

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1994

23RD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the 23rd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 1, 1994, at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 p.m. by President Mary Lou Rinaldi after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Representative David Martin, D-19.

"Dear Lord, tonight this Board comes together again to consider numerous issues of importance to our city. Lord, we pray for your help to make the right decisions for the people of Stamford. We pray for knowledge so that we may know what is fact and what is opinion. We pray for understanding so that we may know what is important and what is not and pray for wisdom to know what is right and what is wrong and pray for compassion to know the heartaches and joys of all the people in Stamford. And, we pray for vision to guide us towards a better future for our city and all of the people in our city.

"We, as a Board, bring together many different points of view. We represent different neighborhoods, we come from different backgrounds and we have different beliefs and philosophies. Dear Lord, let us use that diversity as our strength and let us not be our weakness. Lord, we humbly pray. 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 38 members present and two absent. Absent and excused were Jeffrey Curtis and Andrew McDonald.

The Chair declared a quorum.

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late IRWIN SILVER requested by members of the 23rd Board of Representatives.

"Irwin Silver, a former GOP chairman and civic leader, died at age 73 after a long battle with cancer. Irwin Silver will long be remembered and admired for his dedication to and involvement in his community. Over his many years as a resident of Stamford, Irwin held many governmental positions on a local and state level. He also served on innumerable social agency boards and committees. The Board of Representatives only recently had the pleasure of confirming Irwin Silver's appointment as one of Stamford's two delegates to the Greater Fairfield Tourism District. He will be missed by everyone with whom he interfaced. His star will continue to shine at the Rich Forum where the star's dressing room is dedicated to him. To his wife, Eve, his sons, Laurence and Lee, and his daughter, Lynn, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late VERE WIESLY, a former member of the Board of Representatives, requested by the 23rd Board of Representatives.

For the late SABATINO MONACO requested by Representative Mary Lou Rinaldi of the 5th District.

For the late MARIANO NIZZARDO requested by Representative Mary Lou Rinaldi of the 5th 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, July 13, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mary Lou Rinaldi at 7:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present at the meeting:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman
David Wilk
Annie Summerville
John J. Hogan
Donald Sherer
John R. Zelinsky Jr.

Ralph Loglisci
Thomas Pia
Maria Nakian
Elaine Mitchell
Maggie Laurie
Philip R. Stork

Bobby Owens
Robert DeLuca
John Boccuzzi
David Martin
Michael Larobina
John Roman, WSTC
Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were two of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. The name of Richard Inzitari for Parks & Recreation Commission was ordered off the Agenda because he was not interviewed by the City Committee.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the 15 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda; three items appearing on the Addenda, two items moved from the Planning & Zoning Committee and one item brought up under Suspension of Rules.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were six of the eight items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one from the Addenda. Ordered on the Pending Agenda were two items re regional council of elected officials and re Economic Development Commission and office of Economic Development. Ordered off the Pending Agenda was one item re Metrovision lease.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were three of the five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered Held was the item re positions funded by grants. Ordered on the Pending Agenda was the matter relating to the Cooper and Lybrand report.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered Moved to the Fiscal Committee were two items dealing with sale of city properties, etc.

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

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Ordered off the Pending Agenda was the item re labelling of milk.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Suspension of Rules approved to place an item on the Agenda re conditions of parks.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item appearing on the Addenda. Ordered off the Agenda was the item re crossing gates at Miller's crossing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS - Rep. Larobina said that he will submit a report on what is happening with the Urban Redevelopment Commission. Report is attached to these Minutes.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, Seconded and Approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, Chairwoman
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the Committee met on Wednesday, July 27, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Annie Summerville, Alice Fortunato, John Boccuzzi, Ellen Mellis, Gloria DePina, Michael Larobina, Philip Stork, David Wilk and Thomas Pia.

ZONING BOARDTERM EXPIRES

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| 1. <u>MS. SUE ANN FRIEDMAN</u> (R)
373 Stamford Avenue
(Held in Steering 6/15/94) | Replacing A. Moore whose
term expired. | 12/1/95 |
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REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the Committee voted seven to two for approval.
Moved. Seconded.

REP. WHITE said that he was against the nomination for the fact that on the person's resume, she listed that she was a resident of Stamford for two years. He said that he did not believe that anybody should be put on a land use board who has only lived in Stamford for two years. Rep. White said that a person must have a knowledge of the history of the city and a larger knowledge must be had of the character and complexity of the city today, in its present form, and the person will be making decisions concerning the future that will have an impact on the city for many years to come. He said that a person who has only been a resident of Stamford for two years could not possibly grasp the character and the complexity or how diverse the city is in its present form and would be lacking in the history of the city. Rep. White said that he did not think this person to be an appropriate candidate for a land use board. He said that a real knowledge of Stamford must be had in order to make competent decisions concerning zoning matters. Rep. White said that the competence of the person's background is not the issue, the issue is that you do not have the knowledge of serving on the Zoning Board because the person has not been a resident of Stamford long enough.

REP. STORK said that for the record, it was learned at the Committee meeting that this candidate is nearly a four year resident of the city rather than two years as expressed earlier. He said that he differed with Rep. White as the Appointments Committee felt that competence was not an issue in the matter and that was the bases for the vote. Rep. Stork said that the person is extremely brilliant and would be an outstanding person for the Zoning Board. He urged his colleagues to vote for the candidate.

REP. WHITE said that the information on the resume was two years. He said that whether it be three and a half years, approaching four years or two years, the length of residency is still not long enough; it does not qualify someone for the Zoning Board. Rep. White said that she may be well qualified in the area but that is not the issue, the issue is that she has not been a Stamford resident long enough to be making zoning decisions.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote. APPROVED by 24 yes, 13 no votes with one abstention.

STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITYTERM EXPIRES

2. MR. IRVING LEBOW (D)
2289 Bedford Street

Replacing Esther Tisano who
resigned. 1/1/96

The record will note that Rep. Michael Larobina left the Floor and did not participate in any discussion or vote on the appointment of Mr. Lebow.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the Committee voted five against and three in favor to approve Mr. Lebow. Moved. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he was honored and pleased to support Mr. Lebow, a constituent in his district. He said that Mr. Lebow was qualified for the position, has been playing golf for over 20 years and is a true gentleman. Rep. Zelinsky said that Mr. Lebow has been active in many civic activities serving as past president of nine organizations proving that he can get along with people. Rep. Zelinsky asked his colleague to support Mr. Lebow for appointment to the Golf Authority.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she would ask the members of the Board to vote no on the appointment. She said that she did not know Mr. Lebow and was not voting against Mr. Lebow; she said that she was voting in protest against the insensitivity of the Mayor in not recognizing and not being sensitive to the women golfers in the community. Rep. Domonkos said that there was one woman representative on the Golf Authority and the Mayor should have presented a woman to replace Ms. Tisano.

REP. WILK said that voting no for Mr. Lebow based on his being a man is wrong. He said that the Mayor should have sent down the name of a woman but Mr. Lebow should not be blamed as he has gone through the proper channels. Rep. Wilk said that this sends a bad message throughout the city and the city has enough trouble in attracting people wanting to serve. Rep. Wilk urged his colleagues to vote yes for Mr. Lebow.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he was sorry to hear of the issue brought up. He said that he checked some Minutes and there are cases where a man has replaced a woman on a Commission and also the opposite. He said that it would be very unfair to Mr. Lebow to be turned down because he is not a woman. Rep. Zelinsky said that Mr. Lebow applied for the appointment about two years ago and has waited patiently for a turn to serve. Rep. Zelinsky said that replacing a woman with a woman should have been addressed to the Mayor and not the Board of Representatives; the issue is whether he is qualified and capable and willing to devote his time to the Authority.

REP. DeLUCA said that a letter was written by three women to the Golf Authority and he spoke to one of the woman who verified everything in the letter; the woman said that the threesome were not holding up any other players and were harassed. Rep. DeLuca stated that in a letter from Mr. Lebow, he stated apologies were made; the letter from the threesome said that no apologies were made. Rep. DeLuca said he would vote no and urged his colleagues to do the same.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that she was not voting against Mr. Lebow. She said that she felt it was wrong that there would be no woman sitting on the Golf Authority or Commission in Stamford. Rep. Domonkos said that the Mayor had a woman's name for consideration but sent down a man's name to replace the female on the Authority.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he was upset when first seeing the letter, but later spoke to several people and to Mr. Lebow who is a gentleman. Rep. Loglisci said that perhaps it was a misunderstanding that started prior to playing. Rep. Loglisci said that he would be voting to approve Mr. Lebow.

REP. SUMMERVILLE asked that all correspondence and petitions received regarding the appointment be made a part of the record and also be forwarded to the Mayor. All correspondence is attached to these Minutes.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve Mr. Lebow for the Stamford Golf Authority. APPROVED by 22 yes, 11 no votes with three abstentions.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, July 27, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Ron Sabia, Gloria DePina, Carmen Domonkos, John Hogan, Ralph Loglisci, Elaine Mitchell, Maria Nakian and David Wilk; also present were Reps. David Martin, Jeffrey Curtis, Sr., and Marggie Laurie. She said that the Committee also met this evening to consider item 2. Present were members Ron Sabia, Elaine Mitchell, Ralph Loglisci, Carmen Domonkos, John Hogan, Gerald Rybnick and David Wilk.

Rep. Domonkos placed item 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committees concurred or waived the reading of the Secondary Committee report. Rep. Domonkos Moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Leydon abstaining on item 4; Reps. Maihock and DeLuca voting no on item 5; and Rep. Fortunato abstaining on item 14.

1. \$ 90,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 295 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - CODE 5612 COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT REVIEW - additional appropriation to fund management review of Stamford's fire protection services. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/5/94. Board of Finance approved 6/9/94. Held in Committee 7/5/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

- \$ 40,000.00 - APPROVED
2. \$125,000.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - CODE 240.5615 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM - additional appropriation to fund cost associated with hiring consulting firm to assist city for MIS. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/24/94. Board of Finance approved 6/29/94. Returned to Committee 7/5/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the balance in this account is \$107,878, therefore, only an additional \$40,000 has to be appropriated to cover the consultants to prepare the MIS and to provide money for travel for a small subcommittee to visit several other cities to observe similar types of systems. She said that the Committee voted 8-0 to appropriate \$40,000. Moved. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY Moved to waive the Secondary Committee report. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to waive the Secondary Committee report. APPROVED by voice vote.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve \$40,000 for the MIS system. APPROVED by voice vote.

3. \$650,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - CODE 433.1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation required due to budget cut. Funds required to maintain adequate level of services. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/5/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

4. \$ 37,000.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to rehire three senior legal secretaries who were laid off due to budget reduction. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/5/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REP. LEYDON.

5. \$ 25,000.00 - STAMFORD PARTNERSHIP - CODE 106.4392 STAMFORD PARTNERSHIP - additional appropriation to restore funds cut during 1994/95 budget review. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/5/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH TWO NO VOTES. REPS. MAIHOCK AND DeLUCA.

6. \$ 5,000.00 - PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - CODE 640.3370 PERFORMING ARTS additional appropriation to cover donations received to fund summer concerts. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/29/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

7. \$ 50,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 470 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - CODE 4330 BELLTOWN - additional appropriation to restore funds cut during 1994/95 budget review. Funds needed to maintain level of services. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/5/94. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval, deferred 7/14/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

8. \$200,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 470 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - CODE 4360 TURN OF RIVER VFD - additional appropriation to restore funds to 1994/95 operating budget; department cannot operate without these funds. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/5/94. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval, deferred 7/14/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

9. \$116,015.00 - DEPARTMENT 994 RETRO PAY - CODE 9202 RETRO SETTLEMENTS - additional appropriation to fund COLA increases for non union employees. COLA increases provided for in non union pay plan. 91/92, 3.5%; 92/93, 3.0%; 93/94, 3.5%. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/5/94. Item withdrawn from Agenda as requested at Board of Finance, 7/14/94.

Above also referred to PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

NO ACTION TAKEN: ITEM WITHDRAWN.

10. \$ 7,485.00 - DEPARTMENT 243 PURCHASING - CODE 1135 PERMANENT PART TIME - additional appropriation to restore funds to hire disabled employee. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/27/94. Item withdrawn by Board of Finance.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

NO ACTION TAKEN: ITEM WITHDRAWN.

11. \$160,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 511 SENIOR CENTER - CODE 4407 SENIOR CENTER - additional appropriation for funding for Center from 1/1/95 through 6/30/95. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/20/94. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval, deferred 7/14/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

12. \$ 40,000.00 - DEPARTMENT 510 SOCIAL SERVICES - CODE 1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to fund stipulated arbitration settlement for D. Franco, Human Rights investigator. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/11/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 12. Seconded.

REP. LAROBINA Moved to Hold the item. Seconded.

Rep. Larobina said that it was incumbent upon the Board to act on certain issues based on information that is valid, accurate and factual. He said that the situation before the Board is basically a business judgement, a balancing test whether or not it is better to compromise a dispute against the city to forego litigation or arbitration and the cost associated and to forego a determination one way or another whether or not this is a valid claim against the city. Rep. Larobina said the matter has implications for the future. He said that he cannot make a decision on whether or not it is worth the cost of arbitration because he does not have enough information to make the decision. Rep. Larobina said that he heard that the city had a previous similar situation and lost. He said that he did not know what the present status of the law is and it may be worth the city's effort to arbitrate the issue which may be in the city's favor and if so, it would not be worth compromising the disputed claim. Rep. Larobina stated that he did not think that there has been enough information to make a decision and until more information is received, the item should be Held.

REP. DOMONKOS said that Mr. Grebey was on vacation when the Committee met and she spoke to him today. She said that the individual was the Human Rights investigator and he filed a grievance totaling a \$110,000 because when the Human Rights Commission director's position was eliminated, he was kept on as the investigator; the investigator claims that he was then asked to do the work of the executive director of the Human Rights Commission and the Fair Rent director and he worked overtime to do these jobs.

Rep. Domonkos said that Mr. Grebey indicated that he researched and found that there was a case in the Human Rights Commission about 10 years ago where the same thing happened; there was no Human Rights director and an investigator did his own work and that of the director. She said that a grievance was filed and went to arbitration and the investigator won. She said that Mr. Grebey decided that he would try to negotiate the matter with the individual's attorney to arrive at a fair amount; the investigator makes approximately \$36,000 a year and with a promotion coming, the most he could receive would be 10% of his salary a year so that was figured for three years, and arrived at the \$40,000 figure and that was agreed upon and an agreement was signed.

REP. LAURIE said that the stipulation requires payment within 30 days, would not the motion to Hold be the same as to defeat the item and would this be a violation of the agreement?

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that a motion to Hold would not be defeating the item; it would be to have the Committee do additional research.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the stipulated settlement attached to the request reads, "That the parties hereby agree that the arbitration panel enter a stipulated award as follows: The city shall pay to the grievant within 30 days of this date \$40,000." Rep. Domonkos said the agreement was signed by Mr. Grebey and the individual's attorney and was dated on July 7, so payment is due 30 days after that date. Rep. Domonkos said that according to the Charter, the Mayor has the authority to negotiate agreements and settlements.

REP. NAKIAN said that the city has been ordered to pay within the 30 days and legally, the city is obligated to pay and if this is not done, there will be another court case to force the city to pay.

REP. DOMONKOS said that Mr. Grebey stated that in reviewing the work of the investigator, the administration and other departments had assigned work to the investigator that would have been work done by the director.

REP. WHITE said that in terms of a court fight, there is a risk of losing but also a risk of winning and what has to be considered is it money well spent or not, that is the decision.

REP. BOCCUZZI asked about the 30 day stipulation and what would happen if the item was Held?

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that if not approved this evening and Held until the next meeting, it would be over the 30-day time frame.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Hold item 12. DEFEATED by a voice vote.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 12. APPROVED by voice vote with three no votes, Reps. Summerville, DeLuca and White.

13. \$461,253.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 301.173 RAIL TRAIL I - additional appropriation for renovation of south side of Transportation Center including stairs, plantings, retaining wall, waterwall, basin and lighting. To be financed by \$177,253 bonding and a \$284,000 grant. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings and to be financed partially by a grant, as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/31/94. Planning Board approved 6/7/94. Contingent upon Board of Finance, deferred 7/14/94.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

14. 112,670.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - CODE 314.1201 SNOW EMERGENCY - OVERTIME - additional appropriation to cover deficit in this account due to severe winter. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/13/94. Board of Finance approved 5/12/94.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

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

15. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO SUPPORT A PROGRAM OF INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT ON 17 AMELIA PLACE. Amount to be \$2,000,000. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/6/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAMS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANT (PA 82-469). Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/7/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION FOR STAMFORD RESIDENTS. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/11/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

18. STATUS REPORT OF CONTINGENCY FUND. Request by Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 1/10/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 and 7/5/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that last month, Rep. DeLuca asked how the contingency fund went from \$6,000 to \$240,000. She said that during the year, the number was fluid that went up and down as the needs arose and it is determined that there will be a \$240,000 surplus at the end of the year.

19. STATUS REPORT ON PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE CITY LOCATED AT 60 STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE. Requested by Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman, Fiscal Committee, 7/13/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that a memo was sent to all Board members from Corporation Counsel McCabe. Mr. McCabe stated that there was an error in his presentation the month before; the price bid for the property was \$315,000 which was for the taxes owed and the closest bid to that was \$150,000 so the city now owns the property. Rep. Domonkos said that at that time, the restaurant furniture was in the building but four days after the city took ownership, the bankruptcy court ordered that the equipment be auctioned and it was and removed from the property.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that the city is trying to market the property; also, the city spoke to the tenants association and they are contemplating that they may possibly buy the property and have also placed it with a broker.

20. MATTER OF ACTIVELY MARKETING ALL CITY OWNED PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC SO SUCH PROPERTIES CAN BE PLACED BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS. Requested by Rep. David Wilk, R-11, 6/27/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. DOMONKOS said that this item has been defunct for about two years. She said that a few years ago, the Mayor indicated that he would actively market vacant city properties but there has not been any activity. Rep. Domonkos said that the market is on the upswing and we should be trying to market properties to get them back on the tax rolls.

21. MATTER OF ALLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO UNMARKETABLE STRIPS OF CITY OWNED LAND TO TAKE TITLE TO SUCH PROPERTIES SO SUCH PROPERTIES MAY BE PLACED ON THE TAX ROLLS. Requested by Rep. David Wilk, R-11, 6/27/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. DOMONKOS said that Reps. Wilk and Nakian will come up with a list of slivers of land that are not buildable or marketable but adjacent property owners would like to take ownership.

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote.

22. \$ 305.50 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - FY 94-95 - CODE 565-WIC FARMERS MARKET - additional appropriation to fund part-time employee to administer program.

565.1140 seasonal \$283.00

565.1310 FICA 22.50

\$305.50

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/14/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that if the item is not approved this month, the downtown market will have passed and the people on WIC will not be able to take advantage of the coupons. She said that the Committee voted 6-0 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 22. APPROVED by voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Monday, July 25, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Maria Nakian, Carmen Domonkos, John Leydon, Audrey Maihock, Andrew McDonald, David Martin, Elaine Mitchell, Donald Sherer and John Zelinsky. Also, present were Reps. Michael Larobina and Ellen Mellis; Richard Robinson, Asst. Corporation Counsel; on item 1, Fred Hayes and Bob Yance of the Turn of River Fire Department; item 2, Michael Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works; item 3, Ruth Powers, Board of Finance; Philip Norgren, Chairman of the Sewer Commission and Jeffrey Farrell, Vice President of the Water Company; item 4, Jack Petkus, Director of Traffic and Parking; item 5, Nancy Hadley, Commissioner of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles; and Pauline Oliver, head of the Norwalk and Stamford offices.

Rep. Nakian placed items 1, 5 and 6 on the Consent Agenda.

1. (L&R23.17) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONVEYING BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT, PARCEL OF LAND ON WESTERLY SIDE OF TURN OF RIVER ROAD AT BUXTON FARMS ROAD EXTENSION. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 2/9/94. Planning Board approved 2/22/94. Board of Finance approved 5/12/94. Held in Steering 2/16 and 3/16/94. Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94. Approved for publication 7/5/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

2. (L&R23.25) FOR REPUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING CAPITAL PROJECTS BY NON-CITY AGENCIES. Submitted by Daniel M. McCabe, Corporation Counsel, 4/14/94. Approved for publication 6/6/94. Held in Committee 7/5/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that the ordinance was before the Committee two months ago and the Committee made several changes that are substantive and will require republication. Rep. Nakian Moved to amend as follows: Seconded.

Section 2, paragraph A, added was "Notwithstanding the above, the Department of Public Works may designate the the Stamford Community Development Program as the city agency which shall have review and approval power for any capital project under the Stamford Community Development Program jurisdiction which is funded by city capital funds."

Section 3, after Purchasing Ordinance, it shall read, "except that the non-city agency shall designate an agency officer or employee to act in place of the City's Purchasing Agent..."

Section 8, "...the provisions shall first apply to the 1994/95 Capital Projects Budget."

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the amendments. APPROVED by voice vote.

REP. NAKIAN said the Committee voted 5-2-2 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to publish item 2. APPROVED by voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. (L&R23.38) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER COMMISSION. Powers and duties of Commission shall follow those of Sewer Commission as dictated in Charter Sec. 6-160-4. Submitted by Reps. Ellen Mellis, D-13, David Martin, D-19 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 6/15/94. Held in Committee 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

4. (L&R23.40) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 231-46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RESTRICTING THE PARKING OF TRUCKS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS. Requested by Rep. Michael D. Larobina, D-16, 6/10/94. Held in Committee 7/5/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee voted 7-0-1 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI said that problems will occur because there are many pick up trucks used as personal vehicles, all types of vans, caravans and minivans which are technically trucks; also, there are utility vehicles. Rep. Loglisci asked about the commercial vehicles; did it mean a commercial plate or a certain size? He said the ordinance was not specific.

REP. NAKIAN said that there were several definitions; trucks requiring a commercial drivers license to operate; a truck above 18,000 pounds or has more than two axels; a trailer truck or a truck which exceeds a capacity of 3/4 of a ton which is not for the sole use of the occupants of the premises. Rep. Nakian said that if a small pick up truck is your personal truck, it is not included in the ordinance; if it is a truck used for a business or commercial purpose, zoning states it cannot be parked on your property because it is a violation of the zoning laws.

REP. LOGLISCI said he has a problem with putting a limit on pick up trucks as he cannot see that coming under the ordinance.

REP. LAROBINA said that Rep. Loglisci raised some good questions, but a close reading of the ordinance excludes mini-vans, caravans, delivery vans; the ordinance speaks to large commercial vehicles that exceed a specific weight limit. Rep. Larobina said that the Director of Traffic and Parking assisted in drafting the ordinance so as not to have a problem and according to the Director, none of the vehicles described by Rep. Loglisci fall into that weight limit.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he did know where the 3/4 ton came from. He said that some will use that just so someone does not park on the street.

REP. MARTIN said that the 3/4 ton designation already existed in the ordinance; commercial vehicles over 3/4 tons were in violation of the zoning laws and were being moved off the property and onto the street. Rep. Martin said that those working nights parked the trucks during the day on the street and the ordinance did not address that.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the ordinance reads that any vehicle which exceeds 3/4 of a ton. He asked if a vehicle listed as 3/4 tons cannot be parked on the street?

REP. NAKIAN said that Rep. Boccuzzi was correct.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. LAROBINA said the point is those vehicles that exceed 3/4 tons; vans and pick ups do not exceed 3/4 tons.

REP. PERILLO asked who would be enforcing the ordinance, the Traffic Department or the Police Department?

REP. NAKIAN said that it would be half the police and half the parking violation officers as the ordinance is not separate, it is one section of the parking regulations for the whole city.

REP. PERILLO said that in the evenings, the Traffic Department is not available and the police would have to be utilized. She said that she finds it very hard to enforce the ordinance and does not see this being a priority item for the police to respond to. She said that she hoped a call would not be put off in her district to respond to a truck being parked on a street.

REP. NAKIAN said that it is probably not a priority in one isolated instance, but when someone parks a truck day in and day out in a spot causing severe safety hazards as well as looking terrible, those kind of problems is what we are trying to prevent.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to item 4 for publication. APPROVED by voice vote.

5. (L&R23.31) PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF STAMFORD AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR USE OF A ROOM ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF THE STAMFORD GOVERNMENT CENTER. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/2/94. Planning Board approved 5/24/94. Board of Finance approved 7/14/94 with change: "The City will allow the Department the use of said space at no charge. This License Agreement shall be on a month-to-month basis...)"

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH TWO NO VOTES. REPS. CONTI AND SUMMERVILLE.

6. (L&R23.41) PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN ORDINANCE NO. 711 SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD. Submitted by Rep. Maria Nakian, Chairwoman, Legislative & Rules Committee, 7/11/94.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Reps. Conti and Summerville voting no on item 5.

REP. LaDESTRO said that the time to request a no vote on an item is while it is being asked whether it should be taken off Consent. He said that it is becoming a practice of mentioning the nos after the Consent Agenda has been Moved. He said that it was no longer Consent if you want to vote no.

The record will note that Reps. Martinsen and Housey left the Floor.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she disagreed with Rep. LaDestro about the Consent Agenda and asked that the Parliamentary rule on Rep. LaDestro's comments.

REP. HOGAN (Parliamentarian) asked that Rep. LaDestro state his point.

REP. LADESTRO asked what the appropriate time is to record a no vote regarding the Consent Agenda? His point was that the time for recording your no vote is when the Chair asks, "if there are any hands" that is when you are suppose to record that no vote; it is not after the Consent Agenda has been Moved. Rep. LaDestro said the whole idea of the Consent Agenda is that there is no objection.

REP. HOGAN said that the time to register a no vote on an item on the Consent Agenda is when the Chairperson of the Committee goes through the Agenda item by item, then it can be requested at that time to be taken off the Consent Agenda. He said that there is no no vote on the Consent Agenda, the Consent Agenda is just what it says, an affirmative vote on the item on the Consent Agenda. Rep. Hogan said that the time to object to an item being on the Consent Agenda is when the items are individually considered by the Board.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that in the future, no votes will not be acknowledged during the Consent Agenda vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - John J. Hogan, Chairman

REP. HOGAN said that the Committee met on Tuesday, July 26, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Reps. John Hogan, Philip Stork, Joseph Vitti, and two other members whose names were not audible on the tape.

1. MATTER OF CONTRACT AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF DEPUTY CHIEFS OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITH REGARDS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.
Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 4/26/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94.
Held in Steering 6/15/94.

WITHDRAWN

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT ALL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD BE REQUIRED TO LIVE WITHIN THE LEGAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY. Requested by Reps. David Wilk, R-11, Robert DeLuca, R-14 and Lucy Corelli, R-16, 3/24/94. Held in Committee 5/2, 6/6 and 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. APPROVAL OF CUSTODIANS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. This agreement became amendable as of 7/1/92. A voluntary settlement for wages only was reached. 1992/93, 3% - \$133,234; 1993/94, 2% - \$90,337. Total increase for two years \$356,805. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/28/94. Board of Finance advised approval as Board of Education has sufficient dollars in their contingency fund to cover costs, 7/14/94. Agreement received at Board office 7/5/94.

Above also referred to LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN said the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agreement. The agreement reached was on wage items only and still to be settled are other articles in the contract. He said that new money does not have to be appropriated as the Board of Education has the funds available. Moved. Seconded. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 3. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Conti abstaining and Rep. Summerville not voting due to a possible conflict.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Gregory LaDestro, Chairman

REP. LADESTRO said that the Committee meeting was cancelled due to the lack of needed information.

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING REQUEST OF MERLIN ALPER, ELAINE ALPER, AND JACQUELINE MOSS TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ABANDON DAIRY VIEW LANE.
Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 6/8/94. Held in Committee 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Jeffrey Curtis, Co-Chairmen

REP. OWENS said that the Committee met on Thursday, July 28, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Co-Chair Jeff Curtis, Committee members Kit Martinsen, Marggie Laurie, Robert DeLuca, Fred Johnson and Ron Sabia joined the meeting while in progress; Co-Chair Owens was excused. Also, present were Reps. Carmen Domonkos, Ellen Mellis and Lucy Corelli; and Public Works Commissioner Michael Pavia.

Rep. Owens said that Co-Chair Jeff Curtis submitted a report which was sent to all members. The report is attached to these Minutes.

1. MATTER OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS TO THE TAXPAYERS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE CLOSING OF STAMFORD'S INCINERATOR. Submitted by Reps. Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 12/14/93. Reports made and Held in Committee 1/3, 2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 and 7/15/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

REP. MAIHOCK said that the Committee met on Thursday, July 28, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Co-Chairs Audrey Maihock and Ralph Loglisci, Committee members Lucy Corelli and Ellen Mellis and Rep. Marggie Laurie.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ABATEMENT OF LEAD HAZARDS. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 1/4/93. Held on Pending Agenda 1/12/94. Held in Committee 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. MAIHOCK said that a representative from the State will be attending the next meeting and more information will be forthcoming.

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

REP. PIA said that the Committee met on July 26, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Pia, DeLuca, Rybnick, Sherer, Fortunato and Martinsen; also, Director of Parks & Recreation Steve Elkins and Commission Chairman Steve Lasando; Reps. DePina, Mitchell and Laurie; Babe Ruth officers Perella, Lacerenza, Corbo and Raus; Dr. Samuel Kahn, President of the North Stamford Association; and supporters of the Parks & Recreation Department.

1. CONDITIONS OF CITY PARKS. Submitted by Rep. Annie M. Summerville, D-6, 7/13/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. PIA said that discussions were held on baseball fields, Babe Ruth programs, the Southfield Park marina, the skating rink, Veterans Park, Scofieldtown Park and on personnel matters.

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

REP. ZELINSKY said that the Committee met on Wednesday, July 27, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Zelinsky, Vice Chairman Leydon, Reps. Laurie, Maihock and DeLuca; Corporation Counsel Dan McCabe; Public Works Commissioner Michael Pavia; dog owners Mr. & Mrs. Steven Menshur, Dorette Urrata, Ann Leyton and Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kittle.

1. MATTER OF CITY OF STAMFORD PROVIDING A FENCED IN PUBLIC SPACE TO BE USED BY UNLEASHED DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS. Submitted by Reps. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 3/3/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 and 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. ZELINSKY said that Corporation Counsel discussed the potential city's liability for creating dog run areas; Corporation Counsel checked other cities and towns having dog parks but they have no ordinances recognizing the areas. Rep. Zelinsky said that Commissioner Pavia researched city owned properties for possible fenced in sites and the only site he could recommend was the parking lot behind the old Burdick School on Forest Street. The Commissioner was told by Mr. Elkins that no park land was available for unleashed dogs. Rep. Zelinsky said that he placed the matter on the Agenda for the Parks and Recreation Commission to see if any park land can be found.

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

REP. LAROBINA submitted a report, an Update on the Urban Redevelopment Commission, which is attached to these Minutes.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

No report.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman

REP. LAURIE said that the Committee met on Monday, July 25, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Reps. Audrey Maihock, Lucy Corelli, Ronald Sabia, Carmen Domonkos and Marggie Laurie; excused was Rep. Robert McLaughlin; also present was Jack Petkus, Chief Tully, Richard Augustynowicz and Ted Collins.

A complete report was sent to all members and is attached to these Minutes.

1. REPORT ON DIAL-A-RIDE SUBSIDIES. Submitted by Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman, Transportation Committee, 4/13/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 5/2, 6/6 and 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. MATTER OF TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD. Submitted by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 7/12/94.

See complete report on the item attached to these Minutes.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick, Chairman - No report.

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

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Nicholas Pavia, Chairman

No report.

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

REP. LADESTRO said that meeting has been rescheduled to August 3.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 706 SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE STAMFORD MUNICIPAL CODE OF ETHICS. Submitted by Rep. Maria Nakian, D-20, 1/24/94. Held in Committee 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 and 7/5/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

REP. HOGAN said that the Committee met on Tuesday, July 26, 1994. Present were Reps. Loglisci, Pia, Hogan, Zelinsky, DeLuca; Rep. Martin was excused.

1. FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR HOMEOWNER APPLICANTS. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 4/5/94. Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94. Held in Steering 6/15/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. HOGAN said that a discussion was held with Mr. Kirwin and Mrs. Elliott of the Tax Assessor's office on setting income limits for senior citizens to be eligible for abatements or deferral of city taxes. He said that work should be completed in time to be included on the January tax bills.

Rep. Hogan said that the Committee voted to instruct the Chair to attempt to set up a meeting on August 22 with the Stamford, Darien, New Canaan and Greenwich state legislators to discuss the possibility of increasing the state limits. He said that communications have to sent to all the area legislators and members of the Board will be informed on the progress of the matter.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer & David Martin, Co-Chairmen

REP. MARTIN said that the Committee met on July 6, 11, 12, 14 and the 20; the meetings began at approximately 7:00 p.m. and ran to 10:00 and most committee members were present.

Rep. Martin said that three resolutions were approved for consideration this evening. Rep. Martin deferred to Co-Chair Sherer.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION. Requested by Reps. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Ralph Loglisci, R-14 and Thomas Pia, R-7, 1/21/94. Held on Pending Agenda 2/16/94. Held in Committee 5/2 and 6/6/94. Report made and Held in Committee 7/5/94.

REP. SHERER said that the first resolution is to establish the Commission; the second one is to appoint the members to the Commission and the third will be to set out the Charge for the Commission based on the Charge given by the Board.

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION - CREATION OF 15TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION.

REP. SHERER Moved the resolution to create the 15th Charter Revision Commission. Seconded.

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

2. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF 15TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MEMBERS.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE; (continued)

REP. SHERER said that the second resolution appoints the members. Rep. Sherer said that the 15th Charter Revision shall be composed of fifteen (15) members and not more than a bare majority shall be members of any one political party. Rep. Sherer said that the breakdown was seven Democrats, six Republicans, and two Unaffiliated; the following people will serve on the Commission: Beverly Avenie (D), William Callion (D), Benjamin Cuttitta (R), Stephen DeVito (D), Charles Grinnell (R), Ronald Harris (U), Richard Lyons (D), John Mallozzi (D), James McNamara (R), Richard Miller (R), Thomas Nuzzaci (R), Randall Skigen (D), Lawrence Symanko (U), Valeria Wells (R) and Carl Wise (D).

Rep. Sherer Moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY asked if all the proposed appointees have resided in the city for a period of at least five years?

REP. SHERER said that they have but that was not the criteria. He said the Committee was satisfied when the composition was put together that the people were qualified to do the job. Rep. Sherer said that some of those interviewed were lifelong residents of Stamford and did not have a clue about the city's government and some lived here a comparatively short time and had an understand about government in general and perhaps not so much about Stamford. He said that it was important that these things be weighed.

REP. DeLUCA said that his time was being wasted when a short time ago, the Board voted for someone who has only lived in Stamford two or three years for appointment to a Board that is more important than Charter Revision. Rep. DeLuca said that the Committee did a fantastic job on establishing the Commission and its members.

REP. SHERER said the Committee did a yeoman's job in conducting the meetings; over 70 people were interviewed. He said that the Committee tried to get not too many people who knew too much about government and not too many people who knew nothing about government. He said there is a nice blend; there are financial people, personnel people, trouble shooters and problem solvers, marketing and sales people, legal people, a para legal, organized people, those dedicated to research and all of them are dedicated to Stamford.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote on the resolution to appoint members to the Commission. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Owens and one abstention, Rep. Maihock.

REP. MARTIN took the Floor to discuss the resolution concerning the Charge.

3. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CHARGE OF THE 15TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION.

REP. MARTIN said that the Committee formed a subcommittee chaired by Reps. DeLuca and Nakian to work on the Charge. He said that suggestions were made by Board members as well as the Mayor and other people. Rep. Martin said that the resolution basically shows a very broad Charge for the Commission and does not direct them to make specific changes but to consider broad areas of governmental structure. Rep. Martin Moved for approval. Seconded.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that he would like to make two amendments that were not approved by the Committee; the first on page 2 of the resolution, insert a new paragraph, 4. to read, "The first meeting of the commission shall meet on August 8, 1994 and among other things, the commission shall elect a chairperson from its members at said meeting." Rep. Martin said that the President of the Board called August 8, as the date to hold the first meeting, and Corporation Counsel suggested that the date be incorporated in the resolution.

Rep. Martin said that the second change would be in paragraph 5, changing the date to April 7, 1995. It should read, "The commission shall submit its draft report to the Board of Representatives on or before April 7, 1995." Rep. Martin said that he developed a time line on what happens after April 7 to address some of the concerns of the Committee; the original resolution had the date of March 2. He said that after conferring with various members, they supported the change.

Rep. Martin Moved for approval of the amendments. Seconded.

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

REP. MARTIN said that the Board should be proud on starting Charter Revision as it was not required. He said that some things may not be working out in these difficult times and perhaps we have the best form of government and perhaps there are ways to improve it. Rep. Martin said that he supported Charter Revision and thought it to be in the best interest of the community.

Rep. Martin Moved for approval of the resolution concerning the Charge of the 15th Charter Revision Commission. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the third resolution concerning the Charge of the Commission. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

PRESIDENT RINALDI thanked Co-Chairs Martin and Sherer and Committee members Loglisci, Summerville, McDonald, Laurie, Nakian, Pavia and DeLuca for the fine work they did in preparing for the 15th Charter Revision; the Committee worked hard and their work is appreciated.

RESOLUTION - None.

MINUTES

1. APRIL 4, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Approved.
2. MAY 2, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
3. MAY 3, 1994 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - Not ready.

MINUTES: (continued)

4. JUNE 6, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

5. JUNE 15, 1994 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Approved.

6. JULY 5, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and Seconded and Approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary
23rd Board of Representatives

APPROVED:



Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, President
23rd Board of Representatives
MTR:ak
Enclosures

STAMVOTE - ATTENDANCE

08-01-1994

NO	NAME
1	PRS MC LAUGHLIN, ROBERT
2	PRS NAKIAN, MARIA
3	PRS PIA, THOMAS
4	PRS OWENS, BOBBY
5	PRS LOGLISCI, RALPH
6	PRS CORELLI, LUCY
7	PRS LADESTRO, GREGORY
8	PRS RYBNICK, GERALD
9	N/P CURTIS, JEFFREY
10	PRS SABIA, RONALD
11	PRS MAIHOCK, AUDREY
12	PRS JOHNSON, FRED
13	PRS DE LUCA, ROBERT
14	PRS WILK, DAVID
15	PRS STORK, PHILIP
16	PRS MONTELLO, STEVEN
17	PRS CONTI, ELIZABETH
18	PRS MELLIS, ELLEN
19	PRS WHITE, PATRICK
20	PRS SUMMERVILLE, ANNIE

NOT PRESENT 2

NO	NAME
21	PRS DE PINA, GLORIA
22	PRS DOMONKOS, CARMEN
23	PRS HOUSEY, ANGELA
24	PRS LAURIE, MARGGIE
25	PRS PERILLO, MILDRED
26	PRS PAVIA, NICHOLAS
27	PRS MITCHELL, ELAINE
28	PRS SHERER, DONALD
29	N/P MC DONALD, ANDREW
30	PRS HOGAN, JOHN J.
31	PRS ZELINSKY, JOHN
32	PRS MARTINSEN, KIT
33	PRS LAROBINA, MICHAEL
34	PRS VITTI, JOSEPH
35	PRS LEYDON, JOHN F.
36	PRS FORTUNATO, ALICE
37	PRS SCALZI, DAVID
38	PRS MARTIN, DAVID
39	PRS BOCCUZZI, JOHN
40	PRS RINALDI, MARY LOU

PRESENT 38

STAMVOTE - VOTE PROCESSING

08-01-1994

TEST VOTE YES

NO	NAME
1	YES MC LAUGHLIN, ROBERT
2	YES NAKIAN, MARIA
3	YES PIA, THOMAS
4	YES OWENS, BOBBY
5	YES LOGLISCI, RALPH
6	YES CORELLI, LUCY
7	YES LADESTRO, GREGORY
8	YES RYBNICK, GERALD
9	N/P CURTIS, JEFFREY
10	YES SABIA, RONALD
11	YES MAIHOCK, AUDREY
12	YES JOHNSON, FRED
13	YES DE LUCA, ROBERT
14	YES WILK, DAVID
15	YES STORK, PHILIP
16	YES MONTELLO, STEVEN
17	YES CONTI, ELIZABETH
18	YES MELLIS, ELLEN
19	YES WHITE, PATRICK
20	YES SUMMERVILLE, ANNIE

N/P 2 N/V 0

NO	NAME
21	YES DE PINA, GLORIA
22	YES DOMONKOS, CARMEN
23	YES HOUSEY, ANGELA
24	YES LAURIE, MARGGIE
25	YES PERILLO, MILDRED
26	YES PAVIA, NICHOLAS
27	YES MITCHELL, ELAINE
28	YES SHERER, DONALD
29	N/P MC DONALD, ANDREW
30	YES HOGAN, JOHN J.
31	YES ZELINSKY, JOHN
32	YES MARTINSEN, KIT
33	YES LAROBINA, MICHAEL
34	YES VITTI, JOSEPH
35	YES LEYDON, JOHN F.
36	YES FORTUNATO, ALICE
37	YES SCALZI, DAVID
38	YES MARTIN, DAVID
39	YES BOCCUZZI, JOHN
40	YES RINALDI, MARY LOU

YES 38 NO 0 ABS 0