

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1991

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991/92

21ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 21st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Tuesday, May 7, 1991, 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 was for 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m. after both political parties had met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Father Bart Gage, Associate Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, 628 Main Street, Stamford, CT 06901.

"Let us pray. Oh mighty God who has given us this good city for our heritage, we humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves the people mindful of Thy favor, glad to do Thy will. Bless our city with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence; save us from discord and confusion; from pride and from arrogance and from evil in every way. Defend our liberties; fashion into one united people the multitude brought hither of many kindreds, nations and tongues, and endear with the spirit of wisdom, those to whom we entrust the authority of government that there may be justice and peace and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness. In the days of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. All of which we ask for your holy 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.

"Pursuant to Section 2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, the President of the 21st Board of Representatives hereby calls a Special Meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 7, 1991, to consider the Operating and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year 1991/92, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 22, 1991, pursuant to provisions of Section 8-30-3 of the Stamford Charter."

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk Annie M. Summerville. There were 37 members present and three absent. Absent and excused were Reps. Scott Morris, David Jachimczyk and Joseph Lovallo.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Test votes were taken by the President and the machine was in good working order.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that this meeting was probably one of the most important meetings of the year and will affect every citizen in the city through taxes. She said the Fiscal Committee met for the last four weeks almost nightly and on Saturday to meet with department heads to analyze the budget and to make recommendations to the Board.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the charge by Charter is to review, analyze and only to cut, therefore, motions to cut will be the only motions in order.

President Goldstein thanked the Fiscal Committee for doing an outstanding job this year and as they have done in the past. On behalf of the Board, President Goldstein thanked Richard Lyons, Chairman and Committee members David Martin, John Hogan, Ruth Powers, Gerald Rybnick, John Zimmerman, Garry Clemmons, Frank Mollo, Stanley Esposito and Nick Pavia.

President Goldstein stated that several other people participated in helping the Committee: Mrs. Kachaluba and Margaret Cocolis of staff were of tremendous help as well as the researcher, Eva Weller, and in coordinating the meetings and the Saturday meeting, Clerk Annie Summerville proved invaluable. President Goldstein thanked all for aiding the Fiscal Committee.

BUDGET PRESENTATION - Richard Lyons, Chairman

MR. LYONS said that this year, the budget process was probably the most difficult that he has ever been through and that the city has been through. He said it is easy to go over a budget when times are good but very difficult when times are not so good.

Mr. Lyons thanked all the Committee members and the support staff and Board; also the department heads that appeared before the Committee sharing the problems they will face in running the city with less money than they had a year ago.

Mr. Lyons stated that as has been the practice in the past, he will make one motion for approval and there will be a rolling motion; the budget will be department by department, account number by account number. Mr. Lyons said this year will be different as the budget reduction line is not available to make reductions. He said any reductions will have to be made on a specific line and this should be kept in mind when making a motion. Mr. Lyons stated that as in the past, once a page is completed, it is finished and there be no returning to the page.

Mr. Lyons said the Committee commenced hearings on April 15, at 7:00 p.m. and completed this evening, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lyons stated that as last year, a letter of transmittal was approved unanimously by the Committee to be transmitted with the budget.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated that Mr. Lyons' motion will be to approve the budget as amended by the Fiscal Committee. She said as proceeding page by page, Mr. Lyons will articulate if there are any cuts recommended by Fiscal; then the Chair will look around to see if there are any amendments or discussion on page, and once the page is passed, we are through with it.

MR. LYONS Moved that the Fiscal Committee's recommendations be approved on the Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Stamford for fiscal year 1991/92. The motion was Seconded. (In proceeding with the budget, Mr. Lyons referred to the numbers on top of the pages in the Budget book as approved by the Board of Finance - the budget book was confusing to many members as it was not printed in the same format as previous ones)

OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991/92:

PAGE 1 - 101 REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$257,560.

PAGE 2 - 102 BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - The Committee recommended a \$1,000 reduction on line .2610 maintenance of equipment leaving \$2,000 in the account.

MR. BLUM said he was against the cut as the Board has already lost the researcher due to the Mayor's cut and he recommended that the \$1,000 be reinstated with the hope of keeping the researcher.

MR. LYONS stated that to put back the \$1,000 would in no way replace the researcher.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on cutting \$1,000 from .2690 maintenance of equipment. APPROVED by voice vote with four no votes; Mr. Owens, Mr. Blum, Mr. White and Mr. Rybnick.

Bottom line for Board of Representatives reads \$108,668.

PAGE 3 - 103 BOARD OF FINANCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$126,146.

PAGE 4 - 104 PLANNING BOARD - The Committee recommended a \$1,000 cut on line .2940 conferences & training, leaving \$1,000 in the account - bottom line reads \$356,551.

PAGE 5 - 106 STAMFORD PARTNERSHIP -0-

PAGE 6 - 107 ZONING BOARD - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$92,645.

PAGE 7 - 108 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$57,110.

PAGE 8 - 110 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$181,646.

MRS. MAIHOCK questioned the permanent part time account; she said the department did not submit a request but in the Mayor's column, there is a figure of \$26,453.

MR. LYONS said the reason was due to a movement of an employee from full time to part time.

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PAGE 11 - 113 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$36,555.

PAGE 12 - 114 COMMISSION ON AGING - The Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$270,697.

PAGE 13 - 115 FAIR RENT COMMISSION -0-

PAGE 14 - 116 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$22,450.

PAGE 15 - 117 COA-OUTREACH GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$63,196.

PAGE 15 - 118 DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$308,810.

PAGE 17 - 119 TAX REVIEW BOARD - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$16,157.

PAGE 17 - SECTION TOTAL \$1,898,191.

PAGE 20 - 201 MAYOR'S OFFICE - The Committee recommended a \$2,000 reductions on line .1110 salaries leaving \$133,000 in that account. Also, recommended was a \$400 cut on line .2950 Mayor's expense account leaving \$4,600 in the account.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to cut \$3,000 from line .2950 Mayor's expense account leaving \$2,000 in the account. Seconded.

MR. LYONS said the account has been reduced by almost 50% from the original request and he opposed the motion to reduce the account further.

MR. ESPOSITO said he Moved in Committee for the \$400 cut being under the impression that there was \$2,400 left in the account, thus leaving \$2,000 in the account. Mr. Esposito said that was the intent at the time. Mr. Esposito said the presentation was confusing and he concurred with Mr. DeLuca to leave \$2,000 in the account.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he was opposed to the cut proposed by Mr. DeLuca and said he would go with the Fiscal Committee's recommendation of \$400.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$3,000 from line .2950 leaving a balance of \$2,000 in the account. DEFEATED by a vote of 23 no and 14 yes votes - line reads \$4,600.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that a \$2,000 has been taken on line .1110 salaries and the Board of Finance reduced this line by \$125,541 thus eliminating salaries for most of the Mayor's office staff leaving the Mayor's salary, the Aide's salary, and part of the salary of the lowest paid employee in the office. Mr. Boccuzzi said the \$2,000 added insult to injury to those working in the office. Mr. Boccuzzi Moved to reinstate the \$2,000 cut recommended by the Fiscal Committee making the line \$135,000.

The motion was to cut \$2,000 from line .1110 salaries. Seconded.

MR. LYONS stated that he would oppose the motion. He said that in the backup material presented, it showed that the account was overfunded in the amount of \$2,000 and other instances in the backup also showed overfunding. Mr. Lyons stated that material presented must be accurate and the Committee operates on the basis that the material is accurate thus the reason for the cut.

MR. BLUM said he was in favor of the Fiscal Committee's recommendation.

MR. BOCCUZZI said in his discussion with Mr. Harrison this evening, he found the difference of the \$2,000 was not included in a salary change when the Mayor's Aide came onboard.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve the Fiscal Committee's cut of \$2,000 on line .1110 salary. APPROVED by a vote of 30 yes and 6 no votes with one abstention. Line reads \$133,000.

MR. ESPOSITO reiterated that it was the intent of the Fiscal Committee to reduce line .2950 leaving \$2,000 on the line. Mr. Esposito Moved to reduce the line by \$1,400 leaving \$3,600 on the line. Seconded.

MR. LYONS said he opposed the reduction and the Committee's cut should stand. Mr. Lyons stated that the Honorable Representative made the motion for the reduction which was his intent; the intent of the Committee was to go along with the motion. Mr. Lyons stated that it was the intent of the representative and not the Committee's.

MS. POWERS stated that she kept the totals at the Fiscal meeting's final deliberations on Saturday and it was clear that \$2,000 was cut from the salary account and \$400 from the expense account.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$1,400 from line .2950 expense account. DEFEATED by a vote of 23 no and 14 yes votes, leaving \$4,600 in the account. Line .2950

Total reductions for Mayor's office \$2,400, - bottom line reads \$182,995.

PAGE 22 - 205 SYPCA -0-

PAGE 23 - 210 TOWN & CITY CLERK - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$2,000 on line .1110 salaries leaving \$348,221. On line .2930 office supplies, a \$5,000 cut was recommended leaving \$62,393 in the line.

MR. RUBINO asked where the Committee intended the money be taken from?

MR. LYONS said the intent was from within the entire \$67,393. Mr. Lyons said the money could be taken out of user fees, land records, indices or microfilm books.

MR. RUBINO said in his discussions with the Town Clerk, it was her opinion that a cut has already been made in her request for that line, and probably the coming year will not be slower than 1990. Mr. Rubino said he would like the \$5,000 restored to the account.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said the proper motion would be to vote on the cut recommended by Fiscal.

MR. MARTIN said that Mr. Harrison reported that there were only two instances in the entire budget where the salary number submitted by the department were in excess of the positions approved and this was one of the instances. Mr. Martin stated that no cut was made because the salary number submitted was incorrect and a correction was made in the salary number. Mr. Martin said the department to some degree, rides with the economic times and the department should share in the cut backs as other departments will be doing.

MRS. BROMLEY said she agreed with Mr. Rubino. She said she took issue with with Mr. Martin's comments that the department rides with the time. Mrs. Bromley said that it does ride with the times and if anyone thinks that the volume of work decreases proportionally to the real estate market is incorrect because, there is an increase, unfortunately, with foreclosures, mechanics liens, business closings and other items that cause extra work in hardtimes.

MR. LYONS stated that no cuts were made by the Mayor or the Board of Finance and Fiscal was the first to cut the line. He urged the Board to support the Committee's recommendation.

MR. RUBINO stated that he was comparing the '90/91 budget and said the '91/92 budget request was less than the previous year.

MR. LYONS referred to the '90/91 salary line which was \$344,084 and in this budget it is \$350,221; a \$6,000 increase. Mr. Lyons said that in these times, the burden has to be shared and there is money in the department that can be shared.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$5,000 from line .2930 supplies. APPROVED by a vote of 28 yes and 8 no votes leaving \$62,393 in the account.

Bottom line for the Town & City Clerk reads \$491,497.

PAGE 24 - 220 PROBATE COURT - 0 -

PAGE 25 - 230 LAW - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$1,500 cut on line .2940 conference and training leaving \$1,500 in the account.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to cut \$10,000 from line .5150 professional consultant. He said this was no reflection on the Committee as they did an outstanding job. Mr. Zelinsky said that presently the Law Department has no way of knowing what type of cases would be coming up requiring professional consultants. He said this is speculation and it may be that no money will be required. He stated there should be a cut on the line. Seconded.

MR. LYONS said the Committee had discussions on the item and Mr. Zelinsky is correct. Mr. Lyons said the funds are used to hire outside counsel when needed to represent members of the city or where there may be a conflict of interest or officers. Mr. Lyons stated that Corporation Counsel made a statement that in view of some of the proceedings taking place, and in courts and other areas, the \$80,000 is a conservative estimate and that Corporation Counsel stated that outside counsel will be needed in pending proceedings, therefore, the Committee recommended no reductions and Mr. Lyons urged the Board not to cut.

MR. ZELINSKY said that in the '89/90 year, the actual expenditure was \$85,798; last year, it was reduced to \$80,000 and \$80,000 was spent. Mr. Zelinsky stated that if additional money is required, an additional appropriation request can be made; he said if there was no need, he saw no need for the money to be in the account and the \$10,000 could be absorbed.

MS. POWERS said it would be unwise to cut the account at this time. She said this is the year for reassessment and the Board of Tax Review will be hearing claims that assessments should be changed. Ms. Powers stated that many of the cases will go to court and there may be conflicts of interest that cannot be handled by the Law Department. She said she would hesitate to cut the account as in the past, the department has used the money without a reassessment year.

MR. NANOS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$10,000 from line .5150 professional consultant. DEFEATED by a vote of 17 no and 16 yes votes with three abstentions - leaving \$80,000 on the line.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked if there was any indication in the backup information received that court service fees or sheriff fees would increase to necessitate the \$1,000 increase on line .5240?

MR. LYONS stated that due to a settlement on code violations that was extremely expensive and insurance fund, the Law and the city are actively pursuing code violations thus the court entry fees and sheriff fees will increase.

The bottom line for the Law Department reads \$846,096.

PAGE 26 - 240 FINANCE COMMISSIONER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$359,316.

PAGE 27 - 241 FINANCE-TREASURY - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$138,257.

PAGE 28 - 242 CONTROLLER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$346,675.

PAGE 29 - 243 - PURCHASING - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$110,776.

PAGE 30 - 244 CENTRAL SERVICES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$230,549.

PAGE 31 - 245 DATA PROCESSING - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$5,000 cut on line .2651 equipment rental leaving \$192,926 on the line - bottom line reads \$911,167.

PAGE 32 - 246 PAYROLL - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$173,060.

PAGE 33 - 249 RISK MANAGEMENT - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to cut \$1,000 from line .5150 professional consultant bring the amount to the same level of last year, \$4,000. Seconded.

MR. LYONS stated that in the transmittal letter, it outlined the unbelievable increases in insurance taking place in the city, state and country. He said the Risk Management department needs all the help it can get; it needs much more money on the line to bring the costs under control. Mr. Lyons urged his colleagues not to reduce this department.

MR. MARTIN said he reiterates what Mr. Lyons has stated. Mr. Martin said a lot of money is being spent on claims, insurance and workmen's compensation in the city and a sufficient amount of resources are not being applied to control those expenses.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to reduce line .5150 by \$1,000. DEFEATED by a vote of 28 no and 6 yes votes; the line remains at \$5,000.

Bottom line for Risk Management reads \$92,857.

PAGE 34 - 250 ASSESSORS OFFICE - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$713,617.

PAGE 35 - 260 TAX COLLERTOR - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$455,462.

PAGE 36 - 270 PERSONNEL - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$4,000 cut on line .2938 recruitment and hiring leaving the line zero. Also, recommended was a cut of \$3,000 on line .5320 civil service examinations leaving the line \$17,900 - bottom line reads \$524,878.

PAGE 37 - 271 LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. STORK Moved to cut \$103,854, the entire amount, leaving zero for that department. Seconded.

Mr. Stork said that of the things he was looking for in cutting a budget in hard times was a duplication of services, and he said he felt that that may be the case here. Mr. Stork stated that the actual labor negotiator for the city is the Mayor and the Labor Negotiator serves at the direction of the Mayor. Mr. Stork said that the present Mayor has shown in the past, that he has taken on labor negotiations such as the police two years ago. Mr. Stork said he believed that could continue and some of the clerical work of the Labor Negotiator's office could be farmed out or divided between the Law Department and perhaps the Personnel Department. Mr. Stork said that was his logic in thinking for the cut.

MR. DeLUCA said he would definitely support Mr. Stork's motion to delete the department. Mr. DeLuca referred to Fiscal's transmittal letter stating that a need for an experienced and competent labor negotiation team or department has never been greater or more important in the history of this city. Mr. DeLuca stated that now would be the opportune time to start from square one as in the past, contracts coming before the Board have not been in the best interest of the city. Mr. DeLuca stated that the Mayor, the Acting Finance Commissioner, the Law Department and the Personnel Department could in the future do the job of handling labor negotiations.

MR. CLEMMONS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. DEFEATED by voice vote.

MR. BLUM said he supported Mr. Stork's motion because the Labor Negotiator has not acted in the best interest of the city. Mr. Blum stated that at this time, we should be negotiating with the unions for reductions in wages with guarantees of no lay offs. Mr. Blum said the negotiator was not worthy of being a negotiator for the City of Stamford.

MR. LYONS said he could not believe what he was hearing. Mr. Lyons said the position was very important to the city; it is not an individual; it is not a good or bad contract negotiator; it is a position that has to be filled. Mr. Lyons stated there were other things in the position beside negotiations. Mr. Lyons stated that at present, the city is in binding arbitration; there are briefs to be filed and someone must state the position of the city; labor grievances must be answered, and it will not be the Personnel Department or the Law Department; it will be the Labor Negotiator that will have to do these things.

Mr. Lyons said if the department is eliminated, what will happen if the next mayor or the present Mayor refuses to come back to request money? Mr. Lyons said that it would be completely irresponsible on the part of the Board to eliminate the position of Labor negotiator just because we are not happy with the contracts. He said if the position is kept, we may get better results, but if no one is there, we will not get any results.

MR. RUBINO said he would support Mr. Stork's motion not because of personalities or past performance by anyone, but because he thought the department could reasonably be folded into the Personnel Department or the Law Department.

MR. RYBNICK Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with a few dissenting votes.

MRS. McGRATH asked the Chair if she could vote on the item?

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN stated she could see no conflict inherent or otherwise.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the motion to delete \$103,854 from the Labor Negotiator's budget, thus leaving zero in the department. DEFEATED by a vote of 20 no and 12 yes votes with three abstentions.

Bottom line for 271 Labor Negotiator reads \$103,854.

PAGE 38 - 280 TRAFFIC - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$929,273.

PAGE 40 - 281 PARKING - The Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$3,000 on line .2923 copying and printing leaving \$23,000 in the account.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to reduce line .5501 contracted services by \$50,000 leaving \$450,355 in the account. Seconded.

Mr. DeLuca said in a meeting last week with Mr. Akhimie and Mani Poola regarding the contract with Commercial Data Processing, he was disturbed to learn that when the RFP's went out to vendors, the RFP called for the successful bidder to pay for personnel costs, equipment, supplies, etc. Mr. DeLuca said the contractor started to work on July 1, 1988 and the contract was not signed until nine months later and after negotiations on the contract, it ended where the city pays for personnel costs which comes to approximately \$15,000 a month. Mr. DeLuca stated that by making the cut would force the Parking Department, the next time around, to adhere to the RFP and contract that calls for the contractor to pay for personnel costs, equipment and supplies.

MR. LYONS stated that the information given by Mr. DeLuca was not available to the Committee and if it had been, perhaps the same course would have been followed as recommended by Mr. DeLuca.

MR. MARTIN said that it is known that there are issues regarding whether or not various departments have followed the letter of the contracts signed and what Mr. DeLuca is Moving has merit to it.

MR. OWENS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$50,000 from line .5501 contracted services. APPROVED by a vote of 32 yes and two no votes with one abstention; leaving \$450,355 in the account.

The bottom line for 281 Parking reads \$1,357,650.

PAGE 41 - 284 TRANSPORTATION CENTER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$986,883.

PAGE 42 - 290 EMPLOYEE TAXES & INSURANCE - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$50,000 reduction on line .1330 medical life leaving \$13,395,442 in the account - the bottom line reads \$25,104,998.

PAGE 43 - 293 PENSIONS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,057,241.

PAGE 44 - 295 PROFESSIONAL ORG -0-

PAGE 44 - SECTION TOTAL \$36,117,101.

PAGE 45 - 301 DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$2,200 reduction on line .3440 radio system maintenance leaving \$28,000 in the account - bottom line reads \$2,178,363.

MR. BLUM said Marguerite Strop, Channel Project Consultant, is listed in the city telephone directory under the Public Works Administration. He said he did not know her salary but with all the cuts being made such as firefighters, and police, he did not think an arts consultant was needed at the present time. Mr. Blum said he wanted to know her salary and wanted her removed from Public Works; she should have been under the Mayor's budget. He asked why she was hidden in the Public Works Administration?

MR. LYONS said he did not have any answers for Mr. Blum. He said the salary line was reduced from the '89/90 audit budget of \$779,040 to \$630,000. Mr. Lyons stated he did not think there was any more room to take out any salaries. Mr. Lyons said if Mr. Blum's information was correct, he was sure there will be a change with the reduction in the line.

PAGE 46 - 302 WEIGHTS & MEASURES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$32,426.

PAGE 47 - 310 BUR OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,095,678.

PAGE 48 - 311 DPW VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$20,000 reduction on line .2510 maintenance of vehicles leaving \$584,507 in the account - bottom line reads \$1,157,926.

PAGE 49 - 314 SNOW REMOVAL & FLOOD - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$40,000 reduction on line .2181 rock salt and sand leaving \$200,000 in the account - bottom line reads \$471,149.

PAGE 50 - 315 LEAF PICK-UP - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$90,400.

MRS. MAIHOCK referred to line .2933 subscriptions in the amount of \$5,000. She said she was confused as to why such a large sum of money was needed for subscriptions.

MR. LYONS said the money is for radio and newspapers advertising concerning the leaf pickup to inform the citizens as to what it is, how it will be done and when and in what areas.

PAGE 51 - 320 BUILDING/GROUNDS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,851,869.

PAGE 52 - 321 GASOLINE - The Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$10,000 on line .2750 gasoline leaving \$130,000 in the account - bottom line reads \$195,800.

PAGE 55 - 330 ENGINEERING - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. RUBINO said that in reviewing the Capital budget, he noticed that Engineering went from \$3,330,000 down to \$275,000; they requested \$3.3 million and the Capital budget was cut to \$275,000. Mr. Rubino Moved for a \$40,000 reduction in line .1110 salaries. He said there was room for the cut now that the Capital account has been so depleted. The motion was Seconded.

MR. LYONS said the account was reduced last year from \$983,056 to \$936,632, and this year \$957,726 requested was reduced to \$921,650. Mr. Lyons stated that the Capital budget does not reflect the amount of work that flows through the department. Mr. Lyons said to reduce the salary line would not be a wise move.

MRS. PERILLO Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to approve a \$10,000 reduction on line .1110 salaries. DEFEATED by 25 no and 8 yes votes leaving the salary line \$921,650 - bottom line reads \$1,014,301.

PAGE 56 - 332 BUILDING INSPECTION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. RUBINO said that on salary line .1110, because of the decrease in building activities, he Moved to reduce that line by \$80,000 bringing the line to \$608,392. The motion was Seconded.

MR. LYONS stated that as discussed at the Committee meeting, there has been a decrease in office building and large projects but there has been an explosion of small home improvements, remodeling jobs, and alterations being undertaken that the Building Inspections must certify. Mr. Lyons stated that any reduction will decimate the department.

MR. NANOS Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to cut \$80,000 from line .1110 salaries. DEFEATED by a vote of 21 no and 11 yes votes with two abstention leaving \$688,392 in the account.

The bottom line for Building inspection reads \$756,997.

PAGE 57 - 338 OPERATION SHELLFISH -0-

PAGE 58 - 340 BUREAU OF SANITATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line .2650 new equipment leaving zero in the account. The bottom line reads \$251,238.

PAGE 59 - 341 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line reads \$1,470,267.

PAGE 61 - 343 CONVENTIONAL INCINERATOR - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line reads \$2,740,244.

PAGE 62 - 344 RECYCLING - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$100,000 reduction on line .5501 contracted services leaving \$882,680 in the account. The bottom line reads \$890,180.

PAGE 63 - 346 DIV. OF EQUIP. & BLDG. - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line reads \$1,181,541.

PAGE 64 - 350 DIV. OF COLLECTIONS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions. The bottom line reads \$817,404.

PAGE 65 - LAND FILL & REFUSE REMOVAL - The Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$100,000 on line .5521 leaving \$1,186,880 in the account. Also, recommended was a \$100,000 reduction on line .5522 leaving \$653,156 in the account. The bottom line reads \$3,000,000.

PAGE 65 - SECTION TOTAL \$21,195,793.

PAGE 66 - 410 POLICE DEPT. - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$4,000 reduction on line .2650 new equipment leaving \$50,000 in the account.

MR. DeLUCA asked about the overtime account, and said that there were no funds in the account to use for the Fourth of July fireworks.

MR. LYONS said that was what Capt. Reilly told him.

MR. DeLUCA asked if the funding in the overtime account was strictly for staff overtime and would not be used for transfers to E911 as has been done in the past?

MR. LYONS said in the discussions held, the overtime funds will be used to fund the staffing of the Police Department. Mr. Lyons stated that E911 is a separate line item and transfers can be made if approved by the Board of Finance.

MR. DeLUCA said that in March, Chief Mayer and Chief Nosenzo were questioned by the Board of Finance regarding the funds; both Chiefs at that time, stated that one of the reasons for the overtime account being depleted was because funds were used to pay for E911. Mr. DeLuca asked Mr. Lyons if the monies will not be used for E911?

MR. LYONS stated that to his knowledge, if money is transferred, it will have to be approved by the Board of Finance.

PAGE 67 - 410 POLICE DEPARTMENT - The Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$3,000 on line .3455 prisoners services leaving \$30,000 in the account. Also recommended was a \$30,000 reduction on line .3485 communication equipment leaving \$37,800 in the account.

Bottom line for the Police Department reads \$16,777,335.

PAGE 68 - 415 -0-

PAGE 69 - 421 DOG WARDEN - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$124,138.

PAGE 70 - 429 DRUG GRANT/PREV -0-

PAGE 71 - 430 NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT -0-

PAGE 72 - 433 PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$30,000 reduction on line .1110 salaries leaving \$994,364 in the account - bottom line reads \$1,269,664.

PAGE 73 - 435 POLICE SVCS-SPECIAL -0-

PAGE 74 - 440 POLICE PENSION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$3,171,144.

The record will note that Rep. Patricia McGrath left the Floor for the entire discussion on the Fire Department.

PAGE 75 - 450 FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$35,000 reduction on line .1223 medical examinations leaving \$33,843 in the account. Also recommended was a \$2,200 reduction on line .2940 conference & training leaving \$8,000 in the account - the bottom line reads \$11,678,169.

PAGE 77 - 451 FIRE MARSHAL - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$2,000 reduction on line .2930 office supplies & expenses leaving \$2,000 in the account; also a reduction of \$2,000 on line .2940 conferences & training leaving \$2,000 in the account and a reduction of \$1,500 on line .3426 investigation-arson leaving \$1,500 in the account - the bottom line reads \$22,500.

PAGE 78 - 452 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT -0-

PAGE 79 - 453 ALARM ADMINISTRATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$29,435.

PAGE 80 - 460 FIRE PENSION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,876,937.

PAGE 81 - 470 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPTS. - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$3,185,788.

PAGE 82 - 482 HARBOR MASTER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,150.

PAGE 83 - 485 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$820,000.

PAGE 83 - SECTION TOTAL \$38,956,261.

PAGE 84 - 510 SOCIAL SERVICES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads 5,781,982.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked about line .3611 other institutions. She wanted to know what the line included?

MR. LYONS said the account is 90% reimbursable by the State. He said the account is used to pay recipient fees at hospitals and out-patient facilities at rates set by the medicare regulations. Mr. Lyons stated that recipients are free to visit a clinic or a private doctor of their choice.

PAGE 85 - 521 SNF ADMINISTRATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$619,536.

PAGE 86 - 522 SNF NURSING SERVICES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$3,904,063.

PAGE 87 - 523 SNF DIETARY SERVICES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$824,696.

PAGE 88 - 524 SNF PLANT MAINTENANCE - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$749,507.

PAGE 89 - 525 SNF HOUSEKEEPING - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$221,567.

PAGE 90 - 526 SNF LAUNDRY - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$151,950.

PAGE 91 - 527 SNF RECREATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$150,404.

PAGE 92 - 528 SNF SOCIAL SERVICES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$95,372.

PAGE 93 - 529 SNF PHYSICAL THERAPY - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$98,750.

PAGE 102 - 540 NON CITY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES -0-

PAGE 103 - 550 HEALTH DEPT. - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$4,000 reductions on line .2510 maintenance of vehicles leaving \$8,025 in the account - bottom line reads \$1,272,824.

MR. ZELINSKY said that previously on that line in the last two years, the account was in the vicinity of \$4,000 and \$5,000. Mr. Zelinsky asked if there was any explanation as to why there has been a 100% increase in the account?

MR. LYONS said the vehicle are getting old and there have been no replacements due to budget constraints, and repairs are getting greater as the vehicles get older.

PAGE 105 - 551 CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$333,058.

PAGE 106 - 552 FORENSIC LAB - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$125,759.

PAGE 107 - 553 COST SHARING GRANT - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$55,751.

PAGE 108 - 554 VD CLINIC - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$13,080.

PAGE 109 - 557 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$118,720.

PAGE 110 - 558 HEALTH RISK REDUCTION GRANT - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$16,040.

PAGE 111 - 559 TB CONTROL GRANT - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$48,963.

PAGE 112 - 560 PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$843,305.

PAGE 113 - 561 HEALTH PROG. PRIV. & PROC. -0-

PAGE 114 - 571 SHAPE DEPT. - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$32,410.

PAGE 115 - 573 WIC - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$248,618.

PAGE 117 - 577 AIDS EDUC/RISK REDUCTION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$227,277.

PAGE 118 - 581 DRUG LIBERATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$179,000.

PAGE 119 - 590 SHELLFISH COMMISSION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$914.

PAGE 119 - SECTION TOTAL \$16,113,546.

PAGE 120 - 601 PARKS & REC ADMINISTRATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$2,000 reduction on line .2650 new equipment leaving \$1,500 in the account - bottom line reads \$604,204.

PAGE 121 - 620 TERRY CONNORS ICE RINK - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$397,925.

PAGE 123 - 630 OPER & MAINTENANCE PARK - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$4,000 reduction on line .2710 fuel oil leaving \$13,000 in the account - bottom line reads \$1,848,945.

PAGE 125 - 640 PARKS & REC PROGRAMS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$633,643.

PAGE 127 - 641 PROJECT MUSIC - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$37,022.

PAGE 128 - 642 STERLING THEATRES - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$85,644.

PAGE 129 - 645 FEE SUPPORTED PROGRAM - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$184,770.

PAGE 130 - 670 BRENNAN MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$390,970.

PAGE 130 - SECTION TOTAL \$4,183,123.

PAGE 131 - 710 FERGUSON LIBRARY - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$4,082,719.

PAGE 132 - 720 STAMFORD MUSEUM - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$839,742.

PAGE 133 - 725 EMERGENCY SHELTER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$45,000.

PAGE 135 - 745 COMMUNITY CENTERS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$160,811.

PAGE 135 - SECTION TOTAL \$5,128,272.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN wanted the record to note that she turned her seat over to Mr. Boccuzzi. President Goldstein left the Floor and did not vote on the Board of Education Budget due to a possible conflict of interest.

MR. CARDILLO wanted the record to note that he left the Floor and did not vote on the Board of Education Budget in order to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

MR. WHITE stated that he was not leaving the Floor but would abstain on voting on the Board of Education Budget.

PAGE 138 - 810 BOARD OF EDUCATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$1,100,000 reduction on line .7110 Board of Education leaving \$98,879,952 as the bottom line total.

MR. HOGAN Moved to reduce the Board of Education Budget by \$2 million. Seconded.

Mr. Hogan stated that each year, departments submit budgets that are purported to be "bare bone" budgets needed to operate their departments and the predictions following any reductions to their budgets. Mr. Hogan said that each year, through the budget process, the departments are finally allocated less than the amount requested through reductions by the Mayor, the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives, but somehow, the departments seem to manage through the year. Mr. Hogan stated that some department come back to the Boards for additional appropriations and some make attempts to get through the year on the original appropriations.

Mr. Hogan stated that in his time on the Board, he could not recall any time when the Board of Education has come in for a supplement to the original appropriation. Mr. Hogan said that after the budget process is completed, we never see the education people again until the next budget year starts.

Mr. Hogan said that last year, he heard predictions of massive teacher layoffs if the Board dared to cut the Board of Ed budget. Mr. Hogan said there were a number of positions eliminated but no layoffs. Mr. Hogan stated that this year he again heard the same story. Mr. Hogan said that this evening, he heard these are "tough times, belt-tightening times, bite the bullets," etc. Mr. Hogan said these cliches aptly describe what has happened with the entire budget and that as long as each department is "biting the bullet" that the Board of Education should not be exempt. Mr. Hogan stated that we are talking about the taxpayers of the city and spending their monies in a very, very tight budget year.

Mr. Hogan stated that he was in favor of reducing the Board of Education budget.

MR. ESPOSITO said the current budget of the Board of Ed is a reflection of excellent educational programing as well as the upcoming school reorganization. Mr. Esposito stated that the \$1,100,000 cut proposed by the Fiscal Committee will probably impact on the school budget in the areas of insurance, transportation and food service accounts as well as not filling vacant positions, secretarial and other support staff.

MR. ESPOSITO said the proposed cut affects the system but will probably not directly affect the teaching and learning process. Mr. Esposito stated that he was concerned that a cut much larger than the \$1,100,000 proposed by the Fiscal Committee will directly affect current educational programming and staff, thereby reducing the quality of Stamford's educational offering. Mr. Esposito said the budget is responsible and does not include any new programs; however, it does include the best ratio of supervisors to staff of any city Department or Board, that is, one supervisor for each 26 staff and does include support for the wide variety of learning abilities and disabilities that children possess. Mr. Esposito said that as a taxpayer, a parent and former educator, he believed that education must be one of the highest priorities. Mr. Esposito said to slash the budget by \$10 million as the Administration challenged would be totally irresponsible. Mr. Esposito said the children are the future and deserve the best educational opportunities, and he urged the Board to keep the cut as close to the \$1 million mark as possible.

MR. LYONS said the Board of Education does not enjoy the luxury of coming back to the Board for a special appropriation. He said whatever funding is requested, they must live with and the Board of Education should not be punished because actions were taken over the past three years to eliminate positions, to streamline the payroll and to take actions that make their budget more effective. Mr. Lyons stated that Mr. Hogan talks about "biting the bullet;" approximately \$500,000 has been reduced from the government's operations and a \$1.1 million is being taken out of the Board of Education; that was "biting the bullet." Mr. Lyons said the \$900,000 that is thrown around will translate into reductions of programs and services to those who can least afford to have them. Mr. Lyons urged his colleagues to support the Fiscal Committee's recommendation of \$1.1 million.

MR. DeLUCA stated that he has heard the same comments made when previous cuts were made but students prospered and their education was not deterred. Mr. DeLuca said he found it difficult to accept that any cut over \$1.1 million would be detrimental to the educational process; that classrooms sizes will increase to 30/33 pupils. Mr. DeLuca stated that many of the people present have been through classes having 30/33 pupils and many went on to become professionals and trades people. Mr. DeLuca said the Board of Education should be complimented that they do not come in for additional appropriations. He said that even with the additional \$900,000 cut, we will still have the best educational system in the state and northeast. He said Mr. Hogan's motion is not outrageous and urged members to vote for the \$2 million cut.

MRS. BROMLEY said she would not support a greater cut than recommended by the Committee. Mrs. Bromley said she wanted to comment on some of the remarks made by Mr. Hogan. She said the purpose of the budget and the work of the Board was to get as close to the mark as possible; not to cut more than the department can take and watch them try to live within it. Mrs. Bromley said the budget was to get as close to the mark of balancing the needs of the citizens and the citizens paying on the other hand.

Mrs. Bromley said in the class sizes of 30/33, victories were easy to see and the defeats were also easy to see. She said a stage has been reached in education evolution and the time is where problems are uncovered and dealt with by the schools and there will be more successes because a child is learning despite a disability. Mrs. Bromley urged the members to go into the schools. She said the schools are different from when she went to school. Mrs. Bromley said there are many different kinds of homes; from the top to the bottom of the income scale; drug problem from the top to the bottom of the income scale.

MRS. BROMLEY said she was even sorry to support the Committee's cut, but she said she could live with that.

MR. OWENS Moved the question. Seconded.

ACTING CHAIR BOCCUZZI called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

ACTING CHAIR BOCCUZZI proceeded to a vote on Mr. Hogan's motion to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$2 million. DEFEATED by a vote of 26 no and seven yes votes with two abstentions.

POINT OF ORDER - MR. MARTIN stated it was appropriate for the Acting Chair to vote from the President's location and the Clerk will appropriately record the change on the voting sheet.

The Fiscal Committee's recommended reduction of \$1,100,000 is approved - bottom line for the Board of Education reads \$98,879,952.

PAGE 142 - 820 BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,000,000.

PAGE 143 - 840 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$60,290.

PAGE 143 - SECTION TOTAL \$99,940,242.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN resumed the Chair.

PAGE 174 - 900 DEBT SERVICE - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$25,876,989.

MRS. MAIHOCK referred to line .8130 State loan principal. She said she was not aware the City was under a loan to the State.

MR. LYONS said the City has loans from the State for sewer and bridge construction at a 2% or 3% interest rate. He said they are low interest loans which are a portion of the project that the State lends to the City.

PAGE 174 - SECTION TOTAL \$25,876,989.

PAGE 176 - TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$249,409,518 (TOTAL REDUCTIONS MADE IN THE OPERATING BUDGET \$1,729,800)

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991/92:

PAGE 1 - 111 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD -0-

PAGE 2 - 112 SEWER COMMISSION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,815,600.

PAGE 4 - 201 MAYOR'S OFFICE -0-

PAGE 5 - 280 TRAFFIC & PARKING - The Fiscal Committee recommended a \$30,000 reduction on 280-6 guide signs phase 1 leaving zero in the account. Also recommended was a \$30,000 reduction on 280-5 replace signal truck leaving \$60,200 in the account.

MRS. MAIHOCK referred to 280 street sign program. She asked if it would be prudent to reduce this item since a reduction was made to the guide signs? Mrs. Maihock stated the request was for \$25,000 leaving zero in the account.

MR. LYONS said these two accounts were completely different. He said in the guide sign program, there is no definite location as to where the signs will be installed and the cost of the signs could be from \$30,000 to \$60,000 for a sign. Mr. Lyons said the funds in the street sign program are used for the signs that have the names of the city streets and for replacement of the signs if damaged, etc.

Bottom line for 280 Traffic and Parking reads \$1,465,200.

PAGE 10 - 310 PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAYS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,400,000.

PAGE 12 - 320 PUBLIC WORKS BLDGS/GROUNDS - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to reduce \$285,000 from 320 vehicle wash stand leaving zero in the account. Seconded.

Mr. Zelinsky stated that with the economic situation he did not think that we need a building to wash vehicles.

MR. LYONS said the building would be used to wash rubbish and garbage collection vehicles and other large vehicles used by the city. Mr. Lyons said that presently, there are no facilities to wash the vehicles. He said the vehicles are washed outside. Mr. Lyons said the city would be better off with the project and hoped that the funds will not be deleted.

MRS. NAKIAN stated that the Planning Board did not recommend approval of the item; the Planning Board deferred this item to 1992/93.

MRS. McGRATH stated that to spend \$285,000 to wash trucks at this time is ridiculous.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote to delete \$285,000 from 320 vehicle wash stand. APPROVED by a vote of 29 yes and five no votes leaving zero in the account.

MR. BLUM questioned the \$35,000 for transfer switch/emergency. He said the funding is to replace transfer switch on emergency generator at vehicle maintenance complex.

MR. LYONS said the generator is used to power the entire facility if power is out, and the switch needs replacing.

MRS. MAIHOCK questioned 320 Health Department building renovation in the amount of \$25,000. She wanted to know who used the building and was it necessary to do the renovations at this time?

MR. LYONS said the building is occupied by the Police Department and the restrooms are in desperate need of refurbishing.

MR. RUBINO Moved to cut \$750,000 on line 320-93 storage building leaving zero in the account. Seconded.

MR. LYONS said he agreed with Mr. Rubino as the item is active on the scheduled agenda.

MR. RUBINO stated that there is a need for the storage facility but in these lean economic times, he felt that we should first look at the possibility of leasing already existing storage space that probably could be leased at a reasonable price. Mr. Rubino stated it was voted down as an additional appropriation and hoped that it would be defeated now.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to cut \$750,000 from line 320-93 storage building leaving zero in the account. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting vote.

MRS. MAIHOCK said she would like to reduce line .320 kitchen remodeling by \$20,000. She said this was for new kitchen equipment at the 19th Hole at Brennan Golf Course. Mrs. Maihock stated that this amount would improve the kitchen to a degree where it would be much more efficient.

MR. LYONS said the repairs were a contractual requirement in the lease with the landlord and the city and the city would be in violation if repairs were not made.

MRS. BROMLEY asked if the lease requirement was for this year and said the Planning Board did not recommend this for this year.

MR. LYONS said the lease requirement was for this year.

The bottom line for 320 Public Works Building and Grounds reads \$235,000.

PAGE 14 - 330 PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$275,000.

PAGE 18 - 341 PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,040,000.

PAGE 19 - 343 PUBLIC WORKS INCINERATOR - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$122,000.

PAGE 20 - 344 PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION COMPOSTING - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$612,000

PAGE 21 - 346 PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION MAINT. - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,644,020.

PAGE 24 - 350 PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION REFUSE PACKER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$118,275.

PAGE 25 - 410 POLICE DEPARTMENT -0-

PAGE 26 - 450 STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$260,000.

PAGE 27 - 472 NEW HOPE FIRE CO. - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$25,000.

PAGE 28 - 473 LONG RIDGE FIRE CO. -0-

PAGE 29 - 474 TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPT. - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$60,000.

PAGE 30 - 520 SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$250,000.

PAGE 33 - 530 SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE -0-

PAGE 34 - 610 PARKS & RECREATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$673,000.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to reduce line 610-462 trees and shrubs by cutting the entire amount of \$25,000 leaving zero. He said that for a year, we can forego the planting of trees and shrubs. The motion did not receive a Second.

MRS. MAIHOCK referred to 610-234 Cove Mansion renovation. She said that the project seemed to be a long-term project and wondered if the project could be postponed for this year?

MR. LYONS said the building is an absolute gorgeous building, a jewel of the city and is going to rot and ruin and needs painting and repairs to the exterior. Mr. Lyons said the \$38,000 will help prevent further deterioration and will make the salvation of the building easier. Mr. Lyons was not in favor of deleting this item.

PAGE 40 - 670 E. GAYNOR BRENNAN MGC - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$15,000.

MRS. MAIHOCK referred to 670 cart paths \$15,000, "Install new paths so more playing time can be utilized. Increased play will increase revenues. Also more asphalt paths will increase safety and longevity of turf." Mrs. Maihock said they seemed to have gotten along without the project for a while and she wondered if the project was really urgent.

MR. LYONS said that play can be speeded up, more people can play and the fairways are preserved by using asphalt where they can so people don't drive on the fairways. Mr. Lyons said the \$15,000 will be well-spent and should be approved.

MR. BLUM Moved to cut the \$15,000. There was no Second to the motion.

PAGE 41 - 710 FERGUSON LIBRARY -0-

PAGE 43 - 720 STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$40,000.

PAGE 46 - 810 BOARD OF EDUCATION - The Fiscal Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$6,894,252.

PAGE 50 - GRAND TOTAL ON CAPITAL BUDGET \$16,944,347. (TOTAL CUTS MADE IN CAPITAL BUDGET \$1,095,000)

MR. LYONS read the resolution approving the Operating Budget in the amount of \$249,409,518 and Capital Budget in the amount of \$16,944,347 - total budget of \$266,353,865 for fiscal year July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. A copy of the resolution is attached to these Minutes.

Mr. Lyons said the Fiscal Committee approved a letter to be transmitted to the President of the Board of Representative. He said the letter outlines various concerns articulated in the letter. Mr. Lyons Moved for approval of the resolution and the letter. The motion was Seconded.

MR. DeLUCA asked what the tax increase will be with the approval of the budget?

MR. LYONS stated that as of now with no changes, the budget would reflect approximately a 5% increase for the taxpayers. Mr. Lyons said that other considerations must be taken such as the contingency fund which is the responsibility of the Board of Finance.

MR. DeLUCA stated that with the setting of the contingency fund, it could possibly bring the tax increase to 7%. Mr. DeLuca said based on that with the inflation rate being 3% to 4%, he could not vote to approve the resolution.

MR. ZELINSKY said the motion made by Chairman Lyons was not only to approve the Operating and Capital Budget but also to approve the letter dated May 7, from the Committee. Mr. Zelinsky asked if two separate votes could be taken as he wanted to vote on the budget but he had concerns regarding labor negotiations and binding arbitration mentioned in the letter.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN said that two separate votes will be taken.

MR. BLUM stated that negotiations with the Mayor should continue until June 30, to try to save some of the jobs that are being eliminated.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that in the critical financial conditions that exist in the city, state and national area, she felt that we certainly should have had a much lower tax increase, and the efforts of the Mayor, the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives, just was not enough to really do a credible job on the budget. She said she was sorry about it but was grateful that the Capital Projects budget was reduced considerably.

Mrs. Maihock said she agreed with the President that the budget book was the most complicated book ever. She said that she hoped the next books will have more clarifications and will be easier to follow. She said this year's book was the only book that members experienced confusion and had problems with.

MR. HOGAN Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

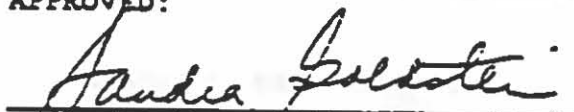
PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN proceeded to a vote on the resolution adopting the Operating and Capital Budgets totalling \$266,353,865 for fiscal year 1991/92. APPROVED by a vote of 33 yes and four no votes.

MR. LYONS Moved for the transmittal of the letter approved by the Fiscal Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT GOLDSTEIN called for a vote on the transmittal of the letter as submitted by the Fiscal Committee. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mr. Zelinsky and Mrs. Domonkos and one abstention, Mr. Owens.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion duly made and Seconded, and Approved by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



Sandra Goldstein, President
21st Board of Representatives
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Enclosures



Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary
21st Board of Representatives