

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1994

23RD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

A regular monthly meeting of the 23rd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, January 3, 1994, in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Rep. Philip R. Stork, R-15.

"Heavenly Father, our 23rd Board of Representatives gathers here tonight to continue its work of looking after our community and the people it serves. We pray for Your spiritual guidance in helping us to make the very best decisions for all concerned. This is a new year and a new year brings with it hope of a healthier and more prosperous life. We see Your help in making this happen. Finally, Oh Lord, we ask for Your direction in leading our citizens to turn in their weapons of destruction so that our streets may become safer for our families. We ask and pray for all this in Your holiest of names. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Mary Lou Rinaldi.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 36 members present and four absent. Absent were John Hogan (excused), Scott Morris, Elaine Mitchell (excused) and William Belcher.

The Chair declared a quorum.

FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD:

PRESIDENT RINALDI read a letter of resignation from Scott A. Morris, D-17 District.

"Dear Mary Lou:

"I am hereby formally submitting my resignation as 17th District City Representative, effective Monday, January 3, 1994, which is the scheduled date of the January Session of the Board of Representatives. I recently assumed a position with the Legislative Services Department of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), a bi-partisan organization based in New Haven. By mutual agreement with my new employer, I will be withdrawing from active involvement in state and local politics and government, including resigning my seat on the Board.

"I would like to strongly and most enthusiastically recommend and endorse the nomination of Mrs. Alice C. Fortunato of 28 Hickory Way in Springdale as the next 17th District City Representative.

"In closing, I want to wish my colleagues on the Board the best during the next two years. The Board faces several critical issues, but I know that each and every Member of the Board is more than up to the challenges that lie ahead.

"Sincerely,

"/s/ Scott A. Morris"

FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD: (continued)

REP. BOCCUZZI said that Scott Morris was a very active member of the Board and he served his district well. Rep. Boccuzzi said that Scott probably attended more meeting than anyone on the Board. Rep. Boccuzzi wished Scott luck in his new position and said that the Board will miss him.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he has had the privilege of serving with Rep. Morris and found that he was an individual who truly represented his district, did his homework and attended the meetings. Rep. Zelinsky said that a lot of times they were on different sides of an issue, but Rep. Morris was a gentleman and was always honest and sincere and dedicated to the position of representative.

PRESIDENT RINALDI stated that she was sure that all members agreed with the words spoken by Reps. Boccuzzi and Zelinsky

REP. BOCCUZZI nominated Alice Fortunato to the seat vacated by Scott Morris.

Rep. Boccuzzi said that Mrs. Fortunato has lived at 28 Hickory Way for 38 years and had attended public schools in Stamford. She raised a family of five children and is a grandmother of 11 grandchildren. He said that Mrs. Fortunato is employed by the Department of Public Works for 22 years and has been active in various community affairs for over 30 years; She has been a member of the Democratic City Committee and is a member for the 17th District for five years. He said that she is a member of the Springdale Association and has volunteered for many environmental activities sponsored by the Public Works Department.

Rep. Boccuzzi Moved for the approval of Mrs. Fortunato. Seconded.

REP. RYBNICK Moved that nomination be closed. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve Mrs. Fortunato to fill the vacant seat in the 17th District. APPROVED unanimously.

President Rinaldi congratulated Mrs. Fortunato and administered the Oath of Office; Mrs. Fortunato took her seat.

37 members were present.

MACHINE TEST VOTE was taken by President Mary Lou Rinaldi. The machine was in good working order.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late MARY ELLEN LOMBARDO-GAIPA requested by Rep. Philip Stork, 15th District. "Mary Ellen Lombardo-Gaipa died on Saturday, January 1, 1994, at the age of 69. A native of Stamford, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Catherine Comito Lombardo. She worked at Waldenbooks in Stamford for 10 years, prior to retirement in 1986. Prior to that, she was an executive secretary at Litton Industries. She also worked at Prudential Insurance in Stamford. She was a U. S. Marine Corps Korean War Veteran, serving from 1953-55, and achieved the rank of sergeant. Mrs. Gaipa was also the stepmother of former Board of Representatives member, Walter Gaipa (Easton, CT.). I will always remember her as more than just a constituent. I will always remember her as a grand lady, a wonderful American."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late MARY LOGLISCI LaDESTRO requested by members of the 23rd Board of Representatives. "Mary Loglisci LaDestro was a lifelong resident of Stamford. She died at the age of 84. She was born in Stamford and was a daughter of the late Ralph and Antonia DiGennaro Loglisci. She was predeceased by her husband, Salvatore LaDestro. She is survived by two daughters, Betty Mossa and Toni O'Brien; three sons, Phil LaDestro, Sal LaDestro and Ralph LaDestro; one sister Mamie Grande and one brother, Frank Loglisci. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Our sincerest sympathy to her family."

For the late WINIFRED GASERO requested by Rep. David Wilk of the 11th District.

For the late MARCELO NACCARELLI requested by Rep. David Wilk of the 11th District.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairwoman Mary Lou Rinaldi

REPORT. Waived.

REP. 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 15, 1993, in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mary Lou Rinaldi at 7:38 p.m. She declared a quorum.

Present at the meeting:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman	John J. Hogan, Jr.	Ellen Mellis
Annie Summerville	Ralph Loglisci	Michael Larobina
John J. Boccuzzi	Elaine Mitchell	Maria Nakian
Nicholas Pavia	Thomas Pia	Robert DeLuca
Robert McLaughlin	John R. Zelinsky, Jr.	Carmen Domonkos
Philip Stork	Donald Sherer	Seth Amgott, Advocate
Gregory LaDestro	Bobby Owens	John Roman, WSTC
Marggie Laurie	Scott Morris	Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were six of the seven names appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One name was ordered Held in Steering.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were all 19 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were five of the seven items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Two items were ordered off the Agenda: Tax abatement for Learning Center at Pipers Hill, the property is leased and Amend Board's Rules of Order to eliminate machine test votes.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda; ordered on the Agenda from the Labor Relations Committee was the approval of Dental Hygienists contract.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

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

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

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

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

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Ordered moved to the Personnel Committee was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda re Dental Hygienists contract.

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

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

RE-EVALUATION COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering were the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing 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 8:45 p.m.

Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, Chairwoman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie Summerville, Chairwoman

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the Committee met on December 26, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Annie Summerville, Ellen Mellis, John Boccuzzi, Michael Larobina, Thomas Pia, Philip Stork and David Wilk; excused were Reps. Gloria DePina and Scott Morris. Also, in attendance was Rep. Marggie Laurie.

Rep. Summerville placed items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 on the Consent Agenda. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Fortunato abstaining on item 2; Reps. LaDestro, Sherer, Leydon, Martin and McDonald abstaining on item 4 and Reps. McDonald and LaDestro abstaining on item 6.

PATRIOTIC AND SPECIAL EVENTS

TERM EXPIRES

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| 1. <u>MR. JAMES G. SARANTOS</u> (D)
191 Belltown Road
(Held in Steering 12/1/93) | Replacing M. Potter whose
term expired. | 12/1/94 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

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| 2. <u>MR. MICHAEL PAVIA</u> (R)
470 High Ridge Road
(Held in Steering 12/1/93) | Reappointment. | 11/30/95 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

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| 3. <u>MR. PATRICK J. O'CONNOR</u> (R)
28 Willowbrook Place
(Held in Steering 12/1/93) | Reappointment. | 11/30/95 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

CORPORATION COUNSEL

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| 4. <u>MR. DANIEL McCABE</u> (R)
239 West Trail
(Held in Steering 12/1/93) | Reappointment. | 11/30/95 |
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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH FIVE ABSTENTIONS. REPS. GREGORY LaDESTRO, DONALD SHERER, JOHN F. LEYDON, JR., DAVID MARTIN AND ANDRED McDONALD.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the "Committee of the Whole" met on December 29, 1993 to interview the proposed appointment of Director of Traffic and Parking John A. Petkus. Present were Committee members Annie Summerville, Ellen Mellis, John Boccuzzi, Michael Larobina, Thomas Pia, Philip Stork and David Wilk; also present were Reps. Marggie Laurie, Andrew McDonald, Ralph Loglisci, Elizabeth Conti, Ronald Sabia, Lucy Corelli, Joseph Vitti, Robert McLaughlin, Donald Sherer, William Belcher, Robert DeLuca, Carmen Domonkos, and Mary Lou Rinaldi.

Rep. Summerville said that this evening at 6:00 p.m., the Committee voted to place item 5. on the Consent Agenda. Moved. Seconded. The item was taken off Consent.

DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC AND PARKINGTERM EXPIRES

5. MR. JOHN A. PETKUS Replacing Vincent Akhimie. 5-year contract
 186 Middletown Avenue
 Wethersfield, CT 06109-3805
 (Held in Steering 12/1/93)

REP. ZELINSKY asked if Mr. Petkus will continue to operate his own consulting traffic engineering business while serving as Director of Traffic and Parking?

REP. SUMMERVILLE said, "no."

REP. ZELINSKY said that unfortunately, he could not attend the Committee meeting and would like some questions answered. Rep. Zelinsky asked if Mr. Petkus would be moving to the Stamford area if confirmed?

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the question was asked of Mr. Petkus and he explained to the Committee that if at all feasible, he would try to relocate to Stamford; Mr. Petkus did not commit himself due to the cost of living in the Stamford area. Rep. Summerville stated that Mr. Petkus said that he would be a full-time Traffic Director for the City of Stamford.

REP. ZELINSKY said that the previous director had full-time access to a city car and inasmuch as Mr. Petkus lives in Wetherfield, will Mr. Petkus be driving a city car back and forth daily?

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the question was put forth to Mr. Petkus and Mr. Petkus told the Committee that if possible, he would not be using the car daily; he loves to commute on the train but the option is left open in cause of any emergencies.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he hoped that Mr. Petkus, when confirmed, will be accessible to all representatives regarding problems in their districts. Rep. Zelinsky said that he was concerned with the Administration in negotiating the contract with the starting salary for the Director at the top level. He said that future salaries should be negotiated not at the top but in a medium range. He said that he knows that the Board has no control on these matters but the Mayor is in the audience and is listening and hoped that the Mayor would take this to heart and this does not occur in the future.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she wanted to make an informational statement to the Board. She said that Rep. Conti asked about neighborhood participation and the feeling the Committee received from the applicant was that he was more than committed to working with the representatives.

Rep. Summerville said that it has been the practice of the city to get the best qualified person for the job, and in the area of traffic and parking, we need to attract the best candidate. Rep. Summerville said that the Board is not involved with negotiating a contract. She said that on behalf of the Committee, they felt that the administration did a good job in recruiting the best candidate for the position with the given salary.

PRESIDENT RINALD proceeded to a vote to confirm Mr. Petkus for the Director of Traffic and Parking. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY by 37 yes votes.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEWTERM EXPIRES

6. <u>MR. BENJAMIN CUTTITTA</u> (R)	Replacing W. Kosbob who	12/1/96
124 Snow Crystal Lane	resigned.	

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS. REPS. ANDREW McDONALD AND GREGORY LaDESTRO.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, December 22, 1993. Present were members John Hogan, Ralph Loglisci, Maria Nakian, Nicholas Pavia, Donald Sherer, David Wilk, Carmen Domonkos; Gloria DePina and Elaine Mitchell were excused. Also present were Reps. Marggie Laurie, John Leydon, Jr., Andrew McDonald and John Zelinsky, Jr. The Committee also met this evening with members Carmen Domonkos, Ralph Loglisci, Maria Nakian, Gerald Rybnick, Donald Sherer and David Wilk present; Elaine Mitchell was excused.

Rep. Domonkos placed items 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the Secondary Committee report.

1. \$ 75,000.00 - FERGUSON LIBRARY - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 710.39 MAIN LIBRARY MAINTENANCE - additional appropriation for exterior painting, roof repair, wood, brick and marble repairs, carpeting and furniture replacement. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed by bonding, to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the city expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 8/9/93. Planning Board approved 9/14/93. Board of Finance approved appropriation on 11/15/93; bonding resolution approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. \$ 80,000.00 - FERGUSON LIBRARY - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 710.38 COMPUTER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT - additional appropriation for second of three installments to purchase computer system. This system features a DEC VAX 4300 computer with a 135 terminal capacity. To be financed by bonding, to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the city expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Planning Board approved 8/24/93. Board of Finance approved appropriation on 11/15/93; bonding resolution approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

3. \$ 36,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING - CODE 280.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation for partial funding of Traffic and Parking Director's salary. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/14/93. Board of Finance approved 9/15/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

4. \$ 7,200.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSING - CODE 560.1230 COLLEGE TUITION - additional appropriation for individuals who have requested college tuition reimbursements. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/27/93. Board of Finance approved 10/21/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

5. \$ 6,925.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 550.1230 COLLEGE TUITION - additional appropriation for reimbursement of college tuitions for programs of study. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/27/93. Board of Finance approved 10/21/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

- \$ 21,375.00 - APPROVED
6. \$ 23,500.00 - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS & CODES - additional appropriation for pay raises for elected and appointed officials. -0-
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| 101.1135 Registrars of Voters permanent part-time | \$ 2,125 |
| 201.1110 Mayor salaries | 3,000 |
| 210.1110 City Clerk salaries | 4,875 |
| 230.1110 Corporation Counsel salaries | 4,500 |
| 240.1110 Finance Commissioner salaries | 4,500 |
| 301.1110 Dept. of Public Works Commissioner salaries | <u>4,500</u> |
| | \$21,375 |
- Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.
- Note: Registrars of Votes not eligible for salary increases until January 6, 1995.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the amount was reduced to \$21,375 because the Registrars of Voters salaries were taken out as they do not receive increases until after the next election. She said the Committee voted to place the item on Consent.

REP. ZELINSKY Moved to take a separate vote on each of the salaries. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote. DEFEATED by 20 no and 14 yes votes.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of salary increases for elected and appointed officials. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY said that the Secondary Committee concurred.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the salary increases. APPROVED by voice vote with six abstentions, Reps. John F. Leydon, Jr., Alice Fortunato, Audrey Maihock, John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Marggie Laurie and David Martin.

7. \$ 41,415.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to pay raises to Asst. Corporation Counsels awarded through arbitration and to pay for accrued sick leave to retired Asst. Corporation Counsel. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. JOHN F. LEYDON, JR.

- \$ 9,798.00 - APPROVED; \$15,000 HELD IN COMMITTEE
8. \$ 24,798.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230. 1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation requested to fill legal secretary position through the end of the fiscal year. Secretary was laid off last fiscal year; it was necessary to rehire due to heavy workload. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 8. Seconded.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DeLUCA said that the salary was to the end of the fiscal year. He said that if the figure was doubled, the person's salary would be approximately \$50,000 a year. He said that he heard the salary to be in the range of \$30,000. He also asked about the time frame for this salary.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the salary was \$31,000 plus. She said that a portion of the retiring Assistant Corporation Counsel's salary was used to pay for a part of the secretary's salary, and this was to pay for the secretary's salary for the remainder of the year.

REP. DeLUCA asked if the position was eliminated?

REP. DOMONKOS said that she believes that a position must be eliminated by the Personnel Commission. She thought that the funding was cut for this position in the last budget. Rep. Domonkos said that the same secretary was rehired and without this appropriation, she may be laid off again.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the date of the request by the Mayor was 11/20/93, and the item was held in Steering. He said that he believed that the \$24,000 was for more than a half of a year; it could possibly be for seven months instead of six.

REP. LaDESTRO asked about the time frame paid for from the money left from the person who retired?

REP. DOMONKOS said there is no doubling up; this appropriation is an additional to keep the person onboard.

REP. DeLUCA Moved to hold the appropriation. Seconded.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that he just spoke to Dan McCabe, and Dan said that if the money is not appropriated this evening, this person will be laid off until the money is appropriated. Rep. Boccuzzi said that if this happens, it will be the second time this person is laid off. He said that a better solution to the problem would be to fund part and hold part of the appropriation and the questions could be answered next month.

REP. DeLUCA said that he would compromise and Moved to hold \$15,000 in Committee, funding \$9,798 now. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve \$9,798 and hold in Committee \$15,000. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Gerald Rybnick and three abstentions, Reps. John F. Leydon, Jr., Donald Sherer and Andrew McDonald.

9. \$ 6,408.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 330.193
UTILITY REPAIR - additional appropriation for repairs to Soundview Drive due to storm incident. To be financed as follows: \$801 taxation, \$4,806 federal grant and \$801 state grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/7/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

10. \$ 18,800.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 301.173 RAIL TRAIL I - additional appropriation for additional funding for existing funded capital project for improvements to Transportation Center. To be financed by grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/7/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

11. \$ 15,212.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 330.174 PUMPING STATION RESTORATION - additional appropriation for Hobson Street pumping stations site to restore damaged stonewall and concrete pipe. To be financed as follows: \$1,901.50 taxation, \$11,409 federal grant and \$1,901.50 state grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/7/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

12. \$ 7,202.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 330.181 RIP RAP REPAIR - additional appropriation for repairs to Shippan Point due to floodwaters. To be financed as follows: \$900 taxation, \$5,402 federal grant and \$900 state grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/7/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

13. \$ 8,819.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 330.192 WEED AVENUE SEAWALL - additional appropriation to repair seawall. To be financed as follows: \$1,102.50 taxation, \$6,614 federal grant and \$1,102.50 state grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/7/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

14. \$ 3,439.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 330.175 LANDSCAPING FEATURES - additional appropriation for Shippan Point, East Beach and Fairview Avenue restoration of grasslands, replace destroyed bank stabilization with rip rap. To be financed as follows: \$430 taxation, \$2,579 federal grant and \$430 state grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/7/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION, REP. ALICE FORTUNATO.

- \$ 10,000.00 - APPROVED
15. \$ 16,200.00 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING - CODE 281.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to fund salary of one (1) additional traffic violation officer commencing December 1, 1993. Officer will be assigned to a staggered schedule to cover serious gaps where traffic violations have been observed. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 10/25/93. Board of Finance approved 11/15/93. Held in Committee 12/13/93. (\$10,000 approved by Fiscal Committee)

Above also referred to TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

16. \$ 9,500.00 - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PLANNING - CODE 454.5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS - additional appropriation to implement and maintain Emergency Communications Center during incident responses and to assist planning for regional Haz-Mat response. This is fully reimbursable by a state grant. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/30/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93. Held in Committee 12/13/93.

Above also referred HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

17. \$392,825.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993/94 FOR PROJECT CODE 810.049 MODULAR CLASSROOMS - additional appropriation to purchase four modular classrooms; two at Roxbury Elementary School and two at Newfield Elementary School. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed by bonding, to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/20/93. Planning Board approved 12/1/93. Board of Finance approved 12/9/93 with recommendations. Held in Committee 12/13/93.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted 6-1 for approval of item 17.
Moved. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY said that the Education, Welfare and Government Committee concurred.

REP. DeLUCA said that he has heard various figures concerning the enrollment of students that are to use the modulars and asked for the correct number of students.

REP. DOMONKOS said that there was some confusion, the first figure was 400 and later, they arrived at 480. Rep. Domonkos said that the Committee asked for a printout showing the increase in students this year. She said that she asked for the information for this evening's meeting but it was not received. She said that she was told the Board of Ed anticipated between 500 and 600 additional students next year.

REP. DeLUCA asked if at one time, any modulars were leased and was there any option to purchase them so that the amount can be reduced by what was already paid by leasing?

REP. DOMONKOS stated that some modulars were leased but there was no option to purchase. She said that it was indicated that after paying a lease for two years, you can buy them. Rep. Domonkos said that \$87,125 is the balance of buying out two at Roxbury that were leased and purchasing two additional ones; two at Roxbury and two at Newfield. She said that the appropriation was for paying off the lease of two and purchasing four more. Rep. Domonkos said that the modulars can be moved around thus adapting to the population shift of the students.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the Board of Finance asked the Board of Education to set up a program on Capital projects and this was part of the program. He said that the Board of Ed had to get at least three bids for the modulars; previously, they would have just purchased them. He said now they have enough time to get the bids, award the bid and get the modulars in place by the next school year.

REP. DOMONKOS said that there was a resolution accompanying this appropriation allowing the Board of Ed to apply for a 25% state grant which will go into the General fund and not the Board of Ed thus reducing the amount to be bonded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve \$392,825 for the Board of Education modular classrooms. APPROVED by 29 yes, four no votes with two abstentions.

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A PROGRAM OF SENIOR HEALTH SERVICES. Grant award will pay part-time nurse to conduct health screenings, presentations and immunizations at senior residences and community centers. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/6/93.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

19. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND CERIDIAN, A PAYROLL SERVICE BUREAU. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/5/93. Board of Finance approved 10/21/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote Rep. Leydon abstained item 7; Rep. Fortunato abstained on items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Monday, December 20, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Maria Nakian, Carmen Domonkos, John Leydon, Jr., David Martin, Andrew McDonald, Elaine Mitchell, David Scalzi, Donald Sherer and John Zelinsky, Jr.; Audrey Maihock was excused. Also present were Reps. Ralph Loglisci, Ellen Mellis and William Belcher; Dr. Curtis Porter for item 2 and David Anderson, Director of the Stamford Partnership; Christopher Bergstrom, Economic Development Director; Joel Mellis, John Rich and Leonard Vignola from the Economic Development Commission for item 3.

Rep. Nakian said that the Committee also met on item 3 on Wednesday, December 29, 1993 with Reps. Maria Nakian, Andrew McDonald, Carmen Domonkos and Donald Sherer present; Reps. John Leydon, Jr., Elaine Mitchell, David Martin and John Zelinsky, Jr. were excused. The Committee met again this evening because the December 29 meeting did not have a quorum. Present were Committee members Maria Nakian, Carmen Domonkos, Audrey Maihock, Donald Sherer, John Leydon, Jr., Gregory LaDestro and Andrew McDonald.

Rep. Nakian placed items 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Consent but they were all taken off Consent.

1. (L&R23.01) PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE BETWEEN METROVISION OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND THE CITY OF STAMFORD. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 10/27/93. Planning Board approved 11/9/93. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. (L&R23.03) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 46 ATLANTIC STREET OWNED BY URBAN LEAGUE OF SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT, INC. Requested by Carol Manne, Vice President of Operations, Urban League of Southwestern Connecticut, Inc., 46 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT 06901, 11/12/93. Held in Steering 12/1/93.

REP. NAKIAN said the abatement was for property purchased by the Urban League on June 21, 1993; the abatement requested is for the last five days of June, 25th to 30th from the Grand List year 1991 and the whole of the Grand List year 1992 covering from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994. She said the amount is \$27,583. She said the Committee voted 8-0-0 in favor of the abatement. Moved. Seconded.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. LOGLISCI questioned whether the taxes should have been paid by the prior owner?

REP. NAKIAN said that she checked on that and found the property was owned by the FDIC and as a government institution, they do not pay taxes. Rep. Nakian said that the Board has the power to abate the taxes from the date of purchase.

REP. LOGLISCI asked that when the property was purchased, did they not understand that they were liable for the taxes?

REP. NAKIAN said that this situation was no different from any other tax abatement. She said that what usually happens is if the previous owner has paid the taxes and they are always paid in advance, and if owned by a regular corporation, the taxes would have been paid until June 30, 1993; the Urban League would have reimbursed the seller for the few days of taxes. She said that state law provides the Board with the authority to reimburse the buyer for the taxes paid at the time of closing but in this case, the FDIC did not pay the taxes therefore, the Urban League did not reimburse FDIC.

REP. LOGLISCI stated that this was a situation that, by law, we must provide a tax abatement.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Board does not have to abate the taxes; Urban League was made tax exempt on the 1993 Grand List. She said that was out of the hands of the Board, the decision was made by the Tax Assessor with an opinion backed from the Law Department that the Urban League qualifies for tax exemption.

Rep. Nakian said that state statutes say that the Board may by ordinance abate the taxes from the time of purchase until the time the property is declared tax exempt on the Grand List. Rep. Nakian said that Board does not have to grant tax abatement and in her time on the Board, no tax abatement was ever turned down. She said that the Board cannot act capriciously; if abatement is granted to one organization, it has to be done for everybody.

REP. LaDESTRO asked what the annual tax on the property was and how many days are being abated of the June time frame?

REP. NAKIAN said that abatement is for five day and she did not know what the taxes are for the five days. She said that on the tax bill she received from the Tax Collector's office, there was no bill for taxes owed for that period of time. Rep. Nakian said that because we abate taxes from the date of purchase, that is being done in this case. Rep. Nakian said that for July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, the one complete Grand List year, the taxes are \$27,583.70.

REP. CONTI said that it was her understanding that the property was transferred by quitclaim deed which means that taxes do not have to be abated if the property is purchased by quitclaim; if purchased that way, the buyer is responsible to pay any taxes, liens, etc. She asked if that was correct?

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that he did not know if the purchase was done by quitclaim deed and that this request was not an abatement on taxes that were owed previously.

REP. CONTI said that the ordinance states by quitclaim deed.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Board never distinguished whether it was by quitclaim or by regular deed. She said that the property changed hands on June 21 and recorded on June 25.

REP. CONTI asked how can \$27,583.70 be abated?

REP. NAKIAN said that the property changed hands and came into the possession of the Urban League by deed dated June 21 and recorded June 25 and the recording date is always used as the legal date of transfer as advised by the Law Department. She said that the \$27,000 plus taxes are for the Grand List of 1992 which carries the abatement period from the date of purchase until the 1993 Grand List when the property was made exempt by the Tax Assessor.

REP. LAROBINA asked if the taxes being abated were from June of 1993 and is it correct that we have a choice to abate or not? He said that his understanding was always that because of the way the state statute is written, we do not have a choice. Rep. Larobina said that actually, we are removing the property from the Grand List. He said that once an organization qualifies for tax exemption, they enjoy that status.

REP. NAKIAN said that the property is declared tax exempt by the Tax Assessor and it is removed and declared exempt on the next Grand List; at times it can be slightly retroactive. She said that the state law says that a municipality may by ordinance abate the taxes from the date of purchase until the time it is declared tax exempt.

REP. LAROBINA asked if there is a choice?

REP. NAKIAN said that there is a choice as the state statute does not say that the legislative body must declare it tax exempt; it says, "it may." She said that the Board has always had the discretion under the state statute to extend the abatements given to certain organizations to the date of purchase.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve for publication, proposed ordinance concerning tax abatement for Urban League of Southwestern Connecticut for property at 46 Atlantic Street. APPROVED by 29 yes, 6 no votes with two abstentions.

3. (L&R23.05) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/19/93.
Held in Steering 12/1/93. Planning Board approved 12/28/93.

REP. NAKIAN said that the program is run by the state and the city has applied to the state to create an Enterprise Zone. She said that Stamford is the fifth largest manufacturing city in the state and the only city that currently does not have an Enterprise Zone. She said that the state law was recently changed with the help of the local representatives so that the Waterside census tract, with 24.6% of the residents living below the poverty level, qualified for an Enterprise Zone.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. NAKIAN spoke more about the history, purpose and incentives concerning the Enterprise Zone. A copy of the complete report is attached to these Minutes.

Rep. Nakian stated that a clause was added to the ordinance recommending that at least 30% of the job created by the Enterprise Zone go to residents of the Enterprise Zone or to residents in the job-training program.

Rep. Nakian said that the proposed ordinance is for publication and at this point, community input is needed. She said the Committee voted 7-0-0 in favor of publication. Moved. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he received a copy of the state statute dealing with the Enterprise Zone. He quoted, "Economic development enterprise zones distress municipalities and that concerning enterprise zones for municipalities that are severely impacted by defense cutbacks or other major economic disruptions."

Rep. Zelinsky said that the first draft of the ordinance was attached to a letter from the Mayor dated 11/19/93. He said that at the L&R meeting on December 20, he requested a copy of the legislation and since that time a second draft was received dated November 22 with additional information and wording; a third draft was received on December 30, with more additional paragraphs and information. Rep. Zelinsky said that he thought we were moving too quickly on a very important matter that will affect the City of Stamford and specifically, its residents for the next ten years.

Rep. Zelinsky said that the state statute created the enabling legislation in July of last year; four months later, the Mayor sent down the request, saying that we must act on the request immediately. Rep. Zelinsky said that if the request was acted on in December, we would not have the Community Enterprise Zone Board which the state statute clearly states that the Community Enterprise Zone Board must be included in the ordinance and if the ordinance was approved in December, even for publication, the city would have been in violation of the state statute. Rep. Zelinsky said that a third draft has been received and he wondered if there were other crucial elements of this important zone that maybe the Board should look into. Rep. Zelinsky stated that why should the Board vote for publication when the ordinance is not ready or close to being ready and would we have to republish? He said that he felt if the ordinance was not ready, it should be sent back to Committee.

Rep. Zelinsky said a letter from the Planning Board was sent to Chairwoman Nakian. He quoted from the letter, "The Planning Board voted 4 to 1 to support the overall concept of the Enterprise Zone for Stamford." He said that in a later paragraph, the Planning Board states, "The Board feels strongly the residents of the targeted area must be among the major beneficiaries of the Enterprise Zone. To this end, a comprehensive approach combining outreach job training and support services to connect the unemployed and under-employed residents of Waterside and the South End to the jobs created must be in place."

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. ZELINSKY said that the ordinance now recommends that at least 30% of the job created by the Enterprise Zone be filled by residents of the zone or other eligible residents of the city. Rep. Zelinsky said that 30% is a drop in the bucket while the talk is of millions of dollars and the best we can come up with is 30% and all it is, is a recommendation. He said that there is no legislation in Hartford or in the ordinance that says that any manufacturing business or company eligible for tax abatement under the program, will have to hire local residents, specifically those in the area.

Rep. Zelinsky said that in the local paper, it mentioned that in a July, 1992 interview, the administrator of the state's Enterprise Zone program, said, "One of its least successful aspects was encouraging hiring of zone residents. Less than 10% of our expenditures on the zone over the previous decade resulted from that. It has not been very significant. Norwalk officials said then that the decade old South Norwalk Enterprise Zone had little impact on the area's poverty and said they used zone status as a marketing tool. Added that there was no proof that zones attract business. Case studies show tax abatement have only a marginal influence on business decisions."

Rep. Zelinsky said that he believed that we have to proceed very cautiously because he did not think it would be the intent of the Board of Representatives to push through an important piece of legislation to benefit the businesses; it was created to help the residents in that particular zone.

Rep. Zelinsky Moved to send the proposed ordinance back to Committee to make sure all the items on the ordinance are checked. Seconded.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that he would speak against sending the ordinance back to Committee. He said there is proof that the L&R Committee did a lot of work on the ordinance by the changes made. Rep. Boccuzzi said that by returning it to Committee, for the time being, the possibility of a public hearing is eliminated and the public is the most important factor concerning the Enterprise Zone whether they live in the zone or not, therefore, a public hearing and publication is necessary so residents and citizens of the city can have the opportunity to give their input on the matter.

REP. WHITE said that he would support the item being returned to Committee because of the public hearing. He said that he would not put before the public what he believes is a flawed ordinance.

REP. RYBNICK Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to return to Committee, the proposed ordinance on the Enterprise Zone. DEFEATED by 29 no and 5 yes votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. STORK said that in Rep. Nakian's presentation, she said that Stamford was the only city in the state that was not a participant of an Enterprise Zone. He asked if the Committee sought any feedback from other cities that have an Enterprise Zone as to the success or the failure of the zone?

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee did not contact the zones but the Economic Development Director for the city did and he provided material; also, Rep. Domonkos talked to the Norwalk Enterprise Zone and she learned that it was not the cure-all for all problems but the zone was useful for industrial firms interested in Norwalk. She said that in most cases, the qualifying firms did not enter the program as there were many other state incentives that were available and which were better. Rep. Nakian said that the original marketing tool was the Enterprise Zone.

REP. STORK said that someone just gave him a copy of the material provided by the Economic Director and he would study same.

REP. SHERER Moved the question. Seconded. Rep. Sherer withdrew his motion to allow one more speaker.

REP. MELLIS said that the Economic Development Committee met and discussed the matter with the Commission and Kip Bergstrom. She said that it was the feeling of the Committee that the Enterprise Zone was an important tool to have in place for the city since companies are looking at Stamford and this would be an incentive for them. She felt that the ordinance should be supported.

REP. NAKIAN said that there are four firms that are currently either committed to coming to Stamford because of their interest in the Enterprise Zone or about to make their decision. She said that the firms will contribute or retain 340 jobs with results in the increase of personal property taxes, payroll, etc. Rep. Nakian said that if the zone does nothing more than bring the four firms in, then the zone has a place in Stamford. She said that it was worthy to try the program.

The question was Moved and Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote with four no votes, Reps. White, Zelinsky, Perillo and Martin.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve for publication, the proposed ordinance Concerning the Creation of an Enterprise Zone. APPROVED by voice vote with three no votes, Reps. White, Zelinsky and Perillo.

4. (L&R23.02) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 FIFTH STREET OWNED BY CONGREGATION AGUDATH SHOLOM. Requested by Harold F. Bernstein, Esq., Zone & Bernstein, 123 Prospect Street, Stamford, CT 06901, 11/10/ 93. Approved for publication 12/13/93.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. NAKIAN said that the abatement was for property from the date of purchase, September 1, 1993, through the Grand List of 1992; it was declared tax exempt by the Tax Assessor for the Grand List of 1993. She said the amount was approximately \$3,500 and is property purchased for the Rabbi's home; by state statute the property is declared tax exempt. Rep. Nakian said that the exemption is being extended back to the date of purchase. She said that the Committee voted 6 in favor, none opposed with one abstention. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve for final adoption, proposed ordinance Concerning Tax Abatement for Property located at 210 Fifth Street and owned by Congregation Agudath Sholom. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Reps. Perillo and DeLuca; Rep. Sherer abstained.

5. (L&R23.04) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 3096 HIGH RIDGE ROAD, SIDE W, CARD 242, LOT C OWNED BY STAMFORD LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC. Requested by Joel M. Berns, Vice President, Stamford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. 70 Kenilworth Drive East, Stamford, CT 06902, 11/16/93. Approved for publication 12/13/93.

REP. NAKIAN said that the property was deeded to the Land Trust on March 2, 1992 and is to be held as open space and that is so stated in the deed. She said the property was received from the owner with the taxes paid until June 30, 1992 and because the Land Trust did not reimburse the owner, there will be no reimbursement to Land Trust for the taxes on that period. Rep. Nakian said that the tax exemption goes back to the date of purchase. She said the amount of taxes unpaid and to be abated is \$1,907 for the second half of the Grand List of 1992. Rep. Nakian said that the Committee voted 6 in favor with none opposed and no abstentions. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve for final adoption, tax abatement for property adjacent to 3096 High Ridge Road, owned by Stamford Land Conservation. APPROVED by voice vote with 9 no votes, Reps. Perillo, DeLuca, Vitti, Pia, Sabia, Conti, Maihock, Pavia and Johnson; Rep. Owens abstained.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Jr., Chairman

Rep. Vitti reported for Chairman John Hogan.

REP. VITTI said that from Chairman Hogan, he learned that the Agreement was not ratified by Dental Hygienists, therefore the meeting was cancelled and no action taken.

1. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DENTAL HYGIENISTS. AGREEMENT IS A FIVE-YEAR ONE. YEAR 1, 7/1/92 TO 6/30/93 WAGE ADJUSTMENT OF 3.25%; YEAR 2, 7/1/93 TO 6/30/94 WAGE ADJUSTMENT OF 3.25%; YEAR 3, 7/1/94 TO 6/30/95 WAGE ADJUSTMENT OF 0%; YEAR 4, 7/1/95 TO 6/30/96 WAGE ADJUSTMENT 4%; YEAR 5, 7/1/96 TO 6/30/97 WAGE ADJUSTMENT 4%. ALSO OTHER CHANGES MADE IN AGREEMENT. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/7/93. Board of Finance to issue advisory opinion.

NO ACTION TAKEN

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Gregory LaDestro, Chairman

REP. LADESTRO said that the Committee meeting was cancelled.

1. PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE - 240 FEET INCLUDING PERMANENT TURNAROUND BAKER PLACE OFF BROOK RUN LANE PARALLEL TO LONG RIDGE ROAD. MAP SHOWING CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS AND SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY PREPARED FOR CRYSTAL ROCK WATER COMPANY. MAP ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE UNDER FILE NO. M-12425. Petitioner is Greyrock Holdings Ltd, Jerry Effren, President, 855 Oronoke Road, Unit 13, Waterbury, CT 06708, 11/17/93.

HELD IN COMMITTEEPUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Jeffrey Curtis, Co-Chairmen

REP. OWENS said that the Committee met on Tuesday, December 21, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Jeffrey Curtis, Ronald Sabia, Bobby Owens, Marggie Laurie, John Hogan, Thomas Pia; excused were Reps. Fred Johnson and Robert DeLuca. Also attending were Reps. Annie Summerville, Michael Larobina, John Zelinsky, Ralph Loglisci, Carmen Domonkos, Maria Nakian, Donald Sherer, David Martin; Michael Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works; Lou David, Supervisor of Solid Waste; and Norman Liu, City Engineer.

1. MATTER OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS TO THE TAXPAYERS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE CLOSING OF STAMFORD'S INCINERATOR. ALSO, IN WHOSE AUTHORITY DOES THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE FACILITY LIE. Submitted by Reps. Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 12/14/93.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. OWENS said that many questions were asked of the Commissioner. Rep. Owens said that the Commissioner swore the members to secrecy on many of the issues until the Seminar on January 8 which members of the Board and Board of Finance have been invited to attend.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ralph Loglisci & Audrey Maihock, Co-Chairpersons

No report.

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

No report.

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

REP. ZELINSKY wanted the record to note that the Committee met jointly with Fiscal on December 22, 1993. Present were Chairman Zelinsky, Vice Chairman Leydon, Sherer and Laurie; Reps. McDonald, Maihock and McLaughlin were excused.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Michael Larobina, Chairman - No report.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

Rep. Mellis reported for Rep. Mitchell

REP. MELLIS said that the Committee met on Tuesday, December 21, 1993 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Elaine Mitchell, Annie Summerville, Ellen Mellis, David Wilk, Nicholas Pavia and Timothy Beeble, Director of Stamford Community Development. Rep. Mellis said that a complete report was sent to all members; the report is attached to these Minutes.

Rep. Mellis said that a public hearing will be held on January 31, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. on Block Grant Year 20 and a workshop will be held on Saturday, February 2.

1. REVIEW OF PROGRAM AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT YEAR 20, INCLUDING SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSALS AND COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAM AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/3/93.

REPORT MADE

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPROGRAMING OF CONTINGENCY AND OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 12/3/93.

REPORT MADE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Chairman - No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman - No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE - John Boccuzzi & Nicholas Pavia, Co-Chairmen

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - William Belcher, Chairman

Rep. Mellis reported for Rep. Belcher.

REP. MELLIS said that the Committee met on Monday, December 20, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. Present were William Belcher, Ellen Mellis, Kit Martinsen, Kip Bergstron, Jack Rich, Joel Mellis and Len Vignola.

1. INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Requested by William Belcher, Chairman, Economic Development Committee, 12/13/93.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MELLIS said that the main discussion was on the Enterprise Zone. She said that a seminar on economic development will be held on January 22. She hoped that at that time there will be more information.

ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE - Gregory LaDestro & Maria Nakian, Co-Chairpersons

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Ralph Loglisci & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

No report.

AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca & John J. Boccuzzi, Co-Chairmen

No report.

RE-EVALUATION COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Jr., Chairman

No report.

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING NEWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY. Submitted by Rep. John J. Zelinsky, Jr., 12/15/93.

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

REP. MELLIS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up a resolution not on the Agenda. Seconded.

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

2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING THE WESTHILL CHAMBER SINGERS FOR BEING THE COMMORATIVE CHOIR FROM CONNECTICUT TO CELEBRATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF NORMANDY. Submitted by Reps. Ellen Mellis and William Belcher, 13th District, 1/3//94.

REP. MELLIS Moved for approval. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the resolution. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

REP. DeLUCA Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up a resolution regarding a scrivener's error in Section C5-100-6 of the Charter concerning the Board of Contract Appeals. Seconded. Mr. DeLuca said that a resolution was received from Corporation Counsel concerning the omission of the Commissioner of Finance on the Board of Contract Appeals.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to Suspend the Rules. DEFEATED by 19 yes and 11 no votes; two-thirds votes needed to Suspend the Rules.

MINUTES

1. DECEMBER 1, 1993 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 23RD BOARD - Not ready.
2. DECEMBER 13, 1993 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - Changes in Committee assignments.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that Republican Minority Leader Ralph Loglisci requested some changes to certain Committees. They are as follows: Re-evaluation Committee, Ralph Loglisci will replace Ronald Sabia; Labor Relations Committee, Joseph Vittti will be replacing Donald Sherer; Education, Welfare and Government Committee, David Scalzi will be replacing Donald Sherer; Environmental Protection Committee, Ronald Sabia is replacing Elizabeth Conti; Parks and Recreation Committee, Kit Martinsen is replacing Fred Johnson; Health and Protection Committee, Joseph Vittti is replacing Elizabeth Conti; Public Works and Sewer Committee, Kit Martinsen is replacing Thomas Pia; Personnel Committee, Elizabeth Conti is replacing Kit Martinsen; Fiscal Committee, Ronald Sabia is replacing William Belcher and Planning and Zoning Committee, Lucy Corelli is replacing Ronald Sabia.

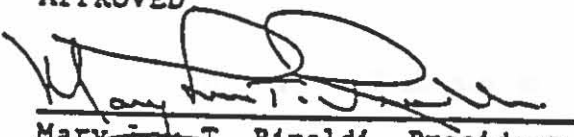
On the appointments replacing Scott Morris, Marggie Laurie will be replacing Scott on the Steering Committee as Chairman of the Transportation Committee and Alice Fortunato will be replacing Scott on both Appointments Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and Seconded and Approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Anne A. Kachaluba

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APPROVED:


Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, President
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Enclosures