

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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 Tuesday, November 1, 1994, in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm. by President Mary Lou Rinaldi after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Rep. Nicholas Pavia, R-10.

"Dear Lord, guide our hearts and minds tonight as we discuss and vote on the important issues facing our city. And, on this All Saints Day, let us remember that even though we all fall short, we should nevertheless stress the positive. Know that we all are saints in training and one day, gracious God, with your help, we may become what were meant to be. 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 32 members present and eight (8) absent. Absent and excused were Thomas Pia, David Wilk, Gloria DePina, Angela Housey, Donald Sherer, Gregory LaDestro, Elaine Mitchell and Joseph Vitti.

The Clerk declared a quorum.

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late FRED W. CHILDS JR. requested by Representatives Annie M. Summerville, Michael Larobina and John R. Zelinsky, Jr. "Mr. Childs was the son of the late Fred W. and Nellie E. Chandler Childs. He was a retired die caster for Electrolux Co. A resident of Stamford for 78 years, Mr. Child was a member of Bethel AME Church and of Club 15. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Childs is survived by four brothers, Jimmy Foreman, Vernon C. Childs, Dr. Kenneth C. Childs and Eugene C. Childs; four sisters, Ruth C. Greene, Janet Harris, Barbara Frances Childs and Freda A. Graham; an aunt and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Our deepest sympathy to his family."

For the late LEO RUSSELL requested by Representative Annie M. Summerville. "Mr. Russell was the son of the late Lee and Sincer Richards Russell. He was a self-employed businessman and had served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the 32nd Mason Lodge, a senior usher at Union Baptist Church, president of the tenants association of the Senior Complex and a community activist. Mr. Russell is survived by his wife, Iowa Russell; six sons, Donald Russell, Michael Russell, Christopher Russell, Willie Gray, James Gray and Felton Gray; eight daughters, Beverly Ann Russell, Corretta Russell, Elaine Myers, Norma Jean Russell, Geraldine Gray, Christine Smith, Debbie Brant and Wanda Harriston; 30 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Russell and family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late WILLIE CHARLES BALDWIN requested by Representative Annie M. Summerville. "Mr. Baldwin was the son of Cornelia Jones Parish and the late George Baldwin. He was a resident of Stamford for 50 years and a member of Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Grace Knight Baldwin; five sons, John L. Baldwin, Joe Joe Baldwin, Willie Baldwin, Stanley Baldwin and Lorenzo Baldwin; six daughters, Shirley Booker, Ann Baldwin, Loretta Baldwin, Shelia Baldwin, Grace Baldwin and Anna Johnson; a sister, Georgia Mae Jackson; 39 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. My deepest sympathy to his mother, wife and family."

For the late JESSIE RAY MCCOY requested by Representative Annie M. Summerville. "Mr. McCoy was the son of Maggie McQueen McCoy and the late James C. McCoy. He was a resident of Stamford for 25 years and was employed as a machinist at Mount Vernon Die Cast in Stamford. He is survived by his mother; his brother, Jeffrey McCoy; five sisters, Ruthie C. Brooks, Mary E. McCoy, Rosa Darby, Edna McCoy and Sandra Briggs; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. My deepest sympathy to the McCoy family."

For the late LOUIS A. VALENTINE requested by Representatives John R. Zelinsky Jr. and John J. Boccuzzi. "Mr. Valentine was the son of the late John and Sarah Esposito Valentine. He owned and operated LuVal Furniture Co. in Stamford for 20 years before his retirement in 1990. He was a member of St. Bridget Roman Catholic Parish in Stamford. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Cocco Valentine; a son, Richard E. Valentine; three daughters, Lois, Rita and Jean Valentine; two brothers, Michael and Joseph Valentine; two sisters, Antoinette Demingway and Clemy D'Ademo; and four grandchildren. He will be sorely missed and our deepest sympathy to his wife and family."

For the late JOHN C. GUZINSKI requested by Representative Ellen S. Mellis. "John Guzinski, age 62, of Byram, Connecticut, died of cancer at Greenwich Hospital on October 4, 1994. He was a life long resident of Greenwich and a retired self-employed electrician. He is survived by his son, John, of Stamford, two other sons, two daughters, two brothers and a sister along with his former wife and three grandchildren. To John and Geri and his family, I extend my and the Board's deepest sympathy and condolences. Our thoughts are with you."

For the late ANGELA D. CARTER requested by the 23rd Board of Representatives. "Angela Carter was the daughter of Ernest Carter Sr. and Annie L. Carter and sister-in-law of Representative Angela Housey. She was a longtime resident of Stamford and attended Union Baptist Church. She is survived by her parents; a son, Joseph O. Carter; a brother, Ernest L. Carter Jr; two sisters, Evelyn David and Sheila Carter; a paternal grandmother, Bessie Carter; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins; and a close friend, Joseph Taylor Jr. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Angela Carter."

For the late TIMOTHY VITANZA requested by Representative John F. Leydon, Jr.

For the late ARTHUR P. ESPOSITO requested by Representative John J. Boccuzzi. "Mr. Esposito was the husband of Emma "Polly" Esposito, father of Gary A. Esposito and Nancy Corridor and brother of Edward and Emilio Esposito. My sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Esposito and family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late ANGELINA FERRO RICCIARDONE ROTANTE. Requested by Representative John J. Boccuzzi. "Mrs. Rotante is survived by a son, John Ricciardone and a daughter-in-law Emmy Ricciardone; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews. My sincerest sympathy to Mr. Ricciardone and family."

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, October 12, 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 7:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present at the meeting:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman	Maria Nakian	Ralph Loglisci
Audrey Maihock	Robert DeLuca	Carmen Domonkos
Annie M. Summerville	John J. Hogan, Jr.	John Boccuzzi
Thomas Pia	Elaine Mitchell	Ronald Sabia
Bobby Owens	Donald Sherer	Gregory LaDestro
John R. Zelinsky, Jr.	Ellen Mellis	Anne Kachaluba
Lucy Corelli	Michael Larobina	

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were seven of the eight items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and two items from the Pending Agenda. One item was ordered to the Pending Agenda re level of services provided by SEMS.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were seven of the nine items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Two items were ordered to the Pending Agenda, proposed ordinance re garbage, rubbish, etc. and tax abatement for Red Cross.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were two of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item was Held in Steering.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

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 ROCCY program.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Two items were ordered to the Pending Agenda and one item was Held in Steering.

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. Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Addenda.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item brought up under Suspension of Rules.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - The one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda was ordered to the Pending Agenda.

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 - Ordered on the Pending Agenda was the one item appearing 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 and one item from the Pending Agenda.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, Seconded and Approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, Chairwoman  
Steering Committee



APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman - No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, October 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Ron Sabia, Carmen Domonkos, John Hogan, Ralph Loglisci, Elaine Mitchell, Maria Nakian and Nick Pavia; excused was Gloria DePina.

Rep. Domonkos placed items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 on the Consent Agenda. All Secondary Committee concurred or waive the reading of the Secondary Committee report.

1. \$2,517,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - WPCF - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR 1994-95 FOR PROJECT CODE 341.043  
NITROGEN REMOVAL - additional appropriation to install equipment to insure high level of nitrogen removal at waste water treatment plant. To be financed by a \$1,525,000 grant and \$992,000 loan at 2% from State DEP. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed by grant, otherwise financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularity stated in Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 8/26/94. Planning Board approved 9/20/94. Board of Finance approved 10/12/94. Held in Committee 10/3/94.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

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

2. \$ 25,915.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 560.1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation for a nurse to be assigned to special ed children. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/7/94. Board of Finance approved \$10,000 on 9/19/94 and \$25,915 on 10/12/94. \$10,000 approved 10/3/94, balance Held 10/3/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

3. \$ 2,500.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT AIDS EDUCATION RISK REDUCTION #94-577 - CODE 94-577-5150 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS - additional appropriation to cover increase in grant for Stamford Cares, Inc., city's AIDS subcontractors. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/29/94. Board of Finance approved 10/12/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. \$ 4,663.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT TB CONTROL GRANT #559 FY 94/95 - CODE VARIOUS - additional appropriation in order to be in compliance with the State approved budget.  
 Code 559-1110 salaries \$4,455  
 Code 559-1201 overtime 208  
\$4,663  
 Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/29/94. Board of Finance approved 10/12/94.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. \$ 20,820.00 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.5907 TAX COLLECTION EXPENSES - additional appropriation to pay common charges and associated charges for condominium unit located at 60 Strawberry Hill Avenue. Requested fund will pay charges through December 31, 1994.  
 Common charges \$ 17,070.18  
 Special asses. 2,543.46  
 Electric 1,200.00  
 Note: Electric charge is \$1,654.09/month, City protesting this charge as the unit is vacant. At this time, \$200/month is being budgeted for electricity. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/29/94. Board of Finance deferred 10/12/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

6. \$ 40,602.00 - FINANCE COMMISSIONER - CODE 240-1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to restore funding reductions to salary account. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/29/94. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Original request was for \$46,602; Board of Finance approved \$6,000 on 8/10/94, \$12,000 on 9/19/94, and 28,602 on 10/12/94. Board of Representatives approved \$6,000 of \$46,602 on 9/7/94.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

7. \$ 40,600.00 - PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - TERRY CONNERS RINK - VARIOUS CODE - additional appropriation needed to avoid the reduction of operating hours.  
 620-1110 salaries \$26,000  
 620-1140 seasonal 5,000  
 620-1201 overtime 5,000  
 620-2740 telephone 1,000  
 620-2750 gasoline 1,000  
 dues 600  
 620-5340 instructors 2,000  
 Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/22/94. Board of Finance approved 10/12/94.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

8. 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, 6/27/94. Held in Committee 8/1/94. Held on Pending Agenda 9/12/94.
9. 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 8/1/94. Held on Pending Agenda 9/12/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that she would combined items 8 and 9 in her report.

Rep. Domonkos said that Corporation Counsel McCabe came to the meeting and there were several meetings with Mr. McCabe. She said that he sent a draft proposal for the disposition of surplus properties and the Committee approved it. She said that Mr. McCabe proposed that a Committee be named consisting of a member of the Board of Representatives, a member of the Board of Finance, a member of the Planning Board, the Public Works Commissioner and the Commissioner of Finance.

Rep. Domonkos said that the Committee would review all surplus properties and would make a determination whether they are very marketable, marginal marketable or properties with little or no value; then it would be decided how to dispose of these properties. Rep. Domonkos said that in conjunction with the Committee, there would have to be revisions to several ordinances regarding the disposal of city land. She said that there will be an item under the L&R Committee to review ordinances for possible revisions.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Fortunato abstaining on item one.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for Suspension of Rules to take up a WIC resolution and a resolution concerning improvements for the Glenbrook railroad station parking lot. Seconded.

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

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ENABLING THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATING A SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 10/3/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee voted 6-0 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR RAIL PARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GLENBROOK RAIL STATION. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 10/17/94.

REP. DOMONKOS said that there was \$40,000 in the capital budget to provide for a shelter over the iron mike parking system and to complete the paving. She said that the city received a grant so capital funds will not be used and the \$40,000 is to be designated as a grant. The Committee vote 6-0 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 11. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Monday, October 24, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Domonkos, Leydon, Maihock, McDonald, Martin, Mitchell, Scalzi, Sherer and Zelinsky. Also present was Captain Kevin Schoch of the Salvation Army; Sandy Goldstein, Executive Director; Norman Lotstein, President; Rena Masten, Asst. Director; and John Rutolo, Retail Coordinator, all from the DSSD and David Vecchia, Purchasing Agenda and Ruth Powers, Board of Finance.

The record will note that Rep. McDonald did not participate or vote on item 4 in Committee.

1. (I&R23.44) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 214-18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE DEPOSITING OF SNOW AND ICE IN CITY STREETS. Submitted by Michael A. Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works, 8/2/94. Held in Committee 9/7/94. Approved for publication 10/3/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee made two minor changes in the ordinance. She Moved for approval of the amendments, no republication is required. She said that the words or place was deleted from the second "Whereas" clause and in Section 2, the words not more than from the fine. The motion was Seconded.

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

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee vote 8-0 to approve the ordinance as amended. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 1 as amended. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

2. (I&R23.48) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND DEE LANE, PARCELS A-1, A-2 AND A-3, FROM DATE OF ACQUISITION ON 10/2/89 AND CORNER LOT AND LOT B AT 633 FAIRFIELD AVENUE ACQUIRED ON JULY 24, 1992. Property owned by West Stamford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Requested by Leslie R. Long, Esq., 44 East Putnam Avenue, Cos Cob, CT 06807, 8/8/94. Held in Committee 9/7 and 10/3/94.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

REP. NAKIAN said that Jehovah's Witness purchased five lots from Gateway Bank in July of 1992 and on the property a church was constructed. She said that the tax abatement to be granted deals with the five parcel lot and is retroactive to the date of purchase which is July 30, 1992.

Rep. Nakian said that Jehovah's Witnesses originally asked for an abatement going back to their first purchase of the land in 1989. She said that at that time there was an old building on the lot which they thought to renovate but renovations were not carried out and the property was not used; no church was built until 1992. Rep. Nakian said that the Committee voted to make the tax exemption retroactive to July 30, 1992. The Committee voted 8-0-1 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 2. APPROVED by voice vote with Reps. Perillo and DeLuca voting no.

3. (L&R23.56) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCREASING THE FINE FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING. Submitted by Reps. David Martin, D-19, Robert DeLuca, R-14 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 9/12/94. Held in Committee 10/3/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

The record notes that Rep. McDonald left the Floor and did not participate in any discussion or vote on item 4.

4. (L&R23.57) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATMENT FOR TWO PROPERTIES PURCHASED BY THE SALVATION ARMY. PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 38 GUERNSEY AVENUE AND 40-42-44 GUERNSEY AVENUE. Requested by Captain Kevin B. Schoch, Commanding Officer, The Salvation Army, 20 Beehler Street, P. O. Box 1171, Stamford, CT 06904, 9/23/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Salvation Army exchanged properties on Guernsey Street with the Guernsey Realty Co.; the new property is to be used as the church facility and the old property has been put back on the tax rolls. She said that the property was exchanged on September 20, 1994 and that is the date back to which taxes are being abated. Rep. Nakian said that taxes were paid for the first half of the grand list; the Salvation Army did not reimburse at the time of purchase or the time of exchange so those taxes do not have to be refunded. She said that the taxes abated is \$20,000 which covers the second half of the grand list of 1993 and Salvation Army will be exempt on the 1994 grand list.

Rep. Nakian said that the Committee voted 6-0 to approve. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 4. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Perillo voting no.

5. (L&R23.59) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR FINES AND APPEAL OF A VIOLATION OF A CITY ORDINANCE. Submitted by Maria Nakian, Chairwoman, Legislative and Rules Committee, 10/7/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE



LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

6. (L&R23.52) REPORT ON DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT. Submitted by Reps. Mary Lou Rinaldi, D-5 and Annie M. Summerville, D-6, 8/18/94.

REP. NAKIAN said that the DSSD presented Committee members with an impressive packet of information showing all the things that they have done and all the presentation material they developed that they use in recruiting new stores and new enterprises to the downtown area. Rep. Nakian said that DSSD has a full program of activities going and they highlighted the activities that will be taken place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Rep. Nakian said that DSSD has done a remarkable job downtown dealing with security, landscaping, improving the general appearance of downtown and 10 new stories that opened. She said that the Committee was impressed and enjoyed hearing the good news.

7. (L&R23.58) MATTER OF BIDS WITH REGARD TO PURCHASING ORDINANCE. Submitted by Reps. Maria Nakian, D-20 and Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 10/4/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. NAKIAN said that she received a letter from David Vecchia, Purchasing Agent, saying that the Board of Finance passed a financial policy stating that before a bid is let, all the alternates to be included in the bid should be a part of it at that point; Mr. Vecchia proposed that that be codified into the purchasing ordinance.

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

REP. HOGAN said that the Committee met on October 25, 1994. Present were Reps. Vittti, Conti, Zelinsky and Hogan; Rep. Stork was excused. Rep. Hogan said there was no quorum. All three items were Held.

1. REVIEW OF TRAVELERS RETIREE INSURANCE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95.  
Requested by Reps. Philip R. Stork, R-15 and Robert DeLuca, R-14, 8/8/94.  
Held in Committee 9/7 and 10/3/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR THE CANCER CLAUSE IN THE LABOR CONTRACT. Requested by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 8/1/94. Held in Committee 9/7 and 10/3/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CREATING AND DESIGNATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AS UNCLASSIFIED. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 7/29/94. Returned to Committee 9/7/94.  
Approved for publication 10/3/94.

REP. HOGAN Moved that item 3 be taken out of Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to take item 3 out of Committee. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Maihock.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE; (continued)

REP. HOGAN Moved for final adoption of proposed ordinance creating and designating the position of Director of Emergency Management as unclassified. Rep. Hogan said that those present at the Committee meeting unanimously endorsed the move to bring the item before the Board. Seconded.

REP. MARTIN said that an amendment was made last month providing that the Director of Emergency Management must live within 15 miles as you travel over roads to 888 Washington Boulevard where the emergency center is located. He said that was allowed under state law. Rep. Martin said that it was important that emergency personnel be immediately accessible to the city in case of an emergency. He said that 15 miles was inserted in the ordinance rather than time as miles was the most practical way to measure the intent.

REP. HOGAN said that the four members of the Committee present suggested that "888 Washington Boulevard" be taken out and adopt the ordinance "from the emergency operations center." Rep. Hogan said that it was the opinion of the four members present that 888 Washington Boulevard may not be the operations center during an emergency. Rep. Hogan Moved to amend to delete "888 Washington Boulevard" and insert "from the emergency operations center." Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA asked if a person has been picked for the position and when will the name come before the Board for approval?

REP. HOGAN said that there were three candidates being considered; he did not know their identity. He said that the position was advertised in the Advocate on August 21. Rep. Hogan said that applications were submitted to the Fire Chief and the Chief previously appeared before the Committee and stated that he interviewed all of those that applied and three nominations were being forwarded to the Mayor.

REP. DeLUCA said that he presumed that the person's name will not come before the Appointments Committee until December or January.

REP. HOGAN said that the earliest the designee can be acted on is the December meeting if the ordinance is adopted.

REP. DeLUCA asked if the President can emphasize to the Mayor and Chief Graner that a name be submitted to the Board in the next month or two so that the position does not stay acting for 90 or 120 days.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that that would be noted.

REP. MAIHOCK asked what the salary is for this position?

REP. HOGAN said that the salary recommended by the Personnel Commission would range from a starting salary of \$35,542 to \$53,313.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. HOGAN Moved for approval of the amendment. Seconded.

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

REP. HOGAN Moved for final adoption of the ordinance as amended. Seconded.

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

The record will note that Rep. LaDestro joined the meeting; 33 members present and seven absent.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Gregory LaDestro, Chairman

REP. LaDESTRO said that the Committee met on October 25, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Boccuzzi, Pavia, LaDestro, McDonald and White.

1. PETITION FOR ROAD ACCEPTANCE - HASTINGS LANE - THIS STREET EXTENDS NORTHERLY FROM THE TEMPORARY TURN-AROUND ALREADY ACCEPTED (11/6/68) TO A PERMANENT TURN-AROUND FOR APPROXIMATELY 484.78 LINEAR FEET AS SHOWN ON MAP NO. 12418 STAMFORD LAND RECORDS 8/20/92. Petitioned by Fieber Group/Laurelwood Partnership, William Fieber, 138 Edward Pl., Stamford, CT 06905, 10/3/94. Certified for acceptance by Carl Ruspini, P.E., Design Engineer 10/24/94.

REP. LaDESTRO said that the Committee voted 6-0 to approve item 1. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 1. APPROVED by voice vote.

2. 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, 6/9/94. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Held in Committee 7/5 and 8/1/94. Held on Pending Agenda 8/17/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

The record will not that Rep. Sherer joined the meeting; 34 members present and six absent.

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

REP. OWENS said that the Committee met on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Marggie Laurie, Jeff Curtis, Ron Sabia, Fred Johnson, Robert DeLuca, John Hogan and Bob Owens; also present was Rep. David Martin, Commissioner of Finance Patrick O'Connor, Board of Finance member Joseph Tarzia, John Roman of WSTC and Peter Knox, a consultant.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE: (continued)

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 to 10/3/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

REP. OWENS said that there was much discussion on item 1. He said that there was no follow up information from the administration.

Rep. Owens said that the Committee met this evening at 6:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Jeff Curtis, Marggie Laurie, Robert DeLuca, Ron Sabia and Bob Owens; also present was Peter Knox, a consultant. He said that further discussions were held on item 1 but no information was received.

Rep. Owens said that there was also discussion on the resolution. He said that the Committee voted to make a few changes in the resolution and a copy was provided to all members. Rep. Owens said that the Committee voted to Hold the resolution until this evening's meeting hoping to get more information from Commissioner of Finance Patrick O'Connor.

REP. DeLUCA said that he was disturbed because it has been a few years that costs and information was asked of the administration. He said that it seems that the only information obtained is what the media reports. Rep. DeLuca said that Commissioner O'Connor, at the October meeting, emphatically stated that the numbers would be available on October 31; a meeting was called for November 1 and Commissioner O'Connor was not present. He said that by not receiving the information shows contempt for the Public Works Committee and the Co-Chairs Jeff Curtis and Bobby Owens who have been patient and willing to meet at any time.

Rep. DeLuca said that a notice was received that there will be a "Committee of the Whole" meeting on November 10. He asked if we are to presume that figures will be available?

Rep. DeLuca said that the Sense-of-the-Board resolution calling for action regarding the incinerator should be approved. He said that efforts have been made to hold meetings with the Mayor and the Mayor and administration cannot attend. Rep. DeLuca said that the Board should boycott the November 10 meeting, the same as has been done by the Mayor. Rep. DeLuca said that the Mayor should come to the Board to inform the Board on what is going on and if the Commissioner of Finance says he will do something, he should do it.

PRESIDENT RINALDI had a point of clarification; she stated that the Co-Chairs of the Public Works Committee called the November 10 Committee of the Whole meeting not the Mayor. She said that the Mayor has been invited to attend. President Rinaldi said that a letter may have been received from the Mayor but the official notice went out before the Mayor's letter.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS CLOSING OF THE INCINERATOR. Submitted by Reps. David Martin, D-19, Robert DeLuca, R-14, Andrew McDonald, D-4, Patrick White, D-1, David Scalzi, R-1, Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., D-9, Marggie Laurie, D-8, and Gerald Rybnick, D-4, 10/7/94.

REP. OWENS said a resolution with the changes should be on each desk. He said that the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the resolution. Moved. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI said that perhaps the Mayor and Commissioner Pavia should be given the opportunity to show their plans to the Board on November 10. He said that he would vote against the resolution as he thinks its premature.

REP. WHITE said that the word "expeditiously" can be opened to interpretation; by that "expeditiously" can be read in the resolution as he or she sees fit. He said that as a representative from the first district, that his interpretation of "expeditiously" is much closer to this evening's adoption date of November 1. He said that for example, in his opinion, November 2, 1994 would be expeditious. Rep. White said that the closing of the plant has been delayed several times in the past and this has not been the first time that the date has slipped. He said that he believed that has been the fault of the present administration and hoped that the latest extension date granted by the DEP, April 1, 1995, is not meant as an April's Fools joke on the residents of Stamford and in particular, the residents of the first district.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve the resolution calling for the expeditious closing of the incinerator. APPROVED by 21 yes, 12 no votes with one abstention.

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

REP. MAIHOCK said that the Committee met on Thursday, October 27, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Audrey Maihock and Ralph Loglisci, Co-Chairpersons; Committee members Ellen Mellis, Bobby Owens and Lucy Corelli; Reps. Gabe DeLuca and Elizabeth Conti; Michael Kraynak, Dave Studley, Jane Gibeault and Anna Goldring. She said the ordinance was reviewed with Dave Studley and Jane Gibeault of the Health Department as they enforce the lead abatement orders of the Health Department.

Rep. Maihock said that the Committee is waiting for approval from Corporation Counsel and the Director of Health on the suggested changes which were made at the meeting.

1. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - 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, 8/1 and 10/3/94. Approved for publication 9/7/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE



HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked if a vote was taken?

REP. MAIHOCK said the Committee did not vote as the matters were referred to Corporation Counsel; Corporation Counsel and Dr. McBride were unable to attend the meeting.

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked if the vote was unanimous to Hold?

REP. MAIHOCK said "yes" and opinions were being asked of Corporation Counsel and the Director of Health on the suggestions made.

REP. OWENS said that as a member of the Committee, a vote was taken accepting the changes that were made. Rep. Owens said that he was confused in Rep. Maihock statement that no vote was taken.

REP. MAIHOCK said votes were taken on what Rep. Owens' indicated and there was a resolution to find out from Corporation Counsel and the Health Director that the suggestions were approved by both. She said that these people must guide the Committee because it has no technical expertise to make evaluations.

REP. OWENS said that there was a vote item by item to make sure that we got the information from the technical people that were present being Mike Kraynak and the two people employed directly under Mr. Kraynak. Rep. Owens said that he did not think that there would be any one with more technical information than those people. He said that he assumed that the Committee voted on the suggestions.

REP. LOGLISCI said that Rep. Owens was correct. He said that paragraphs and definitions were changed and each item was voted on. He said that a couple of points were changed and there was a question on whether or not Dr. McBride would agree with those that enforce the lead program. Rep. Loglisci said that some definitions were changed and are now awaiting an opinion from Corporation Counsel and the Director of Health that the changes were acceptable.

REP. DeLUCA said that he attended the meeting and each change was voted on and approved and is surprised that the item will be Held. Rep. DeLuca said that there was a compromise on the two key points and everyone agreed on .06 and .49.

Rep. DeLuca Moved to take the ordinance out of Committee so it can be voted on this evening as some of the changes were cosmetic and the ordinance would not have to be republished. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he did a lot of research on his own speaking to many, many different people and agencies. He said that he was not sure that the changes were not substantive and it was questioned whether or not the ordinance had to be republished. Rep. Loglisci said that the Committee accepted the ordinance but he did not think that the ordinance should be voted on this evening without making sure it was acceptable by all as there may be violations in state or federal guidelines and voting on the ordinance this evening could be a serious mistake.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MAIHOCK concurred with Rep. Loglisci. She said that she spoke to Rick Robinson, Asst. Corporation Counsel this evening and he did not have the opportunity to present a corrected form. Rep. Maihock said that Mr. Robinson had more research to do. She said that it would be a mistake to vote on the ordinance this evening. She said that when the opinions are received from Corporation Counsel and Dr. McBride, the ordinance should be ready for the next Committee meeting.

REP. BOCCUZZI asked what the number was that the Health Department is working under now?

REP. LOGLISCI said that Dr. McBride is enforcing .06. Rep. Loglisci said that .06 constitutes the legal amount of lead allowed in paint. He said that wording was changed to "more than .06." He said that under the new guidelines, more than .06 would be used on walls up to five feet in height and .49 above that. Rep. Loglisci said that zero is on the books now.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that zero is on the books now and Dr. McBride, if he so chooses, can use zero and if the ordinance is adopted, Dr. McBride will be restricted to the numbers in the ordinance?

REP. LOGLISCI said that Dr. McBride assured him that he would continue to use .06.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that he hoped that the ordinance is adopted as soon as possible and if any problem arises, the ordinance can be amended. He said the ordinance has been worked on since January of 1993 and if any information was needed, it would have been received by now. Rep. Boccuzzi said that he would vote not to send the ordinance back to Committee.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he did not think the Committee did a good job in investigating in the beginning and after talking to many agencies, they think the .06 is an overzealous number and the cost can be quite astronomical to any town using it. Rep. Loglisci said that a compromise is being used so it eases the burden on landlords and at the same time, part of the ordinance refers to the amount of lead allowed in blood levels; there was no disagreement on that. He said that state and federal guidelines will allow 20 micrograms per deciliter of blood, Stamford will enforce 10.

Rep. Loglisci said that the sticking point was whether or not there was a correlation between using the .06 and lowering because across the country, you will see a dramatic drop in lead poisoning due to the fact that .06 is the amount of lead allowed in paint and that lead has been taken out of gasoline. Rep. Loglisci said that people were being obstinate in trying to hold the item for one more month and he resented that.

REP. MARTIN said that from the comments this evening, he believes that the only thing left is to get Dr. McBride's concurrence and the law department's concurrence and to make certain republication is not necessary. He said that he did not want to come back and hear about more changes. He said that he would support the Co-Chairs now but he shared the frustration of others that this should have been taken care of long ago.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MAIHOCK said that the Board should be mindful that if the ordinance is adopted without the approval of the Director of Health and Corporation Counsel's office, would be irresponsible and if adopted, and amendments are made, republication would be necessary just to add perhaps some very small sentences or paragraphs. She said that she could not believe that the impatience is so great that the very necessary approvals can not be gotten. She said that we should wait long enough to get the additional approval.

REP. DeLUCA said that he was sorry that some think to bring this out of Committee or forcing the issue is being obstinate. He said that earlier in the evening, he was informed that Assistant Corporation Counsel did not see the need to republish, that he was going to check on something applying to one or two family residence. He said that it is already determined that it does not apply to one or two family residence.

REP. SUMMERVILLE asked if the Committee has made any recommendations keeping in line with other Committee reports brought before the Board? She said that she did not know the Committee's recommendation.

REP. LOGLISCI said that as the items went down and going through the paragraphs and made changes, a motion was going and the Committee approved each item. He said that the problem is that Dr. McBride was not present and changes were made, the Committee wanted to make sure that Dr. McBride agreed and accepted the definitions because they were about the compromise. Rep. Loglisci said that the Committee wanted assurance from the law department that since wording was changed, it was acceptable to them. He said that the Committee did not take a vote saying that they would accept the ordinance; a vote was taken on the changes. He said that no final vote was taken to approve all the ordinance knowing that it would be subject to the approval of both the law department and the health department.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that when she asked for the official Committee vote, she was told it was to Hold.

REP. DOMONKOS asked what the vote was for the Committee to Hold?

REP. MAIHOCK said that the Committee did not vote on the entire ordinance to go forward.

PRESIDENT RINALDI questioned whether the vote was unanimous to Hold for another month until the information could be obtained?

REP. MAIHOCK said that the Co-Chairs were to meet with Corporation Counsel and the Health Director to finalize the ordinance.

REP. MELLIS said that by the end of the evening, a vote was taken on item by item; she did not recall having the Committee vote to Hold or not to Hold.

REP. MARTIN had a Point of Information; he said that the Committee took no action at all; they did not vote to Hold or to approve. He asked if that was a fair assumption?

REP. LOGLISCI said that no action was taken pending the approval of the Health Department and Corporation Counsel.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that she previously asked the same and was told the vote was unanimous to Hold.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote on the motion to take out of Committee the proposed ordinance concerning abatement of lead hazards. DEFEATED by 16 no, 12 yes votes with four abstentions.

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

REP. DeLUCA said that the meeting was cancelled. Mr. Elkins could not attend.

1. STATUS OF THE RFP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROSA HARTMAN PARK. Requested by Robert DeLuca and Thomas Pia, Co-Chairmen, Parks & Recreation Committee, 9/2/94. Report made and Held in Committee 10/3/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEEEDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chairman

REP. ZELINSKY said that the Committee met on Wednesday, October 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Zelinsky, Vice Chair Leydon, Reps. Maihock, Laurie, Doyle, Scalzi and McDonald; also present were Rep. Loglisci and Capt. Schoch of the Salvation Army.

1. APPROVAL OF REPORT ON THE REGIONAL FORUM ON IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL QUALITY AND DIVERSITY. Submitted by Reps. Ellen Mellis, D-13 and John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 8/8/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 9/7 and 10/3/94.

REP. ZELINSKY said a public hearing was held on October 12, 1994 which was jointly sponsored by the Committee and the Board of Education. He said that only nine people came and spoke; three spoke in favor of the plan. He said that he was disappointed that more people did not attend to support the report. Rep. Zelinsky said that the Committee voted two in favor and five against the report.

Rep. Zelinsky gave some background on the report. "The legislators did not specify specifically what the Public Act was but was a response on the ongoing Sheff v. O'Neill case in the Hartford area, this process should be viewed within the context of that case. The lawsuit alleges that the school systems in Hartford and its suburbs do not provide all students with the same opportunity for quality education because of the way racial and economic isolation affect schools. As a result, the suit alleges, some schools suffer from a lack of resources and diversity, thus violating the constitutional rights of all races, ethnicities and economic levels to free education.

"Connecticut's municipalities have been asked by the state legislature to work together to prepare plans for increasing the quality and diversity of education, as a means of reducing barriers to opportunity. Specifically, Public Act 93-263 asks that a voluntary, cooperative, multi-community plan be devised to: 1. Improve the quality of school and student performance; 2. Reduce barriers to opportunity, including poverty, unemployment and lack of affordable housing and transportation; 3. Enhance diversity and awareness of diversity and address the needs of limited English proficient students.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. ZELINSKY (continuing) "The legislature divided the state's municipalities into 11 regions for the purposes of multi-community planning. Our report was prepared by Region 8, which encompasses Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton. Approximately 75 individuals from these municipalities worked on this plan."

Rep. Zelinsky thanked all the individuals who volunteered their time and effort on the report. He said that he personally had been leaning toward voting in favor of the report, however, after a news story appeared in the local paper after the public hearing, he received almost a dozen calls from constituents questioning several of the recommendations; some concerns were state mandatory programs down the road, bussing Stamford students out of Stamford, losing local control by our Board of Education, additional expenditures, and if there is a problem in the Hartford area, they felt it does not affect our Stamford school system; teaching our students the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic and better scores on testing and to concentrate on better test scores for our students. Rep. Zelinsky said that he was asked to vote against the report.

Rep. Zelinsky said that he believes that we do have a quality and diversified school system in Stamford and said that it may not be perfect but we have dedicated administrators and teachers who care about the children and give them the best quality education they can. He said that unless otherwise shown, his conviction is high on Stamford schools.

Rep. Zelinsky said that the Committee recommended denial. He Moved for acceptance of the report. Seconded.

REP. MELLIS said that the report comes before the Board to vote on with the result of several things; 1. The Sheff v O'Neill case which is yet to be decided; 2. Public Act 93-263 setting up 11 forums to come up with a voluntary plan dealing with educational diversity and quality; 3. A unanimous vote of acceptance by the 22 forum members; and 4. Unanimous vote of acceptance by a Board of Education members.

Rep. Mellis said that we are the first town in the region to vote on the plan and are the most diverse community with the most diversified programming in place. She said that we would be voting on a philosophy which hails quality education and diversity and the plan builds on existing programs with the understanding that we can help neighboring towns and learn from them as well.

Rep. Mellis said the report recommends plans that are voluntary and each town must vote for acceptance prior to any implementation and any commitment of monies. She said the report acknowledges that work must be done to solve issues regarding housing, jobs and transportation; it's a beginning and she strongly requested a vote of support sending a message to Stamford, the region and the state that we are willing to continue to work together for the sake of our children.

REP. LAROBINA said he would speak in favor of the proposal. He said that there were several things that strike him; First, it is a unique opportunity in the sense that it is a voluntary plan and program. He said that often times we are forced to engage in certain types of state mandated activities whether mandated by the state legislature or the court systems, and for the first time, this is an opportunity to do something on a voluntary basis; no requirements are forced upon municipalities and no forced spending requirements.



EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. LAROBINA referred to page 1 of the report. "Rapid changes in the global marketplace have caused the American work force to function and work with people of different backgrounds." He said if government is going to take the responsibility to educate children, they have to take a total responsibility. He said that it would be strange, even in 1994, that people would not acknowledge the fact that this is a diverse society, and sooner or later, people have to work with, interact with and learn to live with people from different ethnic backgrounds and different races. Rep. Larobina said that it is rather naive and that we are not in touch with reality to assume that we can educate someone for 12 years and turn them out to the work force or into an educational system and expect them to function properly when they have never had contact or exposure to the reality of what our society consists of.

Rep. Larobina said that this was an opportunity to act responsibly and did not see how the plan would affect the Stamford community as Stamford already has a racially diverse school system. He said that by Stamford participating, we are doing the surrounding communities a favor and an opportunity for some of the school children to interact with other school systems. Rep. Larobina strongly urged support of the plan.

REP. WHITE said that the initial decision on this report is voluntary but once you buy into a report like this, the very question becomes a moot point; it is not voluntary any more. He said that after reading the document, he finds it is a philosophical document, it is general, it is vague and if you buy into something while in this form, if something comes concrete down the line, you are locked in. Rep. White said that he has too many questions and reservations at this time to buy into the document.

REP. LEYDON said that at the Committee meeting and now he will be voting against the plan. He said that he believed that Governor Weicker has been one of the strongest proponents in favor of the plan and in the very near future, he will not be the governor. Rep. Leydon said that it was prudent to wait to see what the next administration and the leadership in the legislature does as far as such a plan before we act.

Rep. Leydon said that there has been much talk about the Sheff v O'Neill case and we should act before that judge does. He said that we do not know what that judge is going to do; he may rule against the plaintiffs. Also, until the action makes its way through the appellate process, it has no binding affect upon Stamford and what happens in Stamford. Rep. Leydon said that if one is going to support the plan, he or she should do so on the merits not in light of a perceived threat.

Rep. Leydon said that as stated by Rep. White, the plan is very vague and soft; it is all voluntary now but once you are in the plan, you are in. He said that currently, funding obligations are not in place but once you step into the plan, he believed we will be faced with burdens that we are going to have to shoulder and the state will do more in the way of regionalization in an attempt to take out from municipalities the rights currently had by them. Rep. Leydon said that Stamford is a diverse community. He said that a number of the plans are in effect so the vote is not a vote to do away with activities that are taking place, it is simply a vote that says that we would rather maintain our own autonomy. Rep. Leydon said that the focus should be on education and not perceived differences and magnifying those differences.

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REP. McDONALD said that he believed that the beauty and the wonder of the education system in Stamford is the extent of its diversity, not its uniformity. He said that uniformity tends to become rather stale and that is what is seen in surrounding communities and those communities would benefit by the plan.

Rep. McDonald said the purpose of the legislation was aimed at achieving a greater educational variety and experience for children predominately in urban centers. He said that the legislation and plan will directly affect, in a beneficial manner, the children of the City of Stamford. Rep. McDonald said that from the comments heard this evening, he would anticipate hearing them from surrounding communities like New Canaan and Greenwich.

Rep. McDonald said that the plan does not commit one dollar of the city's money at this point and in broad terms, it provides the framework for creating a diverse educational opportunity for the children in Stamford and to deny the opportunity is a mistake. He said that the plan is in the highest traditions of the concept of homerule. He said that there is a real possibility of a judge sitting in Hartford issuing an injunction that is going to affect and determine how we educate our children for years and decades to come, and only if we sieze the opportunity now and be the masters of our own destiny are we going to be able to provide for the education of our children.

REP. LOGLISCI said that Stamford is a microcosm of the world and other than Norwalk, there is no other town in our region that dares to come close to saying that. He believed that Stamford is the model that the rest of the state is hoping to reach. He said that the state has shown a propensity to enforce mandates and then desert the cities who are burden with the enforcement of the impossible mandates. Rep. Loglisci said that Stamford's children will be the experiment; they will be the ones being shipped. He said that while the program proclaims to be voluntary, it is an ominous promise of losses of revenue if we don't volunteer. He said that the Board's participation will end with its approval and then, Boards of Education will decide what actions are to be taken. Rep. Loglisci said that he will vote against the plan.

REP. MARTINSEN said that she agreed that Stamford is a diverse community which is great. She said that for all of Weicker's good intentions, his children went to private schools. She said that if the plan does not go through and there is a magnet school on the border of Greenwich and Stamford, why couldn't we locally work with that, why do we have to go to a regional form of school diversity and why can't we start out slow and specific instead of jumping into a pot with eight communities? Rep. Martinsen said that she was concerned with losing control and the plan was not specific about funding; she was weary with the state taking our money and giving a rebate and she wondered if this would happen with this plan.

REP. NAKIAN said that all the school district in the state are not equal, and she believed that the day is coming when something is going to be done about it. She said that the question is, "Do we want it imposed upon the cities through the courts or do we want a voluntary plan where we have some say on how we achieve diversity?" She said that Stamford does not have to achieve diversity; it has it and it works very well, but there are other communities surrounding Stamford that do not have diversity and these are the communities that the plan is working to intergrate into the cities to make all the communities have the same cultural, racial, etc. diversity.

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REP. NAKIAN said that Stamford will benefit from the plan; there won't be great influx of intercity children being bussed in from somewhere, it will be our children being able to take advantage of programs offered in other communities. Rep. Nakian said that turning down the plan is laying groundwork for other communities to also turndown the plan. She said that she would like to see the plan approved and would be voting for it.

REP. MARTIN said that fear of what we do not know is not an excuse to not plan. He said the issue is whether or not the state is going into regional school diversity plans and is that going to be ordered by a state court. Rep. Martin said that we can deal with what may be unpopular by planning for it or tell our constituents we are opposed. He said that he will not pretend that this will be popular in his district because constituents will say, "You want us bussed all over the place and it will cost us a ton of money." He hoped that that will not happen. Rep. Martin said that one way to assure that we will not have court imposed bussing is to begin a plan, and he wants to plan for the future even if the plan is unpopular now. He said that he would support the plan.

REP. LOGLISCI said that from what he has heard, it sounds like the minority children will be shipped to other towns that are all white and once they are in an all white community, they will grow. He did not agree with that.

REP. PAVIA said that he agreed with Reps. Loglisci, White and Leydon. He said that he thought of the "Trojan horse," things that sound pretty, look good and there may be a trap inside. He said that we are under judicial tryanny in this country in many, many ways. Rep. Pavia said that Governor Weicker is using some type of good-feeling plan and in the future, a Board will say, "How did we get into this mess?"

Rep. Pavia said that he went to Stamford schools and went with all types of people. He said that a few months ago at Rippowam School, he was surprised to see black parents get up and say what should have been said long ago, "We don't want bussing, we want quality schools in our own neighborhoods." Rep. Pavia said that he wished that was said 20 years ago, but it wasn't. Rep. Pavia urged his colleagues to vote down the plan.

REP. MELLIS said that there are already initiatives in place involving children going to different towns and programs, etc. Also, she said that the plan is requesting that an advisory committee come into place in January when the four members are finished and to continue to look at all the issues being brought up. She stressed the plan was voluntary and urged approval of the plan.

REP. SHERER Moved the question. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Move the question. APPROVED by voice vote.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve the Report on the Regional Forum on Improving Education Quality and Diversity. She phrased the motion in the positive even though the Committee report is in the negative. The motion was DEFEATED by 19 no, 12 yes votes with two abstentions.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Michael Larobina, Chairman

The record will note that Rep. McDonald left the floor on the Urban Renewal item and did not participate in any discussion or vote.

REP. LAROBINA said that the Committee met on Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Larobina, Sabia, Boccuzzi and Nakian; also present was Bruce Goldberg, legal counsel for the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS THE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY OF STAMFORD. Submitted by Michael D. Larobina, Chairman, Urban Renewal Committee, 10/12/94.

REP. LAROBINA said that the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve publication. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the proposed ordinance designating the Urban Redevelopment Commission as the development agency for the City of Stamford. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

REP. BOCCUZZI said Rep. Mitchell was unable to attend this evening. She will send in a report.

REP. SUMMERVILLE wanted the record to note that a meeting was held and she was present.

1. DISCUSSION ON YEAR 21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PRIORITIES. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 9/12/94. Held in Committee 10/3/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. STATUS REVIEW WITH SUB-GRANTEES FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. Submitted by Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman, Housing and Community Development Committee 10/12/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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 J. Boccuzzi & Nicholas Pavia, Co-Chairmen

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Nicholas Pavia, Chairman - No report.

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

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Tuesday, October 25, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, LaDestro, McDonald and DePina; Rep. Stork was excused. Rep. Nakian said that a public hearing was held on the ordinance and the only person present was Mr. Loter, Chairman of the Board of Ethics. She said that the Committee approved the ordinance by a vote of 4-0-0. Moved. Seconded.

1. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 706 SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE STAMFORD MUNICIPAL CODE OF ETHICS. Submitted by Reps. Maria Nakian, D-20 and John J. Boccuzzi, 1/24/94. Held in Committee 3/7 to 8/1/94. Returned to Committee 9/7/94. Approved for publication 10/3/94.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve for final adoption, proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 706 concerning the Code of Ethics. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. Maihock voting no.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

REP. HOGAN said that the Committee met on Monday, October 24, 1994. He said that the Committee voted unanimously to approve item 1 for publication. Moved. Seconded.

1. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING INCREASING MAXIMUM LEVEL OF NET WORTH AND ASSET OWNERSHIP IN TAX RELIEF PROGRAM. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 4/5/94. Held in Committee 5/2, 6/6, 8/1, 9/7 and 10/3/94. Held in Steering 6/15/94.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 1. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.



REVALUATION COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. MATTER OF HAVING RE-EVALUATION CONDUCTED EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS.  
Submitted by Rep. John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, Maria Nakian, D-20 and David Martin, D-19, 11/24/93. Held in Steering 12/13 & 12/15/93. Held in Committee 2/1, 3/7, 4/4 and 5/2/94. Held on Pending Agenda 5/18/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

No report.

RESOLUTIONS - None.

MINUTES

1. JULY 5, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
2. AUGUST 1, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
3. SEPTEMBER 7, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
4. OCTOBER 3, 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 10:45 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

11-01-94

NO	NAME
1	PRS DOYLE, WILLIAM
2	PRS NAKIAN, MARIA
3	N/P PIA, THOMAS
4	PRS OWENS, BOBBY
5	PRS LOGLISCI, RALPH
6	PRS CORELLI, LUCY
7	N/P LADESTRO, GREGORY
8	PRS RYBNICK, GERALD
9	PRS CURTIS, JEFFREY
10	PRS SABIA, RONALD
11	PRS MAIHOCK, AUDREY
12	PRS JOHNSON, FRED
13	PRS DE LUCA, ROBERT
14	N/P 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 8

NO	NAME
21	N/P DE PINA, GLORIA
22	PRS DOMONKOS, CARMEN
23	N/P HOUSEY, ANGELA
24	PRS LAURIE, MARGGIE
25	PRS PERILLO, MILDRED
26	PRS PAVIA, NICHOLAS
27	N/P MITCHELL, ELAINE
28	N/P SHERER, DONALD
29	PRS MC DONALD, ANDREW
30	PRS HOGAN, JOHN J.
31	PRS ZELINSKY, JOHN
32	PRS MARTINSEN, KIT
33	PRS LAROBINA, MICHAEL
34	N/P 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 32

## STAMVOTE - VOTE PROCESSING

11-01-1994

TEST VOTE YES

NO	NAME
1	YES DOYLE, WILLIAM
2	N/V NAKIAN, MARIA
3	N/P PIA, THOMAS
4	YES OWENS, BOBBY
5	YES LOGLISCI, RALPH
6	YES CORELLI, LUCY
7	N/P LADESTRO, GREGORY
8	YES RYBNICK, GERALD
9	YES CURTIS, JEFFREY
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11	YES MAIHOCK, AUDREY
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