of the motion. The \$100,000 cut recommended by the Fiscal Committee stands. The bottom line for Code 280 Traffic and Parking Department is \$300,000.

PAGE 197 - PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION CODE 301 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$250,000.

PAGE 198 - PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAYS CODE 310 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$1,260,000.

PAGE 199 - PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CODE 311 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$553,200.

PAGE 200 - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING MAINTENANCE CODE 320 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$45,000.

PAGE 201 - PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING CODE 330 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line \$2,475,000.

PAGE 203 - PUBLIC WORKS SEWAGE PLANT CODE 341 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$148,000.

PAGE 204 - POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE 410 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$925,000.

PAGE 205 - FIRE DEPARTMENT CODE 450 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$255,000.

PAGE 206 - NEW HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT CODE 472 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$170,000.

PAGE 207 - TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT CODE 474 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$113,500.

PAGE 208 - SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING CODE 520 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$155,000.

PAGE 209 - SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE CODE 520 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$78,000.

PAGE 210 - PARKS AND RECREATION CODE 610 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$802,300.

PAGE 212 - E. GAYNOR BRENNAN GOLF COURSE CODE 670 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$29,000.

PAGE 213 - FERGUSON LIBRARY CODE 710 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$25,000.

PAGE 214 - STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER CODE 720 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$103,800.

PAGE 215 - BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE 810 - no reductions recommended. Bottom line is \$3,784,200.

PAGE 215 - CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL \$20,958,046. Total reductions in Capital Projects budget as recommended by the Fiscal Committee is \$100,000.

MR. MORRIS and MR. JETTA kept a running total of all the figures in the Capital budget.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN thanked Mr. Lyons for all the hard work done on the budget. She also thanked Mr. Morris and Mr. Jetta for their work on the figures for the cuts and totals.

MR. LYONS thanked his Committee for the excellent support and helped he received.

MR. LYONS Moved for the adoption of the resolution approving the operating and capital projects budgets for fiscal year July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. Motion Second. Mr. Lyons read the resolution into the Record. A copy of the resolution is attached to these Minutes. The operating budget is \$239,693,211 and the capital budget is \$20,958,046. The total budget is \$260,651,257.

MR. DeLUCA extended his thanks to Mr. Lyons and the Fiscal Committee for the excellent job done by them.

Mr. DeLuca said he cannot vote for the budget. He said several months ago, figures were released stating the city had a \$6 million surplus which would equate to a 3.3 mill reduction in taxes. He said many citizens were ecstatic thinking they would get a reduction in taxes especially senior citizens and young people who are having a hard time making it in Stamford. Mr. DeLuca said the operating budget represents a 7.2% increase which will probably result in an increase of 2 or 3%; a small increase but still a tax increase. He said the Finance Commissioner recommended a safe debt limit of \$18 million but no one paid attention to that; we ended up with \$20,958,046. This is \$2 million over the safe debt limit. Mr. DeLuca said this does not represent responsible legislation, and will vote against the resolution.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she will vote against the resolution. She feels there are excessive costs in the operating budget that she cannot support. Also, she feels the capital budget is greater than prudent considering our outstanding debt on the Government Center. She said we could have for once given the taxpayers a good deal.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the resolution approving the operating and capital projects budgets for fiscal year 1989-1990. 21 votes are required for approval. APPROVED by a vote of 32 yes and 7 no votes.

ADJOURNMENT: upon a motion duly made and Seconded, and Approved by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

By Anne A. Kachaluba
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APPROVED:

Sandra Goldstein
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