

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1993

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/1994

22ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A Special Meeting of the 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Tuesday, May 4, 1993, pursuant to a "Call" issued by President Richard L. Lyons. The Meeting was held 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 8:55 p.m. by President Richard L. Lyons after both political parties had met in Caucus.

The "Call" of the Special Meeting was read by President Richard L. Lyons.

I, Richard L. Lyons, President of the 22nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives on Tuesday, May 4, 1993, to consider and act upon the Operating and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year 1993/94, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 20, 1993, pursuant to provisions of Section 8-30-3 of the Stamford Charter."

INVOCATION was given by Representative Ralph F. Loglisci, R-14.

"Father, let your caring hands guide this Board's members tonight as we struggle through the labyrinths of the city budget; enlighten us in our deliberations with the wisdom You manifested in Solomon. As we listen to points of view in conflict with our own, grant us the patience and kindness displayed by Job; send the Holy Spirit to fill us with the gift of understanding so we will all work together to ensure the quality of life we envision for Stamford's citizens. Finally, and most importantly, bestow upon all of us assembled, that great faith as personified in Abraham, thereby, empowering us with the strength to follow our convictions. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Richard L. Lyons.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk Annie M. Summerville. All 40 members were present.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTES were taken by the President and the machine was in good working order.

PRESIDENT LYONS stated that for the budget presentation, there is a continuous motion; the budget will be page by page and department by department. President Lyons said that Chairwoman Domonkos will read the reductions recommended by the Fiscal Committee; if there are any further reductions to be considered, motions will be made from the Floor of the Board. President Lyons said that at the end, a vote will be taken on the entire budget; once a page is passed, there is no turning back, the page is considered adopted as presented.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Carmen Domonkos and Mary Lou Rinaldi, Co-Chairwomen
Fiscal Committee

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Fiscal Committee met over the last two weeks with each major department to listen to their presentations. She said there was a meeting on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Mary Lou Rinaldi, Ralph Loglisci, Kurt Jetta, John Hogan, Gloria DePina, Nicholas Pavia, John Leydon, Maria Nakian, William Kosbob and Carmen Domonkos; Gerald Rybnick was unable to attend the Saturday meeting. Mrs. Domonkos said that the budget presented this evening will be as voted on by the Committee.

Mrs. Domonkos thanked her Committee for their diligence, hard work and thoroughness and said that she was confident that the recommendations to be made are sound, responsible and in general, a major consensus on the items.

OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/1994:
CODE NUMBER & DEPARTMENT:

101 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$294,395.

102 BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - The Committee recommended a \$5,632 reduction on line 1130 part-time leaving \$12,090 on that line - bottom line reads \$130,045.

103 BOARD OF FINANCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$149,609.

104 COMBINED PLANNING, ZONING, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$613,398.

106 STAMFORD PARTNERSHIP - The Committee recommended no reductions.

MRS. MAIHOCK Moved to reduce Code 106 by \$50,000 leaving zero. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to cut \$50,000 from Code 106. DEFEATED by voice vote. Bottom line reads \$50,000.

114 COMBINED COMMISSION ON AGING & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$227,628.

116 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMITTEE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$27,028.

117 COMMISSION ON AGING OUTREACH GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$63,196.

118 DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$287,583.

Rep. Gregory LaDestro wanted the record to note that he voted on the Dial-A-Ride budget.

119 BOARD OF TAX REVIEW - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$28,041.

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124 YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$60,919.

134 BOARD OF ETHICS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$5,000.

SECTION TOTAL - \$1,936,842.

201 MAYOR'S OFFICE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$280,869.

207 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE - The Committee recommended a \$5,000 reduction on line 1110 salaries leaving \$70,000 on that line - bottom line reads \$95,000.

210 TOWN & CITY CLERK - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$579,363.

220 PROBATE COURT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$41,340.

The record will note that Reps. John F. Leydon, Jr., James Rubino, Donald Sherer, Ellen Bromley, Michael Larobina and Gregory LaDestro all abstained on the Probate Court budget.

230 DEPARTMENT OF LAW - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads 757,284.

The record will note that Reps. James Rubino, Ellen Bromley, John F. Leydon, Jr., Donald Sherer and Gregory LaDestro abstained on the Law Department budget.

240 COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$571,279.

241 TREASURER - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$139,014.

242 CONTROLLER - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$325,503.

243 BUREAU OF PURCHASES - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$246,303.

244 CENTRAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$215,081.

245 BUREAU OF DATE PROCESSING - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$723,694.

246 PAYROLL DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended to reduce line 1230 college tuition by \$500 leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$142,231.

249 RISK MANAGEMENT - The Committee recommended to reduce line 5150 professional consultants by \$5,000 leaving \$35,000 on that line - bottom line reads \$97,723.

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250 ASSESSORS OFFICE - The Committee recommended a \$400 reduction on line 1230 college tuition leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$1,307,655.

Rep. Gregory LaDestro wanted the record to note that he voted no on the cut on line 1230.

260 TAX COLLECTOR - The Committee recommended a \$2,885 budget reduction on line 7905 budget reduction - bottom line reads \$423,792.

Rep. Gregory LaDestro wanted the record to note that he voted no on the reduction for the Tax Collector's office.

270 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$480,384.

271 LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$130,100.

280 DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$833,290.

281 DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC PARKING DIVISION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,069,207.

284 STAMFORD RAILROAD STATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$796,376.

286 TRANSPORTATION CENTER GARAGE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$428,000.

290 EMPLOYEE TAXES & INSURANCE - The Committee recommended \$150,000 budget reduction on line 7905 budget reduction - bottom line reads \$25,113,082.

293 PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,145,000.

295 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - The Committee recommended a \$50,000 reduction on line 5612 comprehensive management review - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$36,372.

Rep. John F. Leydon, Jr. wanted the record to note that he voted no on the reduction.

SECTION TOTAL - \$36,977,942.

301 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,510,428.

302 WEIGHTS & MEASURES - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$37,321.

310 BUR. OF HIGHWAYS & MAINT DIV HIGHWAY - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,839,281.

311 - DIV. OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,169,066.

314 SNOW REMOVAL & FLOOD EMERGENCY - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$374,915.

315 LEAF PICK-UP - The Committee recommended a \$62,945 budget reduction on line 7905 budget reduction - bottom line reads \$159,244.

The record will note that Reps. John F. Leydon, Jr., Audrey Maihock and Ralph Loglisci voted no on the reduction.

320 DIV. OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,499,223.

321 GASOLINE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$134,700.

330 BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$795,956.

332 DIV. OF BUILDING INSPECTION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$632,825.

340 BUREAU OF SANITATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$265,047.

341 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,035,048.

343 CONVENTIONAL INCINERATOR - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,334,150.

343 RECYCLING - The Committee recommended no reductions - the bottom line reads \$1,139,338.

346 DIV. OF EQUIPMENT & BUILDING MAINTENANCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,038,985.

350 DIVISION OF COLLECTION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$3,069,380.

351 LAND FILL & REFUSE REMOVAL - The Committee recommended a \$100,000 reduction on line 5521 haulaway ash - leaving \$1,813,960 on that line - bottom line reads \$3,675,224.

SECTION TOTAL - \$23,710,131.

410 POLICE DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended a \$47,000 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$16,494,287.

MR. JETTA Moved to reduce line 1201 overtime by \$50,000. Seconded. Mr. Jetta said that the Fiscal Committee has been trying to control the overtime budget and this cut would keep the budget in line with last year and would give the Board the ability to control the budget next year. He said that if more funds are necessary, the department can come to the Board and in that way, we can see how the overtime account is coming along.

MR. DeLUCA asked if the resolution regarding sick leave is being followed; are random phone calls and visits made?

MRS. DOMONKOS said that there was no indications that the department has changed their procedures; no indication was given that the department is making any more phone calls than they have made previously. Mrs. Domonkos stated that people have been called in by the Commission, and she did not believe the policy requested by the Board has been instituted.

MR. DeLUCA said that he recommended the cut on the overtime line and agreed with Mr. Jetta's comments.

MS. M. RINALDI said that she was against the cut as the Mayor has taken a \$200,000 cut on the salary line which may force the lay off of five officers.

MR. LOGLISCI said that the department has not been allowed to implement some things asked of them due to the labor negotiations.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote. DEFEATED by a vote of 28 no, 10 yes votes with two abstentions - 410 Police Department bottom line reads \$16,494,287.

The record will note that Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the tuition reduction and Rep. John F. Leydon, Jr. abstained on the entire Police budget.

421 DOG WARDEN - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$130,544.

Rep. John F. Leydon, Jr. abstained on the entire Dog Warden budget.

433 PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH - The Committee recommended a \$4,000 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$1,666,210.

MR. PIA asked why the tuition accounts were being cut? He said that tuition was a contractual obligation.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that all departments were questioned on the tuition program. She said that there has been concern whether tuition was being paid for job related education. She said that there have been indications that tuition was being paid for courses that have not been job related. Mrs. Domonkos said that tuition reimbursement for employees is not being eliminated but will be reimbursed for areas that are job related. She said that department heads will have to justify the expenditures.

MS. M. RINALDI said that most major contracts in the city are up now for negotiations or are in arbitration and now is the time to strengthen the language in the contracts that makes tuition reimbursement job related.

MR. PIA said that he agreed but was wondering why cuts are being made now.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that it was felt that if department heads have to come back, people tend to feel more concerned about the courses they would be taking. She said that citizens are paying their taxes and the courses should be job related to improve their job performance.

MR. RUBINO said that if these items are taken out of the budget, as a rule, a shadow budget is created if these funds are expected to go into the contingency fund. He said that if we have the obligation to pay for tuitions, it would be illegal to cut the funds.

MR. LaDESTRO said that with many of the contracts in renegotiations, cutting out the item unilaterally would be deemed lack of good faith negotiations on the city's part.

PRESIDENT LYONS said the Board is empowered to make any reductions in the budget.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee did not discuss Mr. LaDestro's comments.

MR. BOCCUZZI said that he believed the Committee was trying to determine what courses were taken by people that were job related. He said that if a fireman is taking courses to become a lawyer, the courses would not pertain to firefighting or a fireman's job. He said that that would be asking the taxpayers to pay for the courses and when the employee leaves the city, it would be for his/her benefit. Mr. Boccuzzi said that it is true that some money would have to be put back, but courses are being taken that are not job related.

MS. M. RINALDI said that department head after department head came before the Committee and they could not tell the Committee what courses were being taken or what was being paid for. She said that at that point, a decision was made to cut tuitions.

MRS. NAKIAN said that courses can be paid for when department heads come back and tell us exactly what courses were taken and the costs, then reimbursement can be made rather than paying up front.

MR. LaDESTRO Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to Moved the question. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

On Code 433.1230 college tuition, Fiscal's recommendation stands, cut \$4,000 from that line - leaving zero - bottom line reads \$1,666,210.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the tuition reduction. Rep. John F. Leydon, Jr. abstained on the entire Public Safety Dispatch budget.

440 PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,075,000.

Rep. John F. Leydon, Jr. abstained on the entire Pensions & Retires Benefits budget.

450 FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$13,902,050.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the tuition reduction.

453 ALARM ADMINISTRATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$36,537.

460 PENSIONS & RETIREES BENEFITS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$415,000.

470 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$4,040,002.

4892 HARBORMASTER - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,051.

485 STAMFORD EMS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,200,000.

SECTION TOTAL - \$39,960,681

520 SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$6,190,686.

521 ADMINISTRATION SKILLED NURSING FACILITY - The Committee recommended a \$10,000 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$688,007.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the tuition reduction.

522 NURSING SERVICE SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$3,962,958.

523 DIETARY SERVICES SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$880,574.

524 PLANT MAINTENANCE SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$741,805.

525 HOUSEKEEPING SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$203,012.

526 LAUNDRY SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$179,829.

527 RECREATION SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$149,301.

528 SOCIAL SERVICES SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$102,177.

529 PHYSICAL THERAPY SNF - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$117,446.

550 COMBINED HEALTH, LAB & SHAPE - The Committee recommended a \$1,000 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$1,171,884.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the college tuition reduction.

551 CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$255,271.

553 COST SHARING GRANT FROM STATE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$56,581.

554 VD CLINIC GRANT STATE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$31,400.

557 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$111,229.

558 HEALTH RISK REDUCTION GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$15,862.

559 TB CONTROL GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$44,203.

560 PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM - The Committee recommended a \$8,250 reduction on line 1230 college tuition leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$870,004.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the college tuition reduction.

561 HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PAROCHIAL & PRIVATE SCHOOLS - The Committee recommended a \$1,850 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$322,940.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the college tuition reduction.

573 WOMENS INFANTS & CHILDRENS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$278,939.

577 AIDS EDUC/RISK REDUCTION GRANT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$241,395.

581 NON CITY HEALTH AGENCIES - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$179,000.

SECTION TOTAL - \$16,794,503.

601 PARKS & RECREATION ADM - The Committee recommended a \$500 reduction on line 1230 college tuition - leaving zero on that line - bottom line reads \$369,626.

Rep. Thomas Pia voted no on the college tuition reduction.

620 PARKS & RECREATION/TERRY CONNERS RINK - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$440,673.

630 PARKS & RECREATION OPERATION & MAINTENANCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,873,415.

640 PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$651,016.

641 PROJECTS MUSIC - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$32,360.

642 STERLING THEATRES - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$34,504.

645 FEE SUPPORTED PROGRAMS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$150,000.

670 BRENNAN GOLF COURSE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$516,061.

SECTION TOTAL - \$4,067,655.

710 FERGUSON LIBRARY - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$4,851,329.

720 STAMFORD MUSEUM - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$944,484.

725 EMERGENCY SHELTER - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$105,000.

745 COMMUNITY CENTERS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$184,901.

Rep. John F. Leydon, Jr. abstained on the Yerwood Center.

Rep. Thomas Pia abstained on the Glenbrook Community Center.

750 STAMFORD DAY CARE ADMINISTRATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$362,345.

751 STAMFORD DAY CARE PROGRAMS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,108,719.

SECTION TOTAL - \$7,556,778.

810 BOARD OF EDUCATION - The Committee recommended a \$500,000 reduction on line 7110 Board of Education - leaving \$107,816,830.

MR. JETTA Moved to amend the Committee's \$500,000 reduction to \$1,500,000 (total reduction). Seconded.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted seven to three for a \$500,000 reduction. She said that the Committee had a subcommittee working with the Board of Education; also they sat in on the Board of Finance review of the Board of Education budget. Mrs. Domonkos said that the \$500,000 is a responsible reduction and was opposed to any further reduction.

MR. JETTA was opposed to the \$500,000 as he felt the amount was an arbitrary amount. He said that the \$1.5 million reflects an estimated amount spent annually on Rippowam and enrollment at Rippowam is only 300 in the high school program and the test scores are significantly below other high schools so it is evident that the program is not working. Mr. Jetta said that at the other high schools, test scores are improving but that is not the case at Rippowam.

MR. RUBINO said that he was in favor of the cut but not for the same reasons as stated by Mr. Jetta.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to cut \$1.5 million from the Board of Education budget. DEFEATED by 25 no, 15 yes votes with one abstention.

MR. DeLUCA Moved to amend the \$500,000 to \$800,000. Seconded.

Mr. DeLuca said that the \$300,000 reduction would have no affect on the budget. He said that there are 16,000 senior citizens in the city who are struggling to survive and some have asked him to make reasonable cuts to the Board of Education budget. Mr. DeLuca said that these seniors cannot afford a strong lobbying program as SEA and as seen in the newspaper. Mr. DeLuca said that there is an item in the operating budget to rent modular classrooms for approximately \$200,000 and the same item is in the capital projects budget to buy modular classrooms for \$603,000. He said that the Superintendent of Schools says that this is a safeguard; Mr. DeLuca wondered how many safeguards are in the budget that have inflated the budget.

Mr. DeLuca said that in private industry, pay cuts are taken to save jobs. He challenged SEA, the administrators, and the Superintendent of Schools to take a 5% pay cut; this cut would equate to \$4,600,000. Mr. DeLuca said that if this were done, there would be no lay offs, no programs cut and a quality education would still be maintained.

Mr. DeLuca urged his colleagues to go along with the \$800,000 cut.

MR. RUBINO said that the Board of Education is owed some direction as to where cuts can be taken. He said that his list adds up to \$5.4 million out of which the Board is asking them to identify \$800,000 as cuts; Educational Assistants \$288,982; non-contract administrators, cut entire increase \$31,807; overtime for custodians and clerical, cut increase by \$110,000; health insurance, bring increase down by 25% to 15%, a \$909,127 savings; instructional services, keep the UB interns to last year's level, saving \$13,379; legal services to be kept at last year's level at \$77,500 in savings; other professional services, cut at \$365,711; other purchasing services including utilities, cut from 9.5% to a 4% increase, a saving of \$271,633; supplies, cut from a 12% increase to a 4% increase, a \$304,502 savings; capital outlay, hold to rate of inflation, making a \$150,000 savings; general services, a 10% reduction across the board, \$34,782 savings; delete community information, \$193,047 savings; program development, cut two positions for \$118,663; superintendent office, cut administrative assistant, saving \$36,721; personnel, cut one administrator and one secretary, saving \$111,199; support services, cut director of administrative services, saving \$94,700; accounting department, cut one clerk, saving \$27,133; purchasing department, cut one secretary \$28,727; retirement and insurance department, cut one secretary \$28,627; transportation, cut one secretary \$28,777; research and development, cut one research and one administrative assistant \$154,000; building and grounds, cut three trades people, one secretary, one assistant supervisor and one driver, approximately \$240,000; cut 10% on custodians at schools' budget, \$334,000; modular classrooms were double counted, that's \$219,650; teachers' contingency, which may be already figured in the teachers' salary budget, \$356,625; and the teachers' salary account, \$852,884; adding up to \$5.9 million of which the Board is asking to identify \$800,000 to cut.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to cut \$800,000 from the Board of Education budget. DEFEATED by 24 no, 15 yes votes with one abstention.

MR. LOGLISCI Moved to cut an additional \$121,650; total cut with Fiscal's recommendation would be \$621,650. Seconded.

Mr. Loglisci said that the \$219,650, the double on the modular classrooms, was never discussed by the Board of Finance; also, the Transportation budget came in \$202,000 under contract. He said that a lot more can be cut, an additional \$200,000 can be cut on salaries.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to increase the cut by \$121,650; total cut \$621,650. DEFEATED by a vote of 22 no, 16 yes votes with one abstention.

MR. RUBINO Moved to amend for a \$550,000 cut. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote on a \$550,000 cut. DEFEATED by 22 no, 15 yes votes with three abstentions.

The Board of Education cut was \$500,000 as recommended by the Fiscal Committee - the bottom line reads \$107,816,830.

815 NON-PUBLIC HEALTH/WELFARE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$824,851.

820 B/E NON-PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - The Committee recommended a \$50,000 reduction - bottom line reads \$1,108,869.

840 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$49,809.

SECTION TOTAL - \$109,800.359.

900 DEBT SERVICE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$20,726,344.

SECTION TOTAL - \$20,726.344.

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET - \$261,531.235.

(TOTAL CUTS IN OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,014.962)

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94:

112 SEWER COMMISSION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$956,000.

201 MAYOR'S OFFICE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$200,000.

250 FINANCE - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$107,000.

280 TRAFFIC & PARKING - The Committee recommended no reductions.

MR. ZELINSKY Moved to cut \$465,000 on line 280-294 Hoyt Street Extention. Seconded. This would leave zero on that line.

Mr. Zelinsky said that in 1988, the Board of Representatives cut a request for the same Hoyt Street extension demonstrating that this would not be in the best interest of the taxpayers of the city. He said that in 1989, Rep. Dom Cardillo made a motion to cut another request for \$200,000 based on his research and study. Mr. Zelinsky quoted from the Minutes of the May 9, 1989 meeting, "Mr. Cardillo said during his observations and analyses, he observed several serious traffic backups near the area which would be affected by the Hoyt Street project. He said he teaches statistics at the university level and is well-versed in the area of statistical applications; therefore, he applied some statistical analyses to the data collected and found the probability for serious traffic congestion could be aggravated and worsened if another busy artery such as the Hoyt Street extension were to be built, and as a consequence, a heavy traffic flow be allowed to collide with the already heavy traffic flow that presently exists on Washington Boulevard, thus increasing the probability of the occurrence of serious accidents." Mr. Zelinsky said that the vote failed in 1989; the vote was a tie, 18-18.

Mr. Zelinsky said that the approximate cost in 1989 was \$9 million; the cost now is expected to be \$3.4 million over two years and he could not understand why the cost went down so dramatically over the four years. Mr. Zelinsky said that the \$465,000 is approximately 10% of the city's share, the balance coming from federal and state funds. He said that he was told today that the State of Connecticut and the Department of Transportation will administer the projects; the land acquisition and the construction of the street; the state will have full control over what to pay the residents of the condo complex on Summer Street as well as the one home on Washington Boulevard. He said that whatever the state feels is appropriate and if the owners do not agree, the state will then take the property under eminent domain.

Mr. Zelinsky said that the proposed extension would be approximately 1,000 feet long with two traffic signals to negotiate on Washington Boulevard and stop signs at the intersection of Franklin Street.

Mr. Zelinsky said that the requested funds could be more appropriately spent on housing, needed road repairs, sewer projects and numerous other much needed improvements within the city. He said that if the project is approved, it will eliminate needed housing, the condo complex on Summer Street; it will take away approximately \$50,000 in present yearly taxes; and there is no guarantee that the proposed project will put local people to work because as mentioned, the state will be in charge and could bring people in from out of Stamford.

Mr. Zelinsky urged his colleges to delete the \$465,000 from the capital projects budget.

MRS. DOMONKOS said that when the Planning Board presented the project to the Committee, the major reason for the project was to relieve congestion and to speed the traffic from the downtown shopping district. She said that a large part of the traffic comes off the turnpike which goes up Atlantic and Bedford Streets. She said that the Downtown Special Services District is trying to turn the area into a shopping one and hopes to create a loop which would divert the traffic and reduce air pollution, thus, creating a more positive atmosphere for area.

MRS. DOMONKOS stated that with the availability of federal funds through the Department of Transportation, 10% of the engineering funds would be funded by the city and the remainder would be reimbursed through a grant.

Mrs. Domonkos said that the Committee voted unanimously for the project.

MR. DeLUCA said that he supported Mr. Zelinsky cut for the same reasons. He said that the tax base is shrinking and this would take more taxpayers off the tax rolls. Mr. DeLuca said that with regards to the pollution, diverting the traffic will be stop and go and the traffic standstill will create more pollution. He said that in these dire times \$465,000 is not needed to be spent on something that has been satisfactory for over 20 years. Mr. DeLuca said that all members received a letter from the former city engineer who suggested to leave well enough alone; Washington Boulevard was built to make it easy for the people in the north to get to town and the railroad station without delays. Mr. DeLuca said to go through with this would give the landlords a chance to make a big profit and would shrink the tax base.

MRS. MAIHOCK said that she agreed with what has been said against the project. She thought that pollution experts should be consulted and said that there will be higher pollution levels with more traffic in the area. Mrs. Maihock said that the area was a residential district and people living in the district will feel the affects. Mrs. Maihock said that from her own experience, the more lights installed, the more frustrated people get and the more people will be going through red lights which is a dangerous and common practice in the city.

MR. GERGLE said that he failed to see how an east-west artery could divert from a north-south artery, mainly Grove Street and Atlantic Street; reaction is the opposite way. He said that North Street, an east-west artery, is one block south of the proposed extension and the only thing the extension would create is more traffic through additional backups and more traffic come into Washington Boulevard.

MR. MARTIN said that one of the debates on this project is that it will help the downtown traffic. He said that a few years ago, a small amount of money was approved for a professional traffic study and questioned if one was ever done. He said that presently, we do not have a Director of Traffic and Parking onboard or anyone who does the professional work. Mr. Martin said that he wanted to see a professional study before millions of dollars are spent. He said that his vote this evening is without prejudice and he was waiting for management to do their job first.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to cut \$465,000 from project 280-294 Hoyt Street extension - APPROVED by 24 yes, 14 no votes with two abstentions - line 280-294 now reads zero - bottom line reads \$1,996,000.

310 PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAYS - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,257,000.

330 PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$1,120,000.

341 PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$340,800.

345 PUBLIC WORKS - PUMP STATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$335,000.

346 PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$276,415.

450 STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$455,000.

472 NEW HOPE FIRE COMPANY - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$50,000.

473 LONG RIDGE FIRE COMPANY - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$200,000.

474 TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$45,000.

476 SPRINGDALE FIRE COMPANY, INC. - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$185,000.

520 SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$190,000.

530 SMITH HOUSE RESIDENCE - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$92,000.

610 PARKS & RECREATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$558,500.

670 E. GAYNOR BRENNEN MGC - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$80,000.

710 FERGUSON LIBRARY - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$2,500,000.

720 STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$79,900.

810 BOARD OF EDUCATION - The Committee recommended no reductions - bottom line reads \$5,575,214.

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET \$16,598,829.

(TOTAL CUTS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET \$465,000)

MRS. DOMONKOS read the resolution; the Operating budget in the amount of \$261,531,235 and the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$16,598,829. A copy of the resolution is attached to these Minutes. (Total budget is \$278,130,064).

Mrs. Domonkos Moved for approval of the 1993/94 Operating and Capital Projects budget. Seconded.

PRESIDENT LYONS proceeded to a vote to adopt the Operating budget in the amount of \$261,531,235 and the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$16,598,829 for fiscal year 1993/94. (Total budget is \$278,130,064) APPROVED by a vote of 28 yes, 11 no votes with one abstention.

MRS. DOMONKOS Moved that a letter of transmittal from Mr. Lyons to the Mayor be approved. Seconded. Mrs. Domonkos said that the items contained in the letter were considered by the Committee.

PRESIDENT LYONS called for a vote to approve the transmittal letter. APPROVED by voice vote with 38 in favor, one no vote, Mr. Jetta, and Mrs. Perillo abstaining as she was not in favor of some parts of the letter.

President Lyons said that yesterday, he received 2,000 signatures from citizens of Stamford in reference to the reinstatement of park police; the signatures are on file in the office if anyone is interested in seeing them. He said the signatures were the most he has ever seen.

President Lyons thanked Mrs. Domonkos and Ms. M. Rinaldi as Co-Chairs of the Committee for the illustrious job they did and he complimented all the members of the Committee for their work. President Lyons said that he beleived the Board has acted in a very business like and responsible manner to the citizens of Stamford. He saluted the Committee and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion dule made and Seconded and Approved by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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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