

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1993

22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The regular monthly meeting of the 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, January 4, 1993, at 8:00 in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by President Richard L. Lyons after both parties met in caucus.

INVOCATION: Rev. Father Richard Adofoli
Ghana, West Africa, visiting at
St. Catherine of Siena Church, Riverside, CT

"Let us pray. God, our Father, Creator and love of the universe. You empower leaders from each community to tell people to rule, to guide and plan for the welfare of the people. We are gathered in Your name this evening as leaders of the City of Stamford and representatives of various communities.

"As this year begins, we want to thank You for the blessings we have received from You for the past year and wish for You to guide, to protect and inspire the blessed efforts and the work affiliated with the entire City of Stamford. Give Your wisdom and spirit to design what will promote peace, progress, comfort, love, equality of all people, commitment to duty and welfare of the citizens. Bless this meeting and may it bear fruitful results. Bless all the activities of this year, 1993. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Richard L. Lyons.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville.

There were 36 members present and four absent. Absent were Joseph Gergle (excused), Judith Evanko, Garry Clemmons and Gloria DePina (excused).

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE was taken by President Richard L. Lyons; the machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late LUCILLE JONES requested by the 22nd Board of Representatives.
"Lucille Jones was the mother of our Representative Gloria DePina. Our sincerest sympathy and condolences to Gloria and the family."

For the late JAMES SANTANGELO requested by Representative Mildred Perillo, 9th District. "Mr. Santangelo was the husband of Grace Santangelo. My sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Santangelo and the family."

For the late CARMELA LaBRACIANO requested by Representative Mildred Perillo, 9th District. "Mrs. LaBraciano was the wife of Gus LaBraciano. My sincerest sympathy to Mr. LaBraciano and the family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late LOUIS L. LOGLISCI requested by Representative Ralph F. Loglisci, 14th District. "Mr. Loglisci was a resident of Stamford since 1910. He worked for Conde Nast Publications and then for the family business in Stamford first known as Lucy's Diner and later as JR's Restaurant. Mr. Loglisci is survived by his wife, Lucy Sacco Loglisci; three sons, Ralph Loglisci, John Loglisci, and Anthony Loglisci; a daughter, Annette Cortese; a brother, Frank Loglisci; three sisters, Mary Ladestro, Mamie Grande and Rose Turcio; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. My sincerest sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Loglisci and family."

For the late CARLOS ROBERTO ARROYO requested by Representative Ralph F. Loglisci, 14th District. "Mr. Arroyo was the son of Carlos Arroyo and Mariana Andrade. In 1992, he graduated from Curry College in Boston. He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Maria Augusta Arroyo and Maria Fernanda Arroyo; a maternal grandmother, Zoila Andrade; and his paternal grandparents, Manuel and Beatriz Arroyo. My deepest sympathy is extended to his parents and family."

For the late JOHN C. LOESER requested by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. "Mr. Loeser was a constituent in my district. He was an author, a public relations man, journalist and a writer for the Hartford Courant. He recently celebrated 51 years of marriage. He is survived by his wife, June E. Loeser, one daughter and one son, John, who ran for State Representative last year. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family."

For the late DR. LYNN MERRITT LOWDEN requested by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. Mr. Lowden was the son of Elmer W. and Edna Lowden of Stamford. Mr. Lowden was a former city representative from the 1st District. My deepest sympathy to his wife, son, daughter and parents."

For the late THOMAS S. GRIFFIN, SR., requested by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. Mr. Griffin was a retired realtor. He is survived by his wife, two sons, four grandchildren, three sisters and a stepbrother. My deepest sympathy is extended to Thomas Griffin of Darien, a classmate of mine and to Mrs. Griffin and family.

For the late FRANK S. CORBINO requested by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 11th District. Mr. Corbino was an insurance broker and lifelong Greenwich resident. He is survived by his father, his wife, Barbara Chila Corbino of Greenwich, a son, a daughter and two sisters. My deepest sympathy to his wife, father and family."

For the late MRS. ABRAHAM WOFSEY requested by Representative Donald Sherer, 18th District. "Mrs. Wofsey was the wife of the late Judge Abraham Wofsey. She was a 104 years old. Sincerest sympathy is extended to her family."

For the late JOSEPHINE VARESE requested by Representative Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., 9th District and Representative Nicholas Pavia, 10th District. "Sincerest sympathy is extended to her nephew, William Varese."

For the late LOUIS V. CACCIOTTI, SR. requested by Representative Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., 9th District and Nicholas Pavia, 10th District. "Sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife, Philomena and two sons, Louis, Jr. and Paul."

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairman Richard L. Lyons

REPORT. Waived.

MR. BOCCUZZI Moved to waive the reading of the Steering Committee report.
Seconded. Approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The Steering Committee met on Wednesday, December 9, 1992, in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard L. Lyons at 7:45 p.m. who declared a quorum.

Present at the meeting:

Richard Lyons, Chairman	W. Dennis White	Bobby Owens
John J. Boccuzzi	Annie Summerville	Ellen Mellis
Scott Morris	Robert DeLuca	David Martin
John J. Hogan	Elaine Mitchell	Mary Lou Rinaldi
Audrey Maihock	Maria Nakian	John Roman, WSTC
John Zelinsky, Jr.	Carmen Domonkos	Larry Hartstein, Advocate
		Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the five names appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and the four names appearing on the Addenda.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were 14 of the 15 items on the Tentative Steering Agenda and the two items from the Addenda. The item for \$145,460 retro pay for Educational Assistants contract settlement was taken off the Agenda; already paid by Board of Education.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were three of the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda; the item re back taxes on property at 64 Webbs Hill Road was taken off the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered on the Agenda was one item from the Pending Agenda.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the four items on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one from the Addenda.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item from the Addenda. Ordered on the Pending Agenda was one item from the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item from the Addenda. Ordered off the Agenda was the item re status report on all sport programs.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and after Suspension of Rules approved, added to the Agenda was a Report on public hearing on Community Development Year 19 Proposals.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, Seconded and Approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Richard L. Lyons, Chairman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ellen Bromley & Annie Summerville, Co-Chairwomen

MRS. BROMLEY said that the Committee met on Tuesday, December 29, 1992 at 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Bromley did not give the attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. Bromley placed items 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 on the Consent Agenda; on the Committee vote, Mr. Leydon and Mrs. Bromley abstained on items 2 and 3.

E. GAYNOR BRENNAN GOLF COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

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| 1. <u>MR. CONSTANTINE BRANDI</u> (R) | Replacing William Carlucci | 12/1/93 |
| 67 Noble Street | whose term expired. | |

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

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| 2. <u>MR. ERIC WORMSER</u> (D)
66 Doral Farm Road | Replacing Charles Lee
who resigned. | 8/7/97 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH TWO ABSTENTION. MR. LEYDON AND MRS. BROMLEY.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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| 3. <u>MS. SUSAN STRATTON</u> (R)
257 Erskine Road | Replacing Glenn Fuller
who resigned. | 8/7/96 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS. MR. LEYDON AND MRS. BROMLEY.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

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| 4. <u>MS. CYNTHIA BITTON</u> (R)
57 Westview Lane | Replacing John Zimmerman
who resigned. | 12/1/95 |
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

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| 5. <u>MR. WILLIAM MORRIS</u> (D)
55 Big Oak Lane | Reappointment. | 12/1/93 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

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| 6. <u>MS. DIANE E. MARTIN-TRYHANE</u> (R)
37 Glenbrook Road | Replacing Edwin Greenberg
whose term expired. | 12/1/94 |
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COMMISSION ON AGING

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| 7. <u>MS. PAULINE TUKES</u> (R)
25 Vista Street | Replacing W. Rosenfield
whose term expired. | 12/1/95 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

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| 8. <u>MR. JOSEPH J. VITTI</u> (R)
55 Waterbury Avenue | Replacing Otto Calder
whose term expired. | 12/1/94 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

THE GREATER FAIRFIELD TOURISM DISTRICT

9. MS. SANDRA GOLDSTEIN (D)
81 Rolling Wood Drive

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MRS. BROMLEY Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Mrs. Bromley and Mr. Leydon abstaining on items 2 and 3.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos & Mary Lou Rinaldi, Co-Chairwomen

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, December 23, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Carmen Domonkos, Ralph Loglisci, John Hogan, John Leydon, Gerald Rybnick, and Maria Nakian; also Reps. Joseph Gergle, Ellen Mellis, Elaine Mitchell, John Zelinsky, Jr., Marggie Laurie, Scott Morris and Ronald Sabia; Jeannette Phillips, Sandra Dennies, Patrick O'Connor; William Macklin, Marie Hawe from CTE; Norman Liu, Public Works; Robert Skovgaard, J. Vaughn, A. Romano, C. Hayes, Earl Cecire and other SEMS staff and volunteers. Also, the Committee met this evening at 6:45 to vote on the items as no votes were taken at the December 23 meeting. Present were Kurt Jetta, Ralph Loglisci, Mary Lou Rinaldi, Carmen Domonkos, William Kosbob, Gerald Rybnick, John Leydon and Maria Nakian.

Mrs. Domonkos placed items 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the Secondary Committee report.

1. \$1,100,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992/93 FOR PROJECT CODE 330.215 WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE (11E5) - additional appropriation for rehabilitation of the bridge. To be funded by \$832,810 City bonds and \$267,190 state grant. Also, adoption of resolution concerning funding as stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/28/92. Contingent upon Planning Board and Board of Finance approval. Held in Committee 12/1/92.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. \$1,825,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992/93 FOR PROJECT CODE 320.147 CTE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - additional appropriation for renovations to South End Community Center. To be funded by grant. Also, adoption of resolution concerning funding as stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/21/92. Planning Board approved 10/13/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92. Held in Committee 12/1/92.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. MR. MORRIS.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. \$ 18,810.25 - ETHICS BOARD - CODE 134.5110 ETHICS BOARD - additional appropriation needed to pay attorney's fees through June 30, 1992 for Police Chief George Mayer in 911 investigation pursuant to employment contract. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/2/92. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Held in Committee 12/1/92.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

4. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF INCOME MAINTENANCE FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT AN EMPLOYABILITY PLAN FOR RECIPIENTS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE. City is eligible to receive up to \$215,400. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/8/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. MR. MORRIS.

5. \$ 215,400.00 - SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CODE 510.5501 CONTRACTED SERVICES - additional appropriation to cover funds available from state to be used for activities to promote employability of recipients of general assistance. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

6. \$ 7,350.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 561 - PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOL HEALTH - additional appropriation necessary due to budget reduction of car allowance reimbursement for housing code inspectors. This appropriation is 80% reimbursable by the State. For three hygienists \$5,700 and three nurses \$5,700. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted six to two to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve item 6. APPROVED by voice vote with 34 yes votes and two no votes, Mr. Jetta and Mr. Kosbob.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

7. \$ 18,448.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - 554 VD CLINIC/STD GRANT - CODE 554.1130 PART-TIME - additional appropriation to pay for part-time nurse to work in STD/women's clinic. State approved grant of \$31,400; city appropriated \$12,952; this additional brings line item budget that has been approved by the state to the city. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

8. \$ 1,597.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT 559 TB CONTROL GRANT - CODE 559.1330 MEDICAL & LIFE - additional appropriation to cover medical benefits for a nurse. State grant is \$51,500; city appropriated \$49,903; this additional brings line item budget that has been approved by the state to the city. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

9. \$ 28,525.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - 92-557 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH GRANT - CODE 557.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation will pay for salaries of an outreach worker and clerk typist. State granted \$111,452; city appropriated \$82,927; this additional brings line item budget that has been approved by the state to the city. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

10. \$ 17,600.00 - PARKS AND RECREATION - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR PROJECT CODE 650.176 KWESKIN THEATER RENOVATION - emergency additional appropriation to install fire pump at theater to supply fire sprinkler system in compliance with codes. To be funded by \$10,000 grant contributed by Mr. Sydney Kweskin and \$7,600 from taxation. Also, adoption of resolution concerning funding as stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Planning Board approved 12/8/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

11. \$ 80,000.00 - PARKS AND RECREATION - CODE 620 VARIOUS TERRY CONNERS RINK additional appropriation required in order that rink can continue operations beyond January, 1993. Board of Finance cut budget on 20 line items. (List attached to Mayor's request). Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted seven to one to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve item 11. APPROVED by voice vote with 35 yes and one no vote, Mr. Jetta.

12. \$ 15,437.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to add another paralegal assistant for expanded workload associated with tax delinquent files. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/92. Board of Finance defeated 12/10/92.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

NO ACTION TAKEN: DEFEATED BY BOARD OF FINANCE

13. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION. \$7,080 grant to be used to promote awareness of dangers of substance abuse to children and their families. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/18/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Mr. Morris abstaining on items two and four.

14. INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT AND EFFECT OF RE-EVALUATION ON THE TAXPAYERS AND FISCAL CONDITION OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD. Submitted by Reps. John Hogan, Jr., D-12, Audrey Maihock, R-19, David Martin, D-19 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 12/13/91. Reports made and Held in Committee 1/6, 2/3, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 9/1, 10/5, 11/4 and 12/1/92. Held in Steering 7/15/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MRS. DOMONKOS said that Commissioner O'Connor attended the Committee meeting; he presented copies of the RFP that were sent to nine appraisal firms in the state; the firms are approved by the state to do this type of work. The firms were asked to submit proposals to do a study of the revaluation for 1991; the proposals are due on January 15 with the target date for a report sometime in March. All Board members received a copy of the RFP.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

15. STATUS REPORTS ON OVERTIME AND SICK LEAVE FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Requested by Reps. William R. Kosbob, D-16 and John F. Leydon, Jr., D-12, 10/6/92. Held in Committee 11/4/92. (Fire and Police Departments reports given 11/4 and 12/1/92.)

HELD IN COMMITTEE

16. MATTER OF STAMFORD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (SEMS) REQUEST FOR CITY FUNDS IN LIGHT OF UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED EXPENSES. Submitted by Reps. Ellen Bromley, D-20, Maria Nakian, D-20, Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and Robert DeLuca, R-14, 12/9/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MRS. DOMONKOS said that there were a large number of people from SEMS present. She said that two interim administrators have been appointed, one from Stamford Hospital and one from St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Domonkos said that questions were asked about the financial crisis and the basic reasons given for the overages were mismanagement and improper budgeting by the former director. She said that a complete expenditure report showing all line items was sent to all members. She also stated that a higher reimbursement was anticipated and the collection rate which was assured by the Mayor and SEMS would be 70% is not anywhere near that; the range has been 50%.

Mrs. Domonkos said that the management team indicated that they are doing an audit to make sure the costs noted are all that is owed, and are taking steps to trim costs for the future. Mrs. Domonkos stated that if and when SEMS comes back, they must answers questions as to the management of the organization and there must be some creative solutions. She said that a report was asked for that was supposedly submitted to the Mayor in September as per the contract; the report should have pointed out that there were concerns about costs. She said that as of now, the report has not been received.

Mrs. Domonkos said the Committee was impressed with the people that are stepping in to assure that the organization is operating. She said that a large number of volunteers are filling the gap to assure that all the ambulances are fully covered and the Committee was confident that services are being continued. Mrs. Domonkos stated that there have been no reports from the Mayor's office as to what his plans are in case SEMS cannot continue; also, no requests have been received. She said that Mr. Skovgaard and the interim administrators indicated that they will not be able to operate after the first part of February without additional funds. Mrs. Domonkos said that SEMS received their January quarterly request which was going to pay for their past costs but they would be in trouble in February. She said that an audit should be forthcoming.

MRS. BROMLEY said that at the time the Board arrived at the contract with SEMS, it took a long time and there was some criticism. She stated that the Legislative and Rules Committee under the leadership of Maria Nakian and David Martin, held the contract in Committee from December, 1990 through the spring of '92. Mrs. Bromley said that during that time, the things that were worked on are the very things protecting the city at this point.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. BROMLEY said that the city is protected in case the organization fails in terms of reversion of the collateral, meaning the ambulances, machinery and other equipment comes back to the city. She said that the financial reporting requirements did not work and must be looked into as the Board should have received a report in September. She said that the administration and all administrations must put in place provisions for contract compliance.

Mrs. Bromley said that Mr. Hinchcliffe, the ex-president was questioned repeatedly on projections and repeated assurances were received that he would get rate increases. She said that accurate information was not being given that should have been disclosed earlier.

MR. LOGLISCI said that there have been several references made as to no directions from the Mayor. He said that it would not be prudent for the Mayor to say anything before the audit is completed. Mr. Loglisci stated that he did not recall that the Mayor said there would be a 70% collection rate. He said the Board approved the contract and a member of the Board was placed on SEMS Board as a watchful eye. Mr. Loglisci said that the problems came from the management of SEMS, not from the Mayor's office.

MR. DeLUCA said he agreed with what Mr. Loglisci stated; many have said that the Mayor is at fault. Mr. DeLuca said that the mistake made by the present Mayor was to come to the Board with the same plan that former Mayor Serrani submitted. Mr. DeLuca said that the previous system for emergency care was working fine and that former Mayor and Jay Sandak came in with the plan; also, the former Mayor hired a consultant who said that privatization was the best thing for the city. Mr. DeLuca said that if bids were solicited, the cost would have been \$250,000. Mr. DeLuca stated that blame should not be put on the present Mayor for the problems we now have; it should be on the way SEMS was managed. Also, Mr. DeLuca stated that the Board of Directors should have kept tabs on the management; they should have reviewed statements, policy, etc.

MR. BELCHER said that Reps. DeLuca and Loglisci addressed some of the questions he had. Mr. Belcher said that he was concerned with the quote that the Mayor assured the Board of Representatives that SEMS would collect all its account receivables. Mr. Belcher stated that it was not that way.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee struggled with the contract for two years and the final problem before the present Board approved the contract was the concern of the 70% reimbursement rate, and about the accuracy of the budget. She said that before the contract was approved, the contract was held an additional month until the Mayor's Finance Commissioner could go directly to SEMS and review the budget and the validity of the proposed 70% reimbursement rate. Mrs. Domonkos said that a reply, in writing was received, indicating that he felt that the 70% reimbursement rate was correct and the budget proposed was correct. She said for those reasons the Board approved the contract contingent upon assurance by the Commissioner of Finance that the program, budget and reimbursement rate was viable.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. BELCHER said that Commissioner Carr looked at the numbers and if 70% was going to be the experience, everything would have fallen into place. Mr. Belcher said that that is what Commissioner Carr was saying not whether 70% was an objective or a goal; he was not assuring that would happen.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Commissioner indicated to the Committee that he, personally, made phone calls to other communities to verify the amount that could be anticipated. Mrs. Domonkos said that the contract was voted on upon the 70% figure; SEMS could have taken the safe side with a lower reimbursement rate, but they insisted on the 70%. She said that it was the job of the Mayor's office to verify the figure but they didn't.

MR. MARTIN said that if the impression is that the administration is responsible for what is happening at SEMS that was not true, as the Mayor does not run SEMS. He said that Mr. DeLuca was correct in his statement that the management made some very serious errors.

Mr. Martin said that members of the Board took a considerable amount of criticism and derision by the former Mayor and this Mayor over concerns expressed by the Board. Mr. Martin said that one of the last issues was in regards to a fly car at Turn of River that the Board pushed for and just recently, that fly car saved someone's life.

Mr. Martin said that the contract was held up to close a lot of loopholes. He said that the present situation would have been worse if based on the first contract that Mayor Esposito presented to the Board. Mr. Martin said that the Board wanted the city to do a financial review on whether the proposal made sense financially. Mr. Martin stated that the Esposito Administration said that it was a sound, financial proposal which may have been an error. Mr. Martin stated that SEMS Administration was a close political supporter of Mr. Esposito, but that is not suggesting that the administration is the problem now.

MR. MARTIN said that he did not get any satisfaction from all the reports and explanations that he reviewed and received. He said that he asked many questions and SEMS stated that their expense budget would be made. Mr. Martin said that when SEMS negotiated the new contract, they said that it was within the budget and that was repeated again a month later.

MR. RUBINO said that he took strong exceptions to the implications that any decision was made by the Mayor on the basis of who is or isn't his political ally. Mr. Rubino said that he agreed with Mr. DeLuca that the quality of the Mayor's decision and the Board of Representatives' decision was impacted by the quality of information given to the Board by the SEMS director and other people representing SEMS; the information received was overly optimistic.

MR. LOGLISCI said that the Big 5 Volunteer Companies were aware of what was happening and they were the ones that got the fly car back to Turn of River Station. He said that after hearing much concern and skepticism by members of the Board, there was not enough doubt to check on the 70% collection rate. Mr. Loglisci stated that the Board was misled from the beginning by the management of SEMS, and now is the time to be concerned to get SEMS in order as the service is second to none. Mr. Loglisci said that he spoke to many of the field members of SEMS and was impressed with their work and he said that the present quality must be maintained at an affordable price to the city.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. LAROBINA stated that he is committed to an advanced paramedic system and a unified one. He said that the service is one of the most important ones provided by the city and asked the no one loses sight of the fact. Mr. Larobina said that the service should be provided in a fiscally, prudent manner and it must be remembered how important this city service is.

MRS. BROMLEY said that she shared Mr. Loglisci's frustrations. She said that when SEMS came before the Board month after month and despite all the questions asked by the Board as to the collection rate, the Board was told 70%. Mrs. Bromley said there was no access to SEMS documentations, therefore trust must be put in the administrators. She was pleased to see a change in the administration at SEMS.

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item not on the Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Mary Lou Rinaldi and Kurt Jetta.

17. \$ 10,000.00 - LABOR RELATIONS - CODE 271.5350 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION - additional appropriation for various expenditures associated with arbitration process for various contracts. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/9/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92.

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 17. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve item 17. APPROVED by voice vote with 31 yes votes and four no votes, Mr. Jetta, Ms. Joan Rinaldi, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Mary Lou Rinaldi.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that since costs are borne equally by the Police Union and the Negotiation Department, there should be an equal payment by the union.

PRESIDENT LYONS stated that a letter will be sent to the Labor Negotiator outlining that before the check is forwarded to state, the other party's check be included at the same time.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

MRS. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Monday, December 21, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Maria Nakian, Scott Morris, Ellen Bromley, Gregory LaDestro, Audrey Maihock, Elaine Mitchell, Joan Rinaldi, Donald Sherer and John Zelinsky, Jr.; Reps. Carmen Domonkos and David Martin were excused. Also present were Reps. James Rubino, Richard Lyons, Bobby Owens, Philip Stork and Michael Larobina; on item two, Commissioner of Public Works Michael Pavia and on an ordinance to be taken up under Suspension of Rules, three gentlemen representing Goldfingers, Inc.; Vivien White representating the Coliseum Authority; David Anderson from Stamford Partnership and Downtown Special Services District and six members of the public.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN placed item two on the Consent Agenda.

1. (L&R22.31) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC., 141 FRANKLIN STREET. Requested by Richard E. Beattie, Comptroller, St. Luke's Community Services, Inc., 8 Woodland Place, Stamford, CT 06902, 9/8/92. Held on Pending Agenda 9/16/92. Returned to Committee 11/4/92. Approved for publication 12/1/92.

MRS. NAKIAN said the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve item one. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve item one. APPROVED by voice vote with 29 yes votes, five no votes, Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Perillo, Mr. Loglisci, Mr. Jetta and Mr. Pia; Mrs. Maihock abstained due to a conflict of interest.

2. (L&R22.33) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND GREYHOUND LINES, INC. FOR 650 SQUARE FEET OF FIXTURED SPACE IN THE LOWER LOBBY OF THE MCKINNEY TRANSPORTATION CENTER. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 10/27/92. Planning Board approved 11/10/92. Board of Finance approved 12/10/92. Held in Committee 12/1/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

3. (L&R22.35) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR GREENWICH LAND TRUST, INC. FOR PROPERTY AT 151 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, STAMFORD, CT., N20 LOT B LIST #0041370. Requested by Daniel B. Badger, Esq., Whitman & Ransom, 3 Greenwich Plaza, P. O. Box 2250, Greenwich, CT. 06836, 11/9/92. Approved for publication 12/1/92.

MRS. NAKIAN said that the tax abatement request was for 6.3 acres of land donated by the late Katrina Mygatt to the Greenwich Land Trust. The land is to be preserved in perpetuity in its wild and natural state, for educational and aesthetic purposes and particularly to be made available to teach children. She said that the property was deeded to the Greenwich Land Trust on January 9, 1992; it was declared tax exempt on the 1992 Grand list and all taxes were paid by the Mygatt estate through the first half of the 1991 Grand List. The request was for the second half in the amount of \$1,226.

Mrs. Nakian said that the Committee voted to approve by six in favor, none opposed and no abstentions. Moved. Seconded.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that this was the first request from the estate of a person who was a founder of the Conservationists in Stamford and a worker in conservation for many, many years. Mrs. Maihock said that she did not receive all the details so she called the Greenwich Land Trust. She said she was curious why the Greenwich Land Trust was involved and she was assured that that was a personal privilege that was assumed there. Mrs. Maihock stated that she was also assured that if the Greenwich Land Trust should be dissolved, title of the land would go to the Nature Conservancy or to the National Audubon Society. She said that she looked up both in the library and found that the Nature Conservancy was founded in 1917 and the Audubon Society in 1905 and are dedicated to nature resources and to provide habitat for wild life.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. MAIHOCK said that since the property has been set aside for educational purposes, that if not already done, Stamford should keep a particular record of all properties such as this one so the public can use the properties, with permission, as intended.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve item three. APPROVED by voice vote with 29 yes votes, four no votes, Mr. Kosbob, Mrs Perillo, Mr. DeLuca and Mr. Jetta; Mr. Owens abstained.

4. (L&R22.23) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING DISQUALIFICATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS FROM BIDDING PROCESS. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/11/92. Held in Committee 8/3, 9/1, 10/5 and 11/4/92. Held on Pending Agenda 11/12/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MRS. NAKIAN Moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved to Suspend the Rules to consider an item not on the Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote, 35 yes and one no vote, Mr. Jetta.

MRS. NAKIAN said that since Steering met in December, the Board has become aware that there appears to be in existence in the city, three topless bars and a fourth which managed to go through the application process without anyone being aware that this was happening.

Mrs. Nakian stated that because the Board of Representatives believes that having such establishments in Stamford is not a situation which fosters the health, safety and welfare of the city, has taken action to prepare and is prepared to enact a proposed ordinance to regulate public nudity.

5. (L&R22.36) PUBLICATION WAIVED - FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING NUDITY. Submitted by Reps. Richard L. Lyons, D-1, John J. Boccuzzi, D-2 and Annie M. Summerville, D-6, and James M. Rubino, R-7, 12/11/92.

MRS. NAKIAN stated that the ordinance was done based upon a great deal of research by the Law Department. She said that in the preparation of the ordinance, the Committee was informed that it did not have the power to regulate any type of establishment through land use; the power is reserved exclusively to the Zoning Board.

Mrs. Nakian said that the Committee was also informed that the State Department of Liquor Control does have the ability and has withstood court challenge to regulate nude or semi-nude entertainment at any premises where liquor is served. She said that the right to regulate is not given to the city; the enforcement of the state statute is solely with the state. She said that what a municipality can do is approve an ordinance such as the one before the Board.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN said that the ordinance prohibits public nudity that is displayed in a manner that is considered obscene according to community standards. She said that ordinances such as this one, have been enacted in other localities and have withstood court challenge; the ordinance is very carefully worded. Mrs. Nakian said that the ordinance was considered in two drafts; the second one is the one being considered and has been expanded to include the simulation of nudity and prohibiting the promotion of nudity. She said that in the first draft, only the performers themselves could be cited for violation of the ordinance. She said that under the ordinance being considered, anyone who is promoting such an establishment or such entertainment, can also be cited.

Mrs. Nakian said that the Committee held a second meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. to vote upon the ordinance and to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. At the meeting were Committee members Maria Nakian, Scott Morris, Carmen Domonkos, Gregory LaDestro, Audrey Maihock, Elaine Mitchell, Joan Rinaldi, Donald Sherer and John R. Zelinsky, Jr.; Reps. Ellen Bromley and David Martin were excused. Also present were Reps. James Rubino, Bobby Owens, Marggie Laurie, Joseph Gergle, Richard Lyons, Annie Summerville and other members of the Board were present.

Mrs. Nakian stated that there were approximately 130 members of the public present; approximately 60 of whom spoke on the proposed ordinance. She said that of the speakers, three were in favor of topless establishments; several speakers urged caution in prohibiting artistic expression along with obscenity and all the other speakers were overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Nakian stated that she thought that the greater part of the people in the audience that did not speak were in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Mrs. Nakian said that the Committee voted to waive publication of the ordinance by six in favor, three opposed with no abstentions; the Committee voted for final adoption by a vote of eight in favor, none opposed and one abstention. Mrs. Nakian Moved to waive publication. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to waive publication of the proposed ordinance. APPROVED by voice vote with 34 yes votes and two no votes, Mr. Jetta and Mr. Leydon.

MRS. MAIHOCK asked if there would be further discussion on the waiving of publication?

PRESIDENT LYONS stated that there would be no further discussion as the vote was taken.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved for final adoption of the proposed ordinance Concerning Public Nudity; the Committee approved by a vote of eight in favor, none opposed and one abstention. Seconded.

MR. ZELINSKY said that he was pleased that the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, at his recommendation, decided to allow the public to speak at the adjourned meeting held on December 29. He said that 47 people spoke at the meeting, including three of his constituents from the 11th District who spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance; one constituent spoke about more important issues that should be addressed by the Board.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. ZELINSKY stated that for the record, he did receive two telephone calls in favor of the ordinance and one letter against the proposed ordinance. He said that he was in favor of the proposed ordinance; however, he was gravely concerned and had reservations over the enforcement by the police department. He said that he hoped that the police personnel will not be running to the existing and any new establishments on calls taking them away or jeopardizing the response time for emergency and critical life and death situations in protecting the residents of Stamford.

Mr. Zelinsky said he hoped that everyone realized that this ordinance will not eliminate clubs having people dancing in bathing suits or other attire so long as they obey the proposed ordinance.

MR. JETTA stated that before the ordinance gets railroaded before the Board, for the record, he was glad that the forces of Pat Robertson and the radical religious right are alive and well in Stamford because after the rationalization is stripped away about why this ordinance should be enacted, it gets down to a vocal minority trying to impose their views on morality on a city of 100,000 people. Mr. Jetta said that until he receives a further count, he thinks that a 120 people is a minority.

Mr. Jetta said that one argument was, "It undermines the quality of life in this city." He said that Westport has a topless bar and he knows of no one avoiding Westport because of the establishment. He said that he found it interesting from news reports and from people at the public hearing that over half of the people were not aware that these establishments existed in Stamford. Mr. Jetta said that he has seen no evidence showing any criminal activity, prostitution or any other negative attributes being associated with these kind of places has increased or caused an undermining of the quality of life.

Mr. Jetta further stated that the second argument was that it "demeans women, it exploits women." He said that he has not heard anything about "Boppers" establishment that has male strip night every Thursday. He questioned where the people were that are now so vocal about these kinds of laws? Mr. Jetta said that we must keep in mind that this is a choice; people choose to go there and the people that work there, choose to do so.

Mr. Jetta said that if there is an overwhelming sentiment in the city that the place is not wanted; people don't have to go and the place will go under. He stated that there was no need to pass the ordinance and it does not hold water that it will undermine the quality of life. Mr. Jetta said that the establishment would give some type of stimulus downtown. He said that he wasn't saying that this is desirable but it is something.

Mr. Jetta said that some people say that they do not want the establishment because it offends their sensibility and morality; he said that he respected that but he did not respect that minority trying to impose their beliefs and morality on him or other people that feel as he does.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. PAVIA said that he attended the public hearing and heard such words as "standards, community, femininity, degradation of women, morality and property values." Mr. Pavia stated that there was representation from many various groups such as the National Council of Churches and Synagogues, Knights of Columbus, Urban Renewal, the National Organization of Women and clergy.

Mr. Pavia said a point was made at the public hearing about where was everyone when two former representatives of the Board tried to close the first topless bar from opening 10 years ago? He said that another speaker at the hearing stated that Stamford only seems to care when the downtown is affected and would they be doing all this if the clubs stayed on the West Side, South End or Glenbrook?

Mr. Pavia said that this ordinance deals with the community and setting standards of moral values and he would be voting for the ordinance.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that she was in favor of the ordinance but it was unfortunate that it was necessary to pass such an ordinance. She said that she was proud to see that so many people came out to defend their quality of life and community standards which have prevailed for so many years. She said that since publication of the ordinance was waived, that after final adoption, the ordinance would be published.

MR. MARTIN said that based on the public hearing, phone calls, letters, letters to the Board and the coverage in the Advocate, it was absolutely clear that the city did not want a proliferation of topless bars and similar types of clubs. He said that he thought that the seedy character of many of these establishments frequently spills over into the surrounding community and into our streets. Mr. Martin stated he was opposed to this type of establishment based upon community standards and plain good old common sense.

Mr. Martin thanked President Lyons and the Leadership, the sponsors, John Boccuzzi, Annie Summerville, Richard Lyons, and James Rubino, and Maria Nakian, Chairwomen of the Legislative and Rules Committee, for pulling together to get the ordinance before the Board.

MR. STORK said that he would refer to a remark made by Mr. Jetta that a 120 people coming to a public hearing was not a representative group. Mr. Stork said that for those who have been on the Board for many years and present at many public hearings, know that a 120 people at a public hearing is a representative group; many time you would be lucky to have one person present at a public hearing.

Mr. Stork said that he heard the work "upscale" many time and was tired of hearing it. He said the establishment is still a strip joint anyway you look at it and it would have all the things that come with it; prostitution, the sleaziness and everything mentioned by previous speakers.

Mr. Stork said that the Goldfingers investors have been threatening a law suit because they are determined to have an establishment in the city no matter what. Mr. Stork said that this city is not "sin city" but Stamford Connecticut.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. W. DENNIS WHITE said that if anybody has had any experience with these sort of establishments knows that one of the most destructive aspects of them is that they attract others of like nature and you soon have a proliferation of these places. He said that these kind of establishments can destroy a downtown district in terms of what we want to see it become. Mr. White said that if this establishment is allowed, others will follow of like nature.

Mr. White said that there might be some fairly respectable people who go just to see the situation occasionally; they might number quite a few at any particular night but in general, the type of person who is attracted to these establishments is a very dangerous, sleazy type and situations will occur that will be difficult to control. Mr. White stated that the entire district will be seriously eroded and impacted in terms of every aspect of what we call "solid municipal life." He said that one of the worst things we can do is to allow this type of establishment as there will be a proliferations of them. Mr. White said that we have a responsibility to keep our community a safe and livable and aesthetically desirable. Mr. White stated that the ordinance should be supported.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that there were many issues before the Board such as 911, leaf pickup, buying the Government Center, but never did he receive more calls telling him to keep this type of establishment out of the city. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that the majority of people in the city are not in favor of this type of establishment and the ordinance should be supported and we must do whatever else is possible to control any kind of strip and topless bars.

Mr. Boccuzzi said that people have invested a lot of money downtown and there are things going on; the Palace Theatre, the Center for the Arts and high class restaurants in the area. He said that a topless bar does not compare with the Center for the Arts.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Move the Question. APPROVED by voice vote.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to approve for final adoption the proposed ordinance on public nudity. APPROVED by 34 yes, one no vote and one abstention.

MRS. NAKIAN Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up a resolution not on the Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

6. (L&R22.37) SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROLIFERATION OF TOPLESS BARS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD. Submitted by Maria Nakian, Chairwoman, Legislative and Rules Committee, 1/4/93.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. NAKIAN said that there is problem with the State Department of Liquor Control regulations which prohibit topless entertainment where liquor is served. She said these regulations are not enforced and this has been brought to her attention from a number of sources. Mrs. Nakian said that the resolution is to notify the State Department of Liquor Control that we expect them to enforce their regulations. She said that the resolution will notify them that there appears to be several establishment in the city which are violating these provisions; also, the governor, state legislators and other government officials will be notified that we expect to see these state laws enforced in the City of Stamford. Mrs. Nakian stated that the Police Department will be notified that the Board expects both the state provisions and the city ordinance to be enforced.

Mrs. Nakian Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with 36 yes votes, no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT LYONS thanked Chairwoman Maria Nakian and members of the Legislative and Rules Committee for a job well done under trying circumstances.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Jr., Chairman - No report.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - W. Dennis White, Chairman

MR. WHITE said that the Committee met on Wednesday, December 16, 1992. Present were Chairman W. Dennis White, members Gloria DePina, Garry Clemmons, Scott Morris, Marggie Laurie and Nicholas Pavia and a representative of the City Engineer's office; absent was Rep. John J. Boccuzzi.

Mr. White said that the acceptance of all four roads was placed in abeyance as required roadside plantings have not been done. He said that the Engineer's office has assured the Committee that in the spring, the appropriate plantings will be made; the Committee voted seven to zero to Hold the four items in Committee.

1. PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE - 1,874 FEET FIELDSTONE ROAD RUNNING GENERALLY EAST TO WEST AND INTERSECTING WITH FIELDSTONE TERRACE. MAP ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FILE NO. 11583 SLR. Petitioner is Norman A. Fieber, Stone Gate Associates, P. O. Box 7427, Wilton, CT 06897. Submitted by Gordon R. Paterson, Esq., Durey & Pierson, 733 Summer Street, P. O. Box 59, Stamford, CT 06904, 12/1/92, and Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 12/3/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE - 293.32 FEET FIELDSTONE LANE RUNNING EAST AND WEST OFF OF THE WESTERLY SIDE OF STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE. MAP ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FILE NO. 11583 SLR. Petitioner is Norman A. Fieber, Stone Gate Associates, P. O. Box 06897, Wilton, CT 06897. Submitted by Gordon R. Paterson, Esq., Durey & Pierson, 733 Summer Street, P. O. Box 59, Stamford, CT 05904, 12/1/92, and Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 12/3/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE - 1,505 FEET FIELDSTONE TERRACE RUNNING GENERALLY EAST TO WEST AND INTERSECTING WITH FIELDSTONE ROAD AND FIELDSTONE LANE. MAP ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FILE NO. 11583 SLR. Petitioner is Norman A. Fieber, Stone Gate Associates, P. O. Box 7427, Wilton, CT 06897. Submitted by Gordon R. Paterson, Esq., Durey & Pierson, 733 Summer Street, P. O. Box 59, Stamford, CT 06904, 12/1/92, and Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 12/3/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

4. PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE - 574 FEET FIELDSTONE CIRCLE RUNNING NORTHERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH FIELDSTONE TERRACE. MAP ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FILE NO. 11583 SLR. Petitioner is Norman A. Fieber, Stone Gate Associates, P. O. Box 7427, Wilton, CT 06897. Submitted by Gordon R. Patterson, Esq., Durey & Pierson, 733 Summer Street, P. O. Box 59, Stamford, CT 06904, and Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 12/3/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

MR. WHITE said that the Committee voted seven in favor and none opposed and placed item 5. on the Consent Agenda.

5. PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE SOUTH END COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE LATHON WIDER, SR. COMMUNITY CENTER. Submitted by Reps. Annie M. Summerville, D-6, Garry Clemmons, D-3, Bobby Owens, D-3, Elaine Mitchell, D-2, Gloria DePina, D-5 and Fred Johnson, R-10, 11/13/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MR. WHITE said that the Committee had no objections to renaming the South End Community Center to the Lathon Wider, Sr. Community Center providing that there are no legal constraints and urged the Board to check with Corporation Counsel and if there are no problems, would urge the Board to approve the gesture.

Mr. White stated that Mr. Wider was a long-term municipal legislator and was active in many public, government and private activities for the benefit of the constituents in his community.

Mr. White Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens, Chairman

MR. OWENS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, December 23, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Ronald Sabia, Robert DeLuca, Fred Johnson, John Zelinsky, Jr. and Bobby Owens; also present was Rep. Ellen Mellis; Philip Norgren, Chairman of the Sewer Commission; Franklin Rosner and Richard Rediness representing Temple Beth El and Mrs. Ellis, a resident and owner of some of the adjoining property (re item 2.).

Mr. Owens placed item two on the Consent Agenda.

1. UPDATE ON STATUS OF ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS AND TIMETABLE FOR RENOVATIONS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION FACILITY ON HILLANDALE AVENUE AS A SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER. Requested by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 6/1/92. Reports made and Held in Committee 7/6 and 12/1/92. Held on Pending Agenda 7/15/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. APPROVAL OF SEWER EXTENSION APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY TEMPLE BETH EL TO SERVICE PROPERTY SHOWN ON CARD W-28, LOT 10A, ROXBURY ROAD. This application was approved with certain conditions by the Sewer Commission on November 19, 1992. Submitted by Stamford Sewer Commission, George Connors, Administrative Officer, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152, 12/2/92.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MR. OWENS Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote, 36 yes votes with no dissenting votes.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Audrey Maihock & Marggie Laurie, Co-Chairwomen

No report.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca & Thomas Pia, Co-Chairmen

MR. DeLUCA said that the Committee met on Tuesday, December 14, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Gerald Rybnick, Bobby Owens, Thomas Pia, Fred Johnson, Donald Sherer, Joseph Gergle, William Kosbob and Robert DeLuca; also present was Chris Cohan, Interim Director of the Parks & Recreation Department.

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT OF STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY LEASE. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/12/92. Contingent upon Planning Board and Board of Finance approval. Returned to Committee 12/1/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MARINA FEES FOR YEAR 1993/94. Submitted by Chris J. Cohan, Interim Director, Parks & Recreation Department, 12/8/92. Parks and Recreation Commission approved 12/5/92.

MR. DeLUCA said that the Committee approved the Marina fees with one minor change by a vote of seven in favor and none in opposition.

Mr. DeLuca said that a change was made under "Cummings & Cove Marinas, Dockside Moorings," it should read "under" 17' instead of "over." Mr. DeLuca Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the Marina fees with the change. APPROVED by voice with 36 yes votes, no dissenting votes.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chairman

MR. ZELINSKY wanted the record to note that the Committee met on December 23, 1992 regarding item five under the Fiscal Committee. Present were Chairman John Zelinsky, Jr., Reps. Audrey Maihock and Marggie Laurie.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

MS. MITCHELL said that the Committee met on Monday, December 7, 1992 and held a public hearing; on Tuesday, December 8, the Committee met with Mayor Esposito and on December 14, another meeting was held. Present at these meetings were Reps. Jeffrey Curtis, Fred Johnson, Ellen Mellis, Elaine Mitchell, Nicholas Pavia and Annie Summerville; also in attendance were Richard Gitlen, Sandra Dennies, Rosemary Raffaele and Errol Rhoden; absent was Rep. Garry Clemmons; Rep. Fred Johnson was excused for the public hearing.

1. STAMFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANS TO ALLOCATE UNEXPENDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTINGENCY FUNDS, \$207,000, FOR PROGRAM YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1993. Submitted by Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman, Housing and Community Development Committee, 11/24/92. Public Hearing held 12/7/92.

MS. MITCHELL said that the Committee approved the following funding: PUBLIC SERVICE: CTE, Inc., South End Medical Center \$7,500; Urban League of Southwestern CT., Inc., Focus Program \$7,500; total of \$15,000. HOUSING/PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: CTE Housing Corp., 67-71 Henry Street Housing Site \$85,000; Child Care Center of Stamford, hvac system \$87,600; Yerwood Center, gymnasium windows \$18,000; total of \$190,000; \$1,400 was placed in the contingency fund; grand total \$207,000.

Ms. Mitchell said that Richard Gitlen requested to use \$146,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Henry Street site housing project; the funding was originally allocated to the Greenwich Youth Shelter. She said that the Committee approved the request.

Ms. Mitchell wanted the record to note that Ms. Summerville did not participate in the vote dealing with the Stamford Housing Authority.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. STAMFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM YEAR NINETEEN (19) PLAN AND APPLICATION SCHEDULE; PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD JANUARY 12, 1993. Estimated \$1,100,000 in funding to be received. Submitted by Richard E. Gitlen, SCDP Director, 12/8/92.

MS. MITCHELL said that item two was on the Agenda to allow for a public hearing to be held.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Michael Larobina & Mary Lou Rinaldi, Co-Chairpersons

No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Chairman

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Scott Morris, Chairman

MR. MORRIS said that the Committee met on Thursday, December 17, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Audrey Maihock, Joseph Gergle and Scott Morris; excused was William Belcher, Jeffrey Curtis, Judith Evanko and W. Dennis White. Also, present were Reps. Robert DeLuca and Nicholas Pavia; Thomas Fava, Acting Director of Traffic and Parking; Manny Poola, Traffic Engineer and Stillwater Road residents Dr. George Hoo and Mr. Robert Behrens.

1. NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS REGARDING THE WIDENING OF STILLWATER ROAD AND POSTING OF SIGNS PERTAINING TO TRUCK TRAFFIC. Submitted by Reps. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Nicholas Pavia, R-10 and Fred Johnson, R-10, 12/3/92.

MR. MORRIS said that Rep. DeLuca and Dr. Hoo basically set forth the problems that the residents of Stillwater Road have encountered during the last several years; namely, dangerous overweight and over-littered trucks speeding on the road even in early morning hours and inadequate intersections on the Road particularly at Bridge Street and Cold Spring Road resulting to several traffic accidents over the years. Mr. Morris said that the Committee was told of the unsafe conditions for school children walking to and from school and that heavy truck should be barred from traveling on the Road; also, widening of Stillwater Road was urged at the two key intersections.

Mr. Morris said that Mr. Fava said that the widening of Stillwater Road was potentially a \$3 million project and would not begin until the start of fiscal year 1996 which at that time, a \$200,000 capital appropriation to do an engineering study of the widening would be introduced. Mr. Fava stated that construction would not begin until the year 2000. Mr. Morris said that Mr. DeLuca inquired about selective widening of the road at the two intersections and Mr. Fava stated that the Southwest Regional Planning Agency is in the midst of conducting a traffic study on Stillwater Road; the study is expected to be completed in two months and could possibly conclude that the road is in need of improvements at the two intersections. Mr. Fava and Mr. Poola told the Committee that they would look into the possibility of selective widening at the intersections sooner than the start of fiscal year 1996.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

MR. MORRIS said that in regards to the truck traffic, the item is on the Traffic Commission's agenda for the January, 1993 monthly meeting; the Commission can only regulate through trucks, that is trucking coming off I-95 and traveling to North Stamford. Mr. Morris said that the Commission has recognized the problem and has formulated a truck routing plan with the posting of signs which mandate that heavy trucks must use Washington Boulevard and Long Ridge Road.

Mr. Morris said that Mr. Fava and Mr. Poola pledged to keep in touch with the area representatives and their constituents to make Stillwater Road a safer road.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

PRESIDENT LYONS informed the Board that Rep. Rybnick, Rep. Summerville and Rep. Boccuzzi have been invited to the inauguration of the new president, Bill Clinton.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - Garry Clemmons, Chairman

MR. KOSBOB said that the Committee met on Tuesday, December 29, 1993. Present were Reps. Donald Sherer, Carmen Domonkos, Annie Summerville, Robert DeLuca and William Kosbob; also attending were Alexander Cohen, Executive Director of the Stamford Center for the Arts; George Murdoch, Managing Director; John Hiddlestone, Facilities Manager and Steve Goldblum representing Michael Cacace of the Executive Board.

1. UPDATE ON CAPITAL FUNDING AND OPERATIONS OF THE STAMFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS/PALACE THEATER. Requested by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 8/26/92. Held in Steering 9/16/92. Held in Committee 11/4 and 12/1/92.

MR. KOSBOB said that a discussion centered around two areas of concern: 1) Access by local theatre and arts groups to the Rich Forum and 2) The lack of a contract between the city and Center for the purchase of the Palace Theatre.

Mr. Kosbob said that on 1) Mr. Cohen assured the representatives that efforts have already been made to local groups who would like to use the Rich Forum; also assurance was given that these efforts will continue and that all groups have equal access to the Rich Form and in April, the public will be invited to a Grand Opening featuring local artists.

Mr. Kosbob said that 2) was briefly discuss because there was no representative from the Law Department; there was no understanding as to why the city has not yet submitted the contract between the Center for the purchase of the Palace Theatre and the administration to be signed. Mr. Kosbob said that the contract involves \$1 million that the city agreed to spend to acquire the Palace Theatre and the Board has requested the contract from the administration for over a year ago and have not yet received it. Mr. Kosbob said a follow up will be made with the Law Department and the Mayor's office as soon as possible.

COLISEUM AUTHORITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: (continued)

MRS. BROMLEY said that there must be a position on contract compliance and institutional change must be made to monitor what happens to contracts that we know exist. She said that this was not a comment on the present Mayor; it was for all city administrations.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that \$200,000 has been paid toward the contract and without the contract, the building could be sold and the money put in could be lost. She said the city's money has to be protected.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Kurt Jetta & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Joan Rinaldi, Chairwoman - No report.ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - James Rubino & Maria Nakian, Co-Chairpersons

MR. RUBINO said the Committee did not a meet; a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 11, 1993.

1. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING CODE OF ETHICS. Submitted by Reps. Maria Nakian, D-20 and David Martin, D-19, 11/26/91. Held on Pending Agenda 12/4/92. Held in Committee 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/1, 10/5 and 11/4/92. Reports made. Approved for publication 12/1/92.

HELD IN COMMITTEEAUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

No report.

RESOLUTIONS

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up three resolutions. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE OF OVER 100%. Submitted by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 1/4/93.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with 34 yes votes and two no votes, Mr. Jetta and Mr. LaDestro.

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

MR. LaDESTRO wanted the record to note why he was opposed to the concepts of items 1 and 2. He said that he did not think that this was business that should be before city government. He said that these issues should not be addressed in resolutions.

MR. JETTA wanted the record to note that his feelings were the same as expressed by Mr. LaDestro.

2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE OF ALMOST 17%. Submitted by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 1/4/93.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve item two. APPROVED by voice vote with 33 yes votes, two no votes, Mr. Jetta and Mr. LaDestro.

The record will note that Mr. Jetta and Mr. LaDestro were opposed to the resolution for the same reasons as noted above.

3. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING MARGARET J. PASTEL AND STEPHEN B. HOOVER FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SPRINGDALE. Submitted by Rep. Scott A. Morris, 17th District and Rep. Gregory LaDestro, 17th District, 1/4/93.

MR. MORRIS Moved to approve item three. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with 36 yes vote, no dissenting votes.

MINUTES

1. NOVEMBER 4, 1992 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Held.
2. DECEMBER 1, 1992 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and Seconded and Approved by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Noted for the record, Anne Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant, was not present for this meeting.

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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