

MINUTES OF ORGAZNIZATIONAL MEETING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1991

22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

(TERM: 12/1/91 - 11/30/93)

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

In compliance with Section C3-10-11 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, an Organizational Meeting of the newly-elected 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, December 2, 1991, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:07 by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito.

INVOCATION was given by the Rev. Floyd Franklin, Pastor, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 127 Selleck Street, Stamford, CT 06902.

"Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the Father of us all. Unto Thee and whom we move and have our continued beings, we have come tonight to ask You to bless this Board of Representatives; I pray as the new year is approaching that Thou wouldst give us wisdom, knowledge and understanding that we might have a better city here in Stamford in which to live. We ask You, oh God, to look down upon us, those drug addicts and Thou wouldst ever take in Your hand, the AIDS problem that we might have a better place in which to live. God bless each and everyone here tonight; shower Thy blessings upon them and keep them under the shadow of Thy wing and then, Father God, when it is all over, then we shall go down to the ripples of the Jordan and put off our fighting equipment to study war no more as somewhere in Thy kingdom we shall praise Thy name forever throughout the ages of eternity. We ask these blessings in Your Son's Jesus' name. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito.

ROLL CALL was taken by Administrative Assistant Anne A. Kachaluba. All 40 members were present.

PRESENT

Judith Evanko (D)  
Maria Nakian (D)  
Thomas Pia (R)  
Bobby Owens (D)  
Ralph Loglisci (R)  
Richard Lyons (D)  
Gregory LaDestro (R)  
Gerald Rybnick (D)  
Frank Mollo (D)  
Joseph Lovallo (R)  
Audrey Maihock (R)  
David Martin (D)  
Robert DeLuca (R)  
Joseph Gergle (D)  
Philip Stork (R)  
William Belcher (R)  
James Rubino (R)  
Ellen Mellis (D)  
W. Dennis White (D)  
Annie Summerville (D)

PRESENT

Carmen Domonkos (D)  
Gloria DePina (D)  
Garry Clemmons (D)  
Maggie Laurie (R)  
Mildred Perillo (D)  
Nicholas Pavia (R)  
Elaine Mitchell (D)  
Donald Sherer (R)  
Scott Morris (D)  
John Hogan (D)  
John Zelinsky (D)  
Ellen Bromley (D)  
Michael Larobina (D)  
Joan Rinaldi (R)  
John Leydon (D)  
Kurt Jetta (R)  
Mary Lou Rinaldi (D)  
Fred Johnson (R)  
John Boccuzzi (D)  
William Kosbob (D)

A quorum was present.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO asked that the members of the Board rise and raise their right hands so that he might administer the Oath of Office. "You, members of the Stamford Board of Representatives, having been chosen to be members of the Stamford Representatives on the 22nd Board of the City of Stamford, do solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to law, so help you God?" "I do" was the reply by the members.

The Mayor congratulated the members of the 22nd Board of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TELLERS

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO appointed Joan Rinaldi and Garry Clemmons as Temporary Tellers.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO entertained a Motion for a Temporary Chairperson.

MR. LYONS Moved that John Boccuzzi be Temporary Chairperson. The Motion was Seconded.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO called for a vote to approve Mr. Boccuzzi as Temporary Chairperson. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON BOCCUZZI entertained a Motion to elect a Temporary Clerk.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved to nominate Ellen Bromley as Temporary Clerk. The Motion was Seconded.

TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON BOCCUZZI called for a vote to approve Mrs. Bromley as Temporary Clerk. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

TEMPORARY CLERK BROMLEY took the Clerk's position.

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. MARTIN Moved to adopt the Rules of Order of the 21st Board. The Motion was Seconded.

Mr. Martin Moved to amend the Rules under Section VII. AMENDMENTS to read as follows: "These rules shall not be amended except by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a meeting in which the notice of said meeting includes the text of the amendment. However, these rules may be amended by a majority of the full Board at the first regular or special meeting after the organizational meeting." The underscored text is the amendment. Mr. Martin's Motion was Seconded.

Mr. Martin said that with the many issues that surround the city during the time of transition, it is difficult for the members to comprehend the Rules. He said the amendment gives members an opportunity to study the Rule changes and to make them in an orderly and thoughtful pattern.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN BOCCUZZI said the amendment extends the time to make changes in the Rules to the next regular meeting.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN BOCCUZZI called for a vote to approve Mr. Martin's amendment. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN BOCCUZZI call for a vote to approve the Rules as amended. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE 22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. WHITE placed in nomination the name of Richard Lyons, his colleague and confrere for the President of the 22nd Board of Representatives. Mr. White's Motion was Seconded.

MR. RYBNICK Moved to close nominations. Seconded.

TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON BOCCUZZI called for a vote to close nominations. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON BOCCUZZI called for a vote to approve Richard Lyons as President of the 22nd Board. APPROVED by voice vote; Mildred Perillo abstained on the vote for President.

MR. LYONS assumed the Chair of the President of the 22nd Board of Representatives.

PRESIDENT LYONS thanked all the members of the Board for their support. He also thanked Mayor Esposito for presiding over the Board and for the goodwill the Mayor extended to him.

President Lyons extended an invitation to the Mayor to speak to the Board.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO again congratulated all the members and he thanked the Board for letting him have the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Esposito said that yesterday, he said that his Administration would be a new beginning and that he would build an Administration of openness, cooperation and concern for all the taxpayers. Mayor Esposito extended an invitation to the Board members to join him in his quest. He said that the Mayor and the Board must work together as the future of the city is an extricable link to the ability to cooperate. He said that personal interest or a war of egos will not help the people who elected him and the members. Mayor Esposito said that there is no room for any of that in Stamford politics or Stamford government.

Mayor Esposito said that his Administration will not be defined by traditional boundaries; republican or democrat; labor or management; political ally or political foe, but by the line that separates those who want to help the City of Stamford and those who do not. The Mayor said that he will count on those that want to help the City and will count out those that do not want to help.

Mayor Esposito promised that he will be open, accessible and willing to work with the Board of Representatives; he said the Board was the representatives of the people and together, the people will be served well.

Mayor Esposito stated that over the next two years, new responsibilities will have to be shouldered and that we must bare new financial burdens and find creative solutions to complex problems unlike those dealt with in other Administrations. Mayor Esposito said that he was confident that the members will rise to the occasion and will do the job that they were elected to do.

MAYOR STANLEY J. ESPOSITO (continuing) said that over the past few months, he spoke about the mounting budget deficit which will be inherited. The Mayor stated that at that time, the deficit projection was belittled by some who should have known better as a projection of "gloom and doom;" but now, that has moved from the "gloom and doom" to the financial edge.

Mayor Esposito said that he has meet with the members of the previous Administration and during the discussions, he received a clearer picture of the city's financial condition and he stated that the picture is not a pretty one. The Mayor said that the new Administration is inheriting a deficit of at least \$7 million with a possibility of running past that figure. The Mayor said that during his campaign, he said that "we won't spend what do don't have" and this was one promise that he intended to fulfill.

The Mayor stated that dealing with the fiscal crisis, requires that the city be governed with both eyes fixed firmly on the bottom line and the bottom line at present is awashed with red ink. He said that the top priority must be to turn the red ink into black; he said that thinking must guide all actions from labor negotiations to budget reviews to prioritizing the initiatives intended to be pursued.

The Mayor said that he had some plans in mind regarding the deficit; some providing short-term relief and others which will take more time to achieve. He said that shortly he would be talking to many of the members, seeking openness and enlisting aid and support. He said that he planned to meet immediately with city department heads asking them to prepare budget scenarios outlining implications of a 10% and 20% reduction in the non-personnel operating expenses, and making sure that city hall runs as efficiently as possible. The Mayor stated that he will do his part and was asking that everyone in city government do likewise.

The Mayor said that he and the elected officials are the representatives of the people and must keep the well-being of the people at heart and the interest of taxpayers in mind. The Mayor said that for six years, he worked among the members of the Board and he believed in the legislative process and believed in the legislators. He said that if everyone works together, that the challenges that lie ahead will be met. He asked that a new beginning be started together and thanked everyone for the opportunity given to him to speak before the Board.

PRESIDENT LYONS appointed two permanent Tellers: Joan Rinaldi and Garry Clemmons; the alternate Tellers appointed were Kurt Jetta and Judith Evanko.

#### ELECTION OF A CLERK FOR THE 22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT LYONS entertained a Motion for Clerk of the Board.

MS. EVANKO nominated Annie M. Summerville for Clerk of the Board. The Motion was Moved and Seconded by many.

MR. RYBNICK Moved that nominations be closed. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote that nominations be closed. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approved Annie M. Summerville for Clerk of the Board. APPROVED by voice vote with Mrs. Perillo abstaining on the vote.

MS. SUMMERVILLE took the Clerk's position on the Board.



PRESIDENT LYONS said that nominations were in order to elect a Deputy Acting Mayor.

MR. BOCCUZZI nominated Gerry Rybnick. Mr. Boccuzzi said that it was an honor to nominate Gerry, father of the Board of Representatives and a good "new" friend. The nomination was Seconded by many.

MR. HOGAN Moved that nominations be closed. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to close nominations. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve Mr. Rybnick as Deputy Acting Mayor. APPROVED unanimously.

PRESIDENT LYONS announced the names of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Board elected by their Caucuses: Democratic Caucus elected John Boccuzzi as Majority Leader; Deputy Majority Leader is David Martin; for the Republican Caucus, Minority Leader is James Rubino; Assistant Minority Leaders are Nicholas Pavia and Philip Stork.

MRS. PERILLO wanted the record to note that she abstained on the names of John Boccuzzi and David Martin.

PRESIDENT LYONS stated that no vote on the Floor of the Board was required.

PRESIDENT LYONS appointed Mr. Hogan as Parliamentarian.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE 22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT LYONS announced the names of the members to serve on the Committees. A copy of the list is attached to these Minutes. Also listed are the Special Committees.

PRESIDENT LYONS announced that pursuant to the recently approved ordinance in regards to the Coliseum Authority, David Martin is the representative designated to serve on the Coliseum Authority.

PRESIDENT LYONS once again thanked all the members for their support and assured all the members that he will make every effort to show their efforts were warranted.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT LYONS Moved for adjournment of the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after the motion to adjourn had been Seconded and Approved.

*Anne A. Kachaluba*

Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant  
and Recording Secretary  
22nd Board of Representatives

APPROVED:

*Richard L. Lyons*

Richard L. Lyons, President  
22nd Board of Representatives

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Enclosures

SEAT NO.	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REPRESENTATIVE	DIST.	NO.	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REPRESENTATIVE	DIST.
1.	✓				EVANKO, JUDITH	D-6	21.	✓				DePINA, GLORIA	D-5
2.	✓				NAKIAN, MARIA	D-20	22.	✓				DOMONKOS, CARMEN	D-18
3.	✓				PIA, THOMAS	R-7	23.	✓				CLEMMONS, GARRY	D-3
4.	✓				OWENS, BOBBY	D-3	24.	✓				LAURIE, MARGGIE	R-8
5.	✓				LOGLISCI, RALPH	R-14	25.	✓				PERILLO, MILDRED	D-9
6.	✓				LYONS, RICHARD	D-1	26.	✓				PAVIA, NICHOLAS	R-10
7.	✓				LaDESTRO, GREGORY	R-17	27.	✓				MITCHELL, ELAINE	D-2
8.	✓				RYBNICK, GERALD	D-4	28.	✓				SHERER, DONALD	R-18
9.	✓				MOLLO, FRANK	D-9	29.	✓				MORRIS, SCOTT	D-17
10.	✓				LOVALLO, JOSEPH	R-15	30.	✓				HOGAN, JOHN J.	D-12
11.	✓				MATHOCK, AUDREY	R-19	31.	✓				ZELINSKY, JOHN	D-11
12.	✓				MARTIN, DAVID	D-19	32.	✓				BROMLEY, ELLEN	D-20
13.	✓				DeLUCA, ROBERT	R-14	33.	✓				LAROBINA, MICHAEL	D-16
14.	✓				GERGLE, JOSEPH	D-11	34.	✓				RINALDI, JOAN K.	R-8
15.	✓				STORK, PHILIP	R-15	35.	✓				LEYDON, JOHN F.	D-12
16.	✓				BELCHER, WILLIAM	R-13	36.	✓				JETTA, KURT A.	R-4
17.	✓				RUBINO, JAMES	R-7	37.	✓				RINALDI, MARY LOU	D-5
18.	✓				MELLIS, ELLEN	D-13	38.	✓				JOHNSON, FRED	
19.	✓				WHITE, W. DENNIS	D-1	39.	✓				BOCCUZZI, JOHN J.	D-2
20.	✓				SUMMERVILLE, ANNIE	D-6	40.	✓				KOSBOB, WILLIAM R.	D-16

SUBJECT OF VOTE: Attendance of 22nd Board of Representatives Organizational Meeting • Date: Dec. 2, 1991.

TALLY:            YES 40 PRESENT

           NO            ABSENT

           ABSTAIN