

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1995

23RD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The regular meeting of the 23rd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, June 5, 1995, 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 9:40 p.m. by President Mary Lou Rinaldi after both parties met in Caucus.

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

"Heavenly Father, send Your guidance and wisdom to all gathered here tonight, and assist us in our deliberations as we strive to achieve what is best for all of Stamford's citizens.

"In this time of remembrance as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, we give thanks to all who fought to guarantee our freedom. Let us always respect the memory of all who died in combat and in the prison camps of Hitler's holocaust.

Grant us your grace that we will know kindness and compassion in our daily lives. 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 37 members present and three absent. Absent and excused were Reps. William Doyle, Donald Sherer and Mildred Perillo.

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 ROCCO A. ROMANIELLO SR. requested by Representative Ronald Sabia, 15th District.

"Rocco A. Romaniello Sr. was a lifelong resident of Stamford. He was the son of the late Andrew and Jennie Orsino Romaniello. He was a retired equipment operator for the Department of Public Works of the City of Stamford. He also served in the U. S. Army in World War II. Mr. Romaniello was active in many organizations. He is survived by his wife, Mary Stolfi Romaniello; a son, Rocco Romaniello Jr.; a daughter, Suzy Ann Romaniello Herrera; and two grandchildren. My sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Romaniello and the family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late COSMO M. CIVALE SR. requested by Representatives Thomas Pia, Ronald Sabia, Ralph Loglisci and John F. Leydon, Jr.

"Mr. Civale Sr. was a lifelong resident of Stamford. He was the son of the late Gaetano and Josephine DeMott Civale. He operated the Barton's Candi-Card store on Bedford Street before retiring 13 years ago. He was a U. S. Army World War II veteran and was active in numerous community affairs. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Spezzano Civale; a son, Cosmo M. Civale Jr; a daughter, Patricia A. Civale; a sister, Ann R. Vincze; and three grandsons. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Civale and family."

For the late SYLVIA LANDOW KLEIN requested by Representative Ronald Sabia.

"Sylvia Landow Klein was born in Stamford, the daughter of the late Isaac and Lena Knolph Landow. She was a retired case worker for the State of Connecticut. She was active in many organizations. She is survived by a son, Lawrence J. Klein; a daughter, Natalie Pennington; two brothers, Harold D. Landow and Samuel Landow; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Irving I. Klein. My sincerest sympathy to the Klein family."

For the late MICHAEL J. HOLAHAN requested by the 23rd Board of Representative.

"Michael J. Holahan was a lifelong resident of Stamford. He was the son of the late Michael Joseph and Margaret Jane Callery Holahan. He worked at Pitney Bowes for 27 years mostly as manager of employee benefits and retired in 1977. He received the Walter H. Wheeler Jr. Award. Mr. Holahan was an avid golfer and a member of many organizations.

"Mr. Holahan graduated from Darien High School in 1930 and Yale University in 1936. He was a former member of the Stamford Board of Representatives. He is survived by his wife, Mary McAuliffe Holahan, a former Clerk for the Board of Finance; five sons, John Holahan, Robert Holahan, Paul Holahan, James Holahan and Michael Holahan; and two brothers, Richard Holahan and Thomas Holahan. Our sincerest sympathy to Mary and family."

For the late W. DENNIS WHITE requested by the 23rd Board of Representatives.

"W. Dennis White was a lifelong resident of Stamford. He was the son of the late William D. White and of Aileen O'Keeffe White. Mr. White was a retired school teacher. He taught in the Stamford school system for 34 years.

"Dennis was a former member of the Board of Representatives who served six terms. He also served on the Stamford Conservation Commission and the Board of Tax Review. He was a member of many organizations. He graduated from Stamford High School and the University of Connecticut. He received a master's degree in history from Fairfield University and a master's degree in history in Russian studies from Fordham University.

"Dennis is survived by his wife, Georgiana Donase White; his mother, Aileen White; a brother, Patrick White; two sisters, Sheila W. Egan and Aileen M. White; six nieces, four nephews and two grandnieces.

"We mourn the loss of our colleague and our deepest sympathy to Georgiana, his mother, Mrs. White and the White family."

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late JAMES EDWARD ROSECRANS requested by Representative Audrey Maihock, 19th District.

"James Edward Rosecrans, a resident of Stamford for forty years, died on May 19, 1995.

"Jim received a Bachelor of Science in labor relations from Cornell University and an MBA from New York University Graduate School of Business.

"He was a regional past president of the American Society of Personnel Administrators. It was his corporate executive experience in industrial relations and employee relations that led to his volunteer service as a labor relations consultant to two of Stamford's mayors, Mayor Julius Wilensky and Mayor Louis Clapes. Jim also served as a co-chairman of the Stamford Personnel Appeals Board from 1978 to December 1992. When a representative during a budget hearing one year questioned his lack of a budget request, he replied modestly, 'My wife does all my typing for the Board.' In fact, she did that gratis for all those years.

"Jim's professional career also included other fields, such as real estate developer and broker, financial consultant, and director of services administrator.

"Jim was known for his ever ready smile, warm, caring personality and his integrity. He had many devoted, long time friends and colleagues, who greatly miss him.

"Sincere sympathy is extended to his beloved wife, Heidi, and his children."

For the late WILLIAM MARA requested by Representatives Thomas Pia, 7th District and John F. Leydon, Jr., 12th District.

For the late DEAN KARRAKER requested by Representative Lucy Corelli, 16th District.

For the late BEN MANGER requested by Representative Marggie Laurie, 8th District.

For the late LUCY VITTI requested by Representative Thomas Pia, 7th 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.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

The Steering Committee met on Monday, May 15, 1995 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 7:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present at the meeting:

Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chairwoman	Thomas Pia	Nicholas Pavia
Bobby Owens	Robert DeLuca	Carmen Domonkos
John J. Hogan	Maria Nakian	Ronald Sabia
Annie Summerville	Ralph Loglisci	David Martin
Elaine Mitchell	Donald Sherer	Rob Manfredi, WSTC
		Anne Kachaluba

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were 27 of the 30 items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Two items for haulaway were ordered off the Agenda; to be resubmitted. One item re medical insurance for the Big Five volunteer fire departments was ordered to the Pending Agenda.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were all eight items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one from the Pending Agenda. Ordered Moved to the Agenda from the Parks and Recreation Committee was the item concerning keg beer and permits in the parks.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were three of the four items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and two items from the Pending Agenda. Ordered off the Agenda was the item for the approval of the agreement between the City and C. R. Grebey, Jr., Director of Labor Relations.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Pending Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda re discontinuance of Beehler Street and Guernsey Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS & SEWER COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was one of the two items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item re keg beer and permits for parks was Moved to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering 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.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Ordered off the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda re development by Feiber on Long Ridge Road.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing 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 - Ordered on the Agenda was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item on the Addenda.

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

Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, Chairwoman
Steering Committee

Note: At this point in the meeting, some dialogue was not recorded due to a technical difficulty..

SUSPENSION OF RULES APPROVED TO TAKE UP THE ITEMS UNDER THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

The Committee met on Thursday, May 25, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. and on Monday, June 5, 1995 at 6:45 p.m.

1. FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY LISTS FOR QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS. Request by Reps. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Ralph Loglisci, R-14, John J. Boccuzzi, D-2 and Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., D-9, 12/6/94. Held in Steering 12/14/94 and 3/15/95. Held in Copmmittee 2/6, 3/1 and 5/1/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

2. FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CREATING AND DESIGNATING THE POSITION OF COMPUTER ASSISTED MASS APPRAISAL (CAMA) MANAGER/SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSESSOR AS UNCLASSIFIED. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/16/94. Held in Steering 11/16 and 12/14/94. Held in Committee 2/6, 3/1 and 4/3/95. Approved for publication 5/1/95.

REP. VITTI said that at the present time, the employee is earning approximately \$58,000 a year as a contracted employee and receives no benefits, etc. He said that according to the employment contract, the person will get a raise to \$61,542 which amounts to about a 5% raise, a very lucrative benefits package which probably amounts to 40-45% of the salary and a 5% annual contribution by the employer, the City of Stamford, for retirement benefits that will go into a special fund and if the person leaves after five years or whenever, the money goes with the person. Rep. Vitti said that he did not know any employee of the city that received a 5% increase this year. He said that he is not saying that the employee should not get an increase for the length of the contract but to get the increase, benefits and pension in the first year of the contract is outlandish. He said that most of the city employees are getting 1%, 2% or 3% increases and this employee is being given 5% plus the benefits increase and 5% retirement benefit. Rep. Vitti stated that he thought this to be out-of-line and the ordinance should be Held or a strong letter be sent to the Finance Commissioner to renegotiate the contract keeping in mind what the rest of the employees of the city are getting.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he concurred with Rep. Vitti. He said that he had some reservations when he first saw the ordinance. He said that a year or two ago, the Mayor, because of the budget crunch, laid off the assistant assessor, and with all due respect to the person, we are now talking about an assistant to the assessor. Rep. Zelinsky said that the individual gets the position if the ordinance is approved and automatically gets a raise and fringe benefits are approximately 30% of the salary. Rep. Zelinsky stated that when the individual came aboard during revaluation, he was told by the officials, at various committee meetings, that the individual would be hired for a non-permanent position and when the job was finished, that would be the end. Rep. Zelinsky said that the assistant assessor was laid off due to the lack of money in the budget and now a year or two later, the position is being made unclassified with fringe benefits and pension. He said this was great but are we going to be laying off longtime employees of the city and then in a year or two, the administration decides that "I know somebody else that we can bring aboard and do this job." Rep. Zelinsky said that with all due respect to the individual, as he was sure that the individual is qualified and is doing a good job, but he is concerned about the questions raised and perhaps, the ordinance should be looked at again. He Moved to send the ordinance back to Committee. Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA said that he was in favor of returning the item to Committee. He said that he did not feel safe in sending a letter to the Commissioner to renegotiate the contract; he would feel better sending the item back to Committee and having the Committee sit with the Commissioner of Finance explaining their reservations about the contract.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. McDONALD said that this is not a referendum on the individual serving as a consultant to the city. He said that it was a question of whether or not the ordinance as proposed fits the bill of what Stamford needs. He said that Stamford needs a computer manager who can deal with mass appraisals and regardless of whether we like or dislike the provisions in the proposed contract, a determination has to be made whether the position itself is needed. He said that he did not agree with the terms and conditions of the contract. He said that a suggestion was made in Committee that could best be resolved by a strongly worded letter by the Personnel Committee or a strongly worded resolution properly expressing the sentiments of the entire Board that the terms and conditions are found objectionable and should be dealt with between the administration and the individual who will be filling the role.

Rep. McDonald said that he did not think it was the Board's position to send the item back to Committee hoping that the administration will renegotiate a contract which the Board has no say. He said that the Board must focus on whether the position is needed by the city and it was demonstrated in Committee that the position is needed.

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the position is non-classified. He said that sending the item back to Committee will not solve the problem; the position is needed to keep up with the software/hardware, etc. for the upcoming revaluation. Rep. Boccuzzi said that in regards to the contract, something can be said in the letter and after five years, the position can be looked at again to determine if the position is working out in the way it was intended to. Rep. Boccuzzi recommended that the item not be sent back to Committee and be voted on this evening as amended by the Personnel Committee.

REP. CONTI said that if the ordinance is approved this evening, the Committee would virtually have no recourse as to having the terms and conditions of contract negotiated. She said that she voted no in Committee as she thought that some of the terms of the contract be negotiated before the ordinance is approved. She said that if the ordinance is approved, that in effect, will give the terms and conditions in the contract as set forth. She urged members to send the ordinance back to Committee for some fine tuning.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to return item 2 to Committee. DEFEATED by 19 no, 14 yes votes, and three abstentions.

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to approve item 2. APPROVED by 23 yes, seven no votes and six abstention.

3. POSSIBILITY OF CHARGING A FEE TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS. Requested by Reps. Robert DeLuca, R-14, Ralph Loglisci, R-14, John J. Boccuzzi, D-2 and Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., D-9, 12/6/94. Held in Steering 12/14/94. Held in Committee 2/6, 3/1, 4/3 and 5/1/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 602 SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGNATING CERTAIN POSITIONS FUNDED BY GRANTS AS UNCLASSIFIED. Submitted by Rep. Robert DeLuca, R-14, 5/2/94. Held in Committee 6/6 and 9/7/94. Held in Steering 6/15 and 7/13/94. Held on Pending Agenda 9/12/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

5. REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES REGARDING CANCER CLAUSE IN THE LABOR CONTRACT. Requested by Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 8/1/94. Held in Committee 9/7, 10/3, 11/1/94 and 2/6/95. Held in Steering 11/16/94 and 2/15/95. Held on Pending Agenda 12/14/94 and 3/15/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

1. REPORT ON MEETING WITH CHAIR OF DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE AND REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPOINTMENTS. Requested by Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman, Appointments Committee, 3/10/95. Report made and Held in Committee 4/3/95. Held in Steering 4/12/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met on Wednesday, May 31, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 11:45 p.m. Members present were Domonkos, Loglisci, Mitchell, Nakian, Pavia, Sabia and Juram; Reps. DePina and Sherer were excused. Also present were Reps. Maihock, Owens, Leydon and Johnson. She said that the Committee also met this evening with Reps. DePina, Domonkos, Loglisci, Nakian, Pavia, Rybnick, Sabia and Juram present; Rep. Sherer was excused.

Rep. Domonkos placed items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22a, 22b, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The Secondary Committees concurred or waived the Secondary report.

Rep. Domonkos Moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. McDonald voting no on all the Consent items.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee had a concern and Commissioner O'Connor was at the meeting. She said that a contingency report for the month was received by all. She said that the report shows that the Board of Finance approved a contingency fund of \$2.6 million for the year. Rep. Domonkos said that with the additional appropriations approved this evening, the total comes to \$5,977,297 which is \$3.3 plus over the contingency amount.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS stated that each month, the Commissioner of Finance has been questioned as to where the money will come from to pay for the items in excess of the contingency fund. She said that the Commissioner was at the last meeting and he identified \$2.6 million which leaves approximately \$750,000 that we do not know where it will come from. She said that the Commissioner indicated that he feels that with year end close outs, there will be sufficient underruns even with the items approved this evening that will probably provide the city with a surplus in the budget at the end of the year.

Rep. Domonkos said that the Mayor has requested the additional appropriations and the Committee assumes that the Mayor is assuring the Board that the city will not be in deficit at the end of the year. Rep. Domonkos said that the items being approved are contractual or for payment of services and have been approved only with the assurance of the administration that there will be money to pay. She said that the Committee voted based on the guarantees by the Commissioner of Finance.

REP. McDONALD said information presented by the Commissioner of Finance indicates that the contingency fund is already over-extended in excess of \$700,000. He said that the items presented this evening are expenses that we cannot afford. He said this brings the contingency spending to almost \$6 million which is about \$3.3 million of overbudgeting by the administration. Rep. McDonald said that he did not think it was the intention of the Board and speaking for himself, to write \$3.3 worth of bad checks from the city's funds.

Rep. McDonald said he voted against the Consent Agenda not because he did not want people to be paid for their services but because he anticipated that the administration would find the funding within the funds already allocated.

1. \$ 38,262.72 - LAW DEPARTMENT - CODE 230.5907 TAX COLLECTION EXPENSES - additional appropriation to pay following associated with 60 Strawberry Hill Avenue condominium unit.
Common charges \$17,070.18
Electric 18,649.08
Special Assess. 2,543.46
\$38,262.72
Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 3/30/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95. Held in Steering 4/12/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH REP. McDONALD VOTING NO.

2. \$ 250,000.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - POLICE EXTRA DUTY - CODE 425-1206 - additional appropriation to pay officers who work extra duty assignments in accordance with departmental policy #337 and state statutes dealing with sales tax. Expenditures will be offset by an administrative surcharge to be determined by the Board of Representatives. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/3/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95. Held in Steering 4/12/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

NO ACTION TAKEN - ITEM WITHDRAW

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

3. \$ 18,300.00 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - POLICE EXTRA DUTY - CODE 425-1316 STATE SALES TAX - additional appropriation for remittance of sales tax to state in accordance with state statutes. Expenditures will be offset by assessment of 6% sales tax charge for police services rendered. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/3/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95. Held in Steering 4/12/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

4. \$ 227,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - CODE 94-450-1201 - additional appropriation to pay for high overtime costs to maintain contractual obligations. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 3/30/95. Board of Finance approved \$150,000, 4/10/95, \$227,000 approved 5/18/95. Board of Representatives approved \$150,000 5/1/95, balance Held in Committee.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

5. \$ 215,000.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - CODE 94-450-1110 SALARIES - additional appropriation to payout for accumulated vacation and holiday pay for retirement of long term sick/injured personnel. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

6. \$ 1,579,455.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - CODE 351-5522 HAULAWAY GARBAGE BYPASS - additional appropriation to provide for full haulaway costs after incinerator closure. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/8/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

7. \$ 25,423.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - CODE 351-5523 HAULAWAY BULKY WASTE - additional appropriation to provide for full haulaway costs when incinerator closes. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 3/28/95. Board of Finance denied 5/18/95. Held in Committee 5/1/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

NO ACTION TAKEN - DENIED BY BOARD OF FINANCE

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

8. \$ 39,804.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - CODE 351-5521 HAULAWAY ASH - additional appropriation to provide sufficient funding in account to make up for previous transfers out which were in excess of what they should have been. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/8/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

9. BILLING RATE FOR FIRE WATCH EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT. INTERIM RATE OF \$37.29 PLUS SALES TAX OF \$ 2.24 = \$39.53 APPROVED BY BOARD 5/1/95. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/12/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

10. BILLING RATE FOR POLICE EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT. INTERIM RATE OF \$32.00 PLUS SALES TAX OF \$ 1.92 = \$33.92 APPROVED BY BOARD 5/1/95. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/12/95. Added to above, the Board of Representatives on 6/5/95 approved \$14.00 per job, whether one policeman or more, plus \$.84 sales tax.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee met Wednesday night on the item. There were representatives of the administration, Mr. Ruskowski; Chief Tully of the Police Department; representatives from the Police Association, their attorney and President. Rep. Domonkos said that the item was discussed extensively; the Committee also met this evening to discuss the item further. She said that the Committee voted 7-0-1 to set the hourly rate at \$32.00, which is the overtime rate that the police officers now receive for extra duty which is the contractual amount. The tax added to the \$32.00 is \$1.92.

Rep. Domonkos said that there were additional basic costs which the city must bear to administer the program. She said that in the past, the police officer is engaged and paid by the person or company who needs the extra duty work. Rep. Domonkos said that the state has said that that no longer can be done; the city must pay the officers through the city payroll, deduct taxes and whatever is required to be deducted, and the tax must be paid on that amount to the state which is 6%. She said that the program now must be in-house and staff has to be hired or contract with an outside company to administer the program. Rep. Domonkos stated that Mr. Ruskowski did research and proposed amounts; the Committee reviewed his work extensively. She said that there would be approximately \$40,000 for a cashier to do the work, operating expenses of approximately \$7,000 per year and workers' compensation which would be approximately 4.67% of the \$1.7 million payroll. She said that all this totals \$81,000.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS said that there are also officers under the Medicare Social Security that has to be deducted, making an additional \$6,000. She said that in Mr. Ruzkowski's research in other cities, there have been bad debts as some companies will not have to pay up front and will be billed; if the bills are not paid, the city will have to assume responsibility for the bad debts. Rep. Domonkos said that the administration recommended that 2.5% (\$43,000) be put in for this item. She said that until a determination can be made whether there would be that large an amount of bad debt, it was decided to make it \$21,000 and then a review be made.

Rep. Domonkos said that the total expenses determined to run the program would be approximately \$155,000 a year. She said that in the past year there were 11,000 off duty jobs; 11,000 into \$155,000 came up to approximately \$14.00. She said that the \$14.00 would be charged for the job; if one policeman was hired or if 10 policemen were hired, there would be a flat fee of \$14.00 and in addition to that, the hourly rate of \$32.00 plus the tax would be paid.

Rep. Domonkos said that the Committee approved the two amounts by a vote of 7-0-1. She Moved for approval. Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA thanked Rep. Domonkos for her excellent report. He said that he has a problem with the \$81,000 for workmens' compensation. He said that police officers are covered 24-hours a day whether they are working on a job or not. Rep. DeLuca said that workmens' comp should not be part of the equation. He said that he could go along with the cashier, operating expenses, bad debt, etc. He said that he would Move to amend the \$14.00 to \$7.00 for the flat rate. Seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the \$7.00 fee is justifiable to cover the expenses. He said that the total expenses given are \$75,581 divided by 11,000 gives you \$6.87 rounded to \$7.00. He said that with the \$7.00 flat rate, expenses can be covered and there can be a 6-month trial period; if the fee isn't sufficient, the fee can be raised.

REP. DOMONKOS stated that with workers' compensation the police are covered, and if a policeman is injured on the extra duty job, the city is self-insured and the city will have to pay and if the city pays, it comes from the taxpayers' pocket. She said that the reason the \$81,000 was included was that the person hiring the extra duty policeman should pay a portion of this.

REP. NAKIAN said that by charging a flat fee, in effect, the city is only collecting the workmens' compensation as same is true for medicare and social security. She said that the fee is only collected for the first person that is part of the job and not others that may be on the job. She said that the liability is greater than what is being charged.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to reduce the fee from \$14.00 to \$7.00 plus the 6% tax. DEFEATED by voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of an hourly rate of \$32.00 plus \$1.92 tax plus a flat rate of \$14.00 plus \$.84 tax per job, a one-time fee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the above rates. APPROVED by voice vote with Rep. DeLuca voting no.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the Committee will review the program in six months and at the end of one year, a review will be made to determine if adjustments are needed.

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked if there are no claims, does the \$81,000 go back into the general fund or is it kept in a revolving fund for future liability?

REP. DOMONKOS said that all money coming in goes into the general fund.

At this point, Rep. Pavia left the meeting.

11. \$ 21,272.80 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - CODE 101-3140 PRIMARY - additional appropriation to cover expenses associated with two party primary and other unanticipated expenses. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/17/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

12. \$ 13,083.67 - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - CODE 101-3150 ELECTION - additional appropriation to cover expenses associated with state election. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/17/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

13. \$ 4,500.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - CODE 102-2930 OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES - additional appropriation to cover unanticipated expenses associated with code supplements, mailing and postage. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

14. \$ 3,300.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - CODE 102-2910 OFFICIAL NOTICES - additional appropriation for anticipated shortfall in account. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

15. \$ 75,000.00 - TURN OF RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - CODE 470-4360 - 1994-95 OPERATING BUDGET - additional appropriation necessary to meet the operating expenses for balance of fiscal year. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

16. \$ 5,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 550-1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation to cover unbudgeted overtime. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

17. \$ 25,000.00 - PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 610-462 TREES - additional appropriation for tree replacement, planting and maintenance program for parks and streets. To be financed by grant. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be finance by grant, if obtained, otherwise to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the City expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Planning Board approved 5/16/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

18. \$ 497.00 - PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - CODE 640-1201 OVERTIME - additional appropriation to reimburse account for services provided to Michael Bolton Foundation Fundraiser. City has received reimbursement. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

19. \$ 268,000.00 - DEBT SERVICE - BAN INTEREST EXPENSE - CODE 900-8202 - additional appropriation for BANS interest expenses incurred for fiscal year 1994/95. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

20. \$2,081,310.00 - APPROVAL FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING REALLOCATION FROM SAID PROJECTS TO PROJECTS WHICH HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FUNDING OR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

From:	112-2011 16-3 High Ridge	\$ 300,000
		370,000
		100,000
		100,000
		250,000
		10,000
	112-3211 17-4 Sewer	413,000
	112-2891 17-1 High Ridge	400,000
	343-1881 Incinerator	30,910
	346-074 Dumpster	107,400
		<u>\$2,081,310</u>
To:	320-0691 Roof replacement	\$ 300,000
	610-3151 Terry Connors rink roof	370,000
	330-1681 City storm drains	100,000
	310-5611 City guard rails	100,000
	310-1441 Rippowam Rvr mill pond drg.	250,000
	310-1591 Sidewalk repairs	10,000
	310-1591 Sidewalk repairs	200,000
	330-1491 City wide road correction	213,000
	330-1491 City wide road correction	400,000
	346-9531 Incinerator complex	30,910
	346-9531 Incinerator complex	107,400
		<u>\$2,081,310</u>

Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/18/95. Planning Board denied 5/16/95. Board of Finance deferred 5/18/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

21. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION OF \$210,000 FROM LOANS TO BONDS FOR SEWER DEPARTMENT - CODE 112-053 HOPE STREET INTERCEPTOR. Contract with State was finalized to permit grant and loan to be paid to the city to equal 61.61% of project's total cost. This is less than the estimate made when the grant project was originally appropriated. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings as to which the city expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Patrick J. O'Connor, Finance Commissioner, 5/1/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE. REP. McDONALD.

- 22a. \$1,770,232.23 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - APPROVAL OF CLOSE OUT OF CAPITAL PROJECT CODE 810-048 RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF WESTOVER ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL. Funds for new Westover School will come from this close out. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/10/95. Planning Board approved 5/10/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE. REP. McDONALD.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

- 22b. \$1,770,232.23 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 810-332 NEW WESTOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - additional appropriation for a new school project for a six-classroom model magnet program to replace deteriorated building and three-classroom model program. To be financed by bonds. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed partially, temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings as to which the city expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95. Planning Board approved 5/10/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

23. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO COVENANT AND AGREE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO COMPLY WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION EXCHANGE ACT RULE 15c2-12. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/10/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

24. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/5/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

25. \$ 158,400.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR 1994/95 FOR PROJECT CODE 301-331 RAIL TRAIL IMPROVEMENT ELIGIBLE COSTS - additional appropriation to cover grant received which exceeds amount budgeted. To be financed by grant. Adoption of resolution regarding funding to be financed by grant, if obtained, otherwise to be financed temporarily and/or permanently by borrowings, as to which the city expresses its official intent, all as more particularly stated on Exhibit A. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/10/95. Planning Board approved 5/16/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE, REP. McDONALD.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNDER THE VESSEL PUMPOUT PROGRAM. Grant will reimburse 75% of estimated \$4,945 cost to upgrade existing unit and to add another for dumping portable units. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/1/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE. REP. McDONALD.

27. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DPHAS) FOR A LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT. Grant to be \$7,080. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/28/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA WITH ONE NO VOTE. REP. McDONALD.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up six items not on the Agenda; Board of Ed MEA retro appropriation, Department of Traffic & Parking contracted services, and four resolutions, agreements for grants for traffic improvements. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to Suspend the Rules. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Summerville.

28. \$ 182,880.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - CODE 810-MEA 1994/95 RETRO PAYMENT - additional appropriation to implement provisions of 1994/95 portion of MEA agreement with City. Request by Michael Nast, Superintendent of Schools, 5/16/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 28. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 28. APPROVED by voice vote with two no votes, Reps. Maihock and McDonald and two abstentions, Reps. Pia and Summerville.

29. \$ 48,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING - CODE 281-5501 CONTRACTED SERVICES FY 1995/96 - additional appropriation to pay for replacement commuter parking spaces at Stamford Towers per agreement with State. Expenses will be offset by revenue. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/18/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

REP. DOMONKOS said that a contract has been signed with Stamford Towers to provide parking space due to the demolition of the Rice School parking lot for Swiss Bank. Moved. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI stated that during the negotiations with Swiss Bank, whatever parking spaces given up had to be replaced. He said that it was never requested of Swiss Bank to allow the city to use some of the space which they will not be using for a number of years. Rep. Loglisci said that the contract is on a month-to-month basis and perhaps, the Board could write a letter to Swiss Bank requesting the use of some space.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked if there was any cost to the city?

REP. DOMONKOS said that the commuter will have to pay \$40.00 a month to park in the Stamford Towers; the same as being paid now.

REP. LOGLISCI said that in the long run, the Towers may not permit the city to have the spaces. He said that he thought the request should be made to Swiss Bank.

REP. DOMONKOS stated that the spaces are available because Stamford Towers does not have tenants; if tenants are obtained, the spaces can disappear.

REP. MONTELLO said that the Towers will be filling up and we should now be working with Swiss Bank to redeem the parking spaces.

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked if Rep. Loglisci would like to draft a letter?

REP. LOGLISCI said that he would draft a letter with Rep. Domonkos.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 29. APPROVED by voice vote with one no vote, Rep. Pia and one abstention, Rep. Summerville.

30. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO WESTOVER ROAD AT PALMERS HILL ROAD AND GLENBROOK ROAD AT HOPE STREET. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/26/95.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 30. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 30. APPROVED by voice vote with one abstention, Rep. Summerville.

31. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL HARDWARE. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/26/95.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 31. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 31. APPROVED by voice vote with one abstention, Rep. Summerville.

32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH STATE STREET COMMUTER PARKING LOT. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/26/95.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved for approval of item 32. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 32. APPROVED by voice vote with one abstention, Rep. Summerville.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

33. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF HARVARD AVENUE. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/26/95.

REP. DOMONKOS Moved to approve item 33. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 33. APPROVED by voice vote with one abstention, Rep. Summerville.

REP. DOMONKOS said that several months ago, a letter was sent to the Mayor asking him to observe the Board's rules so we would not have to take up items under Suspension of Rules. She said that each month we have to Suspend the Rules causing disruption of the Committee when there is already a heavy workload. Rep. Domonkos said that on the last four items, it was stated that the State of Connecticut make an error and the resolutions were needed. She said that the administration could not show the Committee any letter or document stating the state made an error. She said that there hasn't been much cooperation in trying to maintain the agenda. She said that when there is a Suspension of Rules, information comes down at the last minute and there is no chance to look into the item in depth. Rep. Domonkos said that the Committee is told that if the item is not approved, we are going to lose millions of dollars or something drastic is going to happen.

REP. MARTIN said that the Fiscal Committee and other committees often at the last minute have to look at items that were not on the Agenda because of mistakes or oversights of the administration. He said that the resolution previously approved should be honored and was disappointed that the administration officials are now saying that the State of Connecticut is at fault; the officials have to tell the state that if they goofed, the correction will take 30 days because the city has a process that is used to make sure a request is done right. He said that people volunteer their time and to put them to jump through hoops everytime because of other people's errors is not right and will lead to wrong decisions and frayed emotions.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she thought she stood alone on the issue and thanked Reps. Domonkos and Martin for their remarks. She wanted the record to reflect that she abstained on the items brought up under Suspension for all the reasons stated by Reps. Domonkos and Martin. She said that all members should look at what is being done; it is not a political thing, it is the principle. She said that she hoped that the letter will be read and perhaps, the next time, the votes will be different.

PRESIDENT RINALDI said that she sympathized with the Chair of Fiscal and the committee. She said that the administration places a heavy burden on them when items come down at the last minute because you are forced to make a decision whether or not you take up the item and the ramifications of that decision. She said that she has verbally talked to the Mayor and has sent correspondence telling him that the items should be sent down in a timely fashion. President Rinaldi said that there will be situations, on occasion, where you can't predict things and there will be a Suspension of the Rules, but it has become a matter of routine and not the exception but the rule. President Rinaldi said that the items have to be taken on a case by case basis and if there is no time constraint, hold the item until the next month and stand firm on the decision.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met jointly with the Public Safety Committee on Monday, May 22, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. to work on the Public Safety agenda item regarding a curfew for city youths. Present were Committee members Nakian, Mitchell, Leydon, Maihock, Sherer, McDonald and Martin.

Rep. Nakian said that the regular Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, May 30, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Domonkos, Fedeli, Leydon, Maihock, McDonald, Martin and Mitchell; Rep. Zelinsky was excused. Also present was Rep. Loglisci and members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Reps. DeLuca, Pia, Fortunato and Owens; on items #1, #2 and #4, Glen MacWilliams, Supervisor of Highways for Public Works; #3, Mickey Docimo, Adm. Officer for Public Works; #5, Vincent Flynn, Esq. and John Hiddlestone, Director, Stamford Center for the Arts; #6, Jeannette Semon, Supervisor of Liquid Waste; #7, Lou David, Supervisor Solid Waste; #8, Jack Petkus, Director of Traffic and Parking; #9 Stephen Elkins, Director of Parks and Recreation and Stephen Lesando, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission; #10, Rev. Joseph Charles, Pastor, First Haitian Church.

Rep. Nakian placed items 6, 8 and 10 on the Consent Agenda. Moved and Seconded for approval.

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

1. (L&R23.94) APPROVAL OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR STAMFORD GOVERNMENT CENTER - SHAMROCK BUILDING SERVICES, INC. Contract is for two (2) years with an additional option of one year by the City. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 4/6/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. Held in Steering 4/12/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. (L&R23.77) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 214-16 AND 214-17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE. Submitted by Reps. Carmen Domonkos, D-18 and Maria Nakian, D-20, 2/15/95. Held in Committee 3/1/95. Approved for publication 4/3/95. Returned to Committee 5/1/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

REP. NAKIAN said that the ordinance was sent back to Committee last month to address the issue of snow that was plowed back onto the sidewalk by city trucks. She said that there were two viewpoints on this issue; one that the city is responsible for snow that it puts on the sidewalk and the other is should we exempt the snow plowed from the city that will allow for the sidewalks to remain unshoveled and unsafe. Rep. Nakian said that the present ordinance does not address the situation by saying that the city will come in and clear the sidewalks. She said that the Committee decided that even exempting city snow was better than leaving matters as they presently stand. She said that an amendment was proposed and approved by five in favor and two opposed. She said the amendment is, "Notwithstanding the above, no owner or occupant of, or condominium association or person in charge of property abutting a sidewalk shall be liable for a citation for a violation of this ordinance for snow plowed from the street onto said sidewalk by a plow operated by or contracted to the City of Stamford."

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. NAKIAN Moved for approval of the amendment. Seconded. Rep. Nakian stated that if the amendment is approved, the ordinance will have to be republished.

REP. LOGLISCI said that with the amendment, it seems the responsibility is being shifted on to the city and possibly creating law suits. He said that if the sidewalk was shoveled and a city truck plows snow on the sidewalk, the occupant can say that it is not his responsibility. Rep. Loglisci said that if someone was hurt, the blame can be placed on the city and there possibly could be litigation.

REP. NAKIAN said that that is exactly the case and always has been; the city is liable for the sidewalks no matter what. She said that the state has enabled the cities to shift the liability from the city on to the abutting property owner and the issue of shifting the liability has come before the Board three times and has been defeated. Rep. Nakian said that at the present moment, the liability rests with the city whether or not the sidewalk is cleared or the ordinance is changed.

REP. LOGLISCI asked, "When was the last time anyone was fined \$100 for a violation of the ordinance?"

REP. NAKIAN stated that there has never been a \$100 fine for a violation because the current ordinance on the books does not provide for that.

REP. MARTIN said that the proposed ordinance does not change the liability of the city. He said that the ordinance states that the city may impose a \$100 fine if you don't shovel your sidewalk but not if the city is putting the snow on the sidewalk. He said that this is no additional liability of the city and will not cost the city a dime more. Rep. Martin said that many objections to the ordinance have no merit. He said that if there is a problem in a certain area, the Mayor or the Commissioner of Public Works can say, "There is a problem along these streets and I would like the police officers to come and issue tickets, and if the Commissioner is dumping the snow, he will not be successful with the tickets. Rep. Martin said that if the residents are not shoveling, the city now has the ability to deal with the problem.

REP. LAURIE said that she would like to see the proposed ordinance sent back to Committee as she is concerned that four hours is not sufficient time for a homeowner to shovel the sidewalk even with the premise that the abutting property owner bears sole responsibility for the condition of the sidewalk. She said that if the snow ends at 10 o'clock, the person would still be at work at 2:00 p.m. when the requirement would go into effect. Rep. Laurie said that her issue must be addressed. She said that the timeframe must be considered and the working of the amendment. She Moved to return the ordinance to Committee to address the two issues raised. Seconded.

The record will not that Reps. Owens, Housey and Pavid left the meeting; 34 members now present.

PRESIDENT RINALDI proceeded to a vote to return item 2 to Committee. APPROVED by 21 yes, 10 no votes with one abstention.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. NAKIAN said that the ordinance has been in Committee for about four months and with the exception of Rep. Laurie, no member has given any feedback on the ordinance. She said that if anyone has any ideas or changes, please inform her or attend the meeting. She said that if she does not receive any suggestions, the ordinance will come back as it is now next month.

3. (L&R23.82) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING CONDOMINIUM REIMBURSEMENT FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION. Submitted by Reps. David Martin, D-19 and John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11, 3/6/95. Held in Committee 4/3 and 5/1/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

4. (L&R23.84) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 137, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING SPRING AND FALL PICKUP. Submitted by Michael A. Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works, 8/26/94. Held in Committee 10/3/94, 1/5, 2/6, 3/1 and 5/1/95. Held on Pending Agenda 10/12/94. Returned to Committee 4/3/95.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

5. (L&R23.96) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATMENT FOR PROPERTY ON ATLANTIC STREET, LIST NO. 004199, CARD NO. W006 OWNED BY THE STAMFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS, INC. Requested by Vincent J. Flynn, Esq., Cacace Tusch Santagata, 4/24/95.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee approved item 5 by a vote of four in favor, one opposed and one abstention. Moved. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve item 5. APPROVED by voice vote with five no votes, Reps. Stork, Maihock, Conti, Loglisci and Sabia.

6. (L&R23.97) APPROVAL TO AMEND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND CH2M HILL, INC. FOR NITROGEN REDUCTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY OF STAMFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/1/95. Board of Finance approved 4/110/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

7. (L&R23.98) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 137-30 ADDING MIXED HOUSEHOLD PAPER TO THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED. Submitted by Michael A. Pavia, Commissioner of Public Works, 4/24/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

8. (L&R23.99) PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE BETWEEN STAMFORD TOWERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND CITY OF STAMFORD FOR 300 PARKING SPACES AT 680 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, STAMFORD, CT. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 5/10/95. Planning Board approved 5/16/95. Board of Finance approved 5/18/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

9. (L&R23.100) AMENDING PARK REGULATIONS - PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY AND PERMIT TO ALLOW USE OF KEG BEER IN PARKS FOR CITY OF STAMFORD. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. Submitted by Stephen L. Elkins, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 5/8/95. Parks and Recreation Commission concurred with decision to continue to permit consumption of beer in city park facilities, but is extremely concerned with large beer keg parties.

Above also referred to PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee's vote was two in favor and six opposed to defeat the regulation. She said that the item was on last's month agenda as a proposed ordinance prohibiting the total use of alcohol in city parks. She said that was defeated by the Board. Rep. Nakian stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred with that vote but felt that there should be a resolution changing the park regulations to regulate the use of keg beer because there has been trouble with large keg parties; not being able to tell if the people drinking were over or under the legal age, not being able to find anybody responsible for the keg and of finding the parties in areas that are unsafe and difficult to control.

Rep. Nakian said that the Commission is proposing a policy that you have to apply for a picnic permit; you must be over the age of 21; that person is responsible for the picnic and once the picnic permit is obtained, if they so wish, they can have a permit to use keg beer; the areas will be restricted to Chestnut Hill Park, Cove Pavilion and the Hunt Center. Rep. Nakian said that the Commission felt that this would give them the control needed to regulate. She said that for various reasons, the Committee voted to defeat the resolution.

Rep. Nakian Moved for approval of the resolution concerning keg beer in parks. The Committee voted two in favor and six opposed. Seconded.

The Secondary Committee report was waived.

REP. MARTIN Moved to return the item to Committee. Seconded. He said that the issue is a complex one. He said that he had a question regarding liability which has not as yet been answered as well as other members having questions.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to return item 9 to Committee. APPROVED by voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: (continued)

10. (L&R23.73) FOR PUBLICATION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 433 WEST MAIN STREET OWNED BY THE FIRST HAITIAN FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF STAMFORD. Requested by Dwight T. Gregory, Superintendent, New York Conference, Free Methodist Church of North America, 575 Main Avenue, P. O. Box 1375, Passaic, NJ 07055, 1/30/95. Held in Committee 3/1 and 4/3/95. Held on Pending Agenda 4/12/95.

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

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

Personnel items taken up earlier in the meeting, see page five (5).

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Chairman - No report.

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

No report.

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

REP. LOGLISCI said that there was no meeting.

1. REQUEST TO HAVE A MEETING WITH COMMITTEE REGARDING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES. Requested by Rep. Patrick White, D-1, 5/8/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

REP. DeLUCA said that the Committee met on May 23, 1995. A quorum was present and the item was Held awaiting a reply from Mr. Elkins to Rep. Owens' memo regarding the maintenance and fees for the bocci courts.

1. APPROVAL OF AMENDING THE 1995 BOCCI FEES FROM \$15.00 TO \$10.00. Users maintain the courts. Requested by Stephen L. Elkins, Director, Parks & Recreation Department, 5/9/95. Parks and Recreation Commission approved 5/3/95.

REP. DeLUCA said that a reply was received and Rep. Owens is comfortable with the reply. Rep. DeLuca Moved to take the item out of Committee. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to take the item out of Committee.
APPROVED by voice vote.

REP. DeLUCA Moved to approve the bocci fees from \$15.00 to \$10.00; \$10.00 was the fee in previous years. Seconded.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote to approve the bocci fees as amended.
APPROVED by voice vote with six no votes, Reps. Mitchell, DePina, McDonald, Mellis, Domonkos and Martin.

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

REP. LEYDON said that no meeting was held due to the lack of a quorum.

1. IMPLEMENT 1990 STATE LAW THAT THE NINE (9) MONTH LIMIT FOR ABLE BODIES RECIPIENTS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE BE ENFORCED. Submitted by Reps. Nicholas Pavia, R-10 and John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 5/10/94. Held in Committee 6/6/94 and 5/1/95. Held on Pending 6/15/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman - No report.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Elaine Mitchell, Chairwoman

No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Kit Martinsen, Chairwoman - No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Marggie Laurie, Chairwoman - No report.

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.

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

REP. BOCCUZZI said that the Committee met with the Legislative and Rules Committee; the possibility of a curfew was discussed. He said that the item will be Moved to the L&R Committee to work on an ordinance or some other type of legislation that could not be challenged in court.

1. LEGALITY AND FEASIBILITY OF IMPOSING A CURFEW FOR CITY YOUTHS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 OR 18. Requested by Rep. Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., D-9, 8/17/94. Reports made and Held in Committee 9/7/94 and 3/1/95. Held in Steering 9/12/94, 3/15 and 4/12/95. Held on Pending Agenda 10/12/94.

MOVED TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE.

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

1. MATTER OF HAVING REVALUATION CONDUCTED EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS. Submitted by Reps. 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, 5/2/94, 2/6, 3/1, 4/3 and 5/1/95. Held on Pending Agenda 5/18/94 and 11/16/94.

HELD IN COMMITTEECHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer & David Martin, Co-Chairmen

REP. MARTIN said that the Charter Revision Commission forwarded their draft Charter suggestions to the Board on April 7, 1995. He said that the Committee met on May 4 to discuss pension/personnel suggestions; May 11 to discuss administration; May 18 to discuss the budget/fiscal process; May 22, a public hearing was held; May 24 to consider the draft report and June 5 for a final vote.

Rep. Martin stated that three people attended the public hearing on May 22; Neil Sherman representing the Chamber of Commerce; Tony Demichi and Sherry Williamson representing the League of Women Voters.

1. RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE 15TH CHARTER REVISION DRAFT REPORT. Report submitted by John Mallozzi, Chairman, 15th Charter Revision Commission, 4/7/95. Board has 60 days to respond. Report made and Held in Committee 5/1/95.

REP. MARTIN said that each member received a copy of the letter from John Mallozzi, the Commission's Chairman, summarizing the proposed Charter changes. Rep. Martin stated that he sent out a letter to all members discussing the basics and a draft resolution. He said that some typographical errors had to be corrected and minor changes had to be made to the draft.

Rep. Martin said that the first change made is in Section 1, paragraph C. "Review the language regarding the establishment of a pay plan to ensure that the Personnel Director has latitude to create pay plans that can recognize unique qualifications or requirements of positions."

Paragraph III, M. Should read, "Boards or Commissions," Board of Representatives."

A new section has been added under IV, to be paragraph D. "To consider the amount of time the Board of Representatives has to fill a vacancy in an elected office C1-80-2 (b)." Rep. Martin stated that was to reflect that the Charter Revision said that at the next Board meeting after a vacancy, the Board had to fill a position. Rep. Martin said that if a member resigned on a Friday or Saturday, and the Board meeting is on Monday, that Charter would mandate to fill the position two days after the vacancy when many did not know of the resignation. He said that because of that, the new paragraph was added.

Section V. A., was altered to read, "C5-20-10(4) and C5-20-16 should be reviewed to eliminate discriminatory language and ensure compliance with state statutes."

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that Section V. E., the word "scriber" should be "scrivener."

Rep. Martin Moved for approval of the resolution with the changes as adoption this evening by the Committee. Seconded.

REP. SUMMERVILLE Moved to amend the Committee's report; Under III. M. She said that the Commission recommends another way of filling vacancies on Boards or Commissions that have not been filled by the Mayor in a timely fashion. She favors the current Charter provisions regarding proposed appointments to Boards or Commissions and recommended that the Commission revisit this paragraph.

REP. MARTIN said that the amendment would eliminate the present paragraph M; the language would read, "We do not accept your general recommendation that the Board of Representatives should have a broader role in filling vacancies on Boards or Commissions that have not been filled by the Mayor in a timely fashion. Please retain current Charter provisions."

REP. SUMMERVILLE Moved to amend paragraph M to read as stated by Rep. Martin. Seconded.

REP. DeLUCA asked for clarification. He asked if this would mean that if a name is not submitted, the person can sit on a Board or Commission indefinitely?

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the recommendation presented by the Commission appears that the authority of the Republican Town Committee and the Democratic City Committee would be taken away; the Committee would not have any say over the appointments.

REP. DeLUCA asked if the paragraph can be revisited to maintain the authority of the city committees to submit the names, and if the Mayor does not submit a name within 90 days, the Board of Representatives has 90 days to chose from those names submitted by the applicable city committees. Rep. DeLuca said that people continue to sit on Boards and Commission far beyond their expiration dates.

REP. MARTIN stated that the practice adopted now does not have a basis adopted by the Charter. He said that the current Charter process allows it to happen. Rep. Martin said that what was recommended by the Commission will put a substantial challenge to the role of the Republican Town Committee and the Democratic City Committee, and he thought this to be a bad thing.

Rep. Martin stated that if acceptable to Rep. Summerville, perhaps, the wording should be, "Please reconsider the proposed process for filling vacancies on Boards or Commissions that have not been filled by the Mayor in a timely fashion with particular attention given to maintaining the current role of the Republican Town and Democratic City Committees and to give time allotted to the Mayor and the Board of Representatives to make appointments."

Rep. Martin said that there is no guarantee but thought this would allow the Commission to go back to the current provisions if they cannot find a better way. He said that he liked the idea that if a seat is empty, there is a way to motive the Mayor or make the position get filled without jeopardizing the role of the Town and City Committees.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: (continued)

PRESIDENT RINALDI asked if it would be stronger if a time limit is specified that the Mayor must fill the vacancy position within 90 days or he is in violation of the Charter?

REP. MARTIN said that he did not think the Board can work out the process this evening. He said that he did not think the process outlined by the Commission works properly and does jeopardize the City and Town Committee. He said that the process could be worked out to retain their roles and to motive to get more vacancies filled.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she could agree to some of Rep. Martin's ideas but did not want to give the Commission the impression that the Board of Representatives wants to be the ones to vote or to decide what name comes before the Board if the Mayor's office does not fill its commitment. She said that she would like the name to be presented to come from the City or Town Committee.

REP. MARTIN stated that the Republican Town Committee or the Democratic City Committee are not elements of the Charter. He said that the Charter cannot refer to an entity which does not exist under the Charter and be expected to be part of the process. Rep. Martin said that this Board says that it will not consider appointments unless the names come from the city or town committee. He said that he believes the Commission can work out a process that will allow the Board to still make that stand.

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that she believes that Rep. Martin's comments would allow the Commission to look at other ways of doing things and she accepts that.

REP. MARTIN stated that with Rep. Summerville's permission, the amendment would read, "Please reconsider the proposed process for filling vacancies on Boards or Commissions that have not been filled by the Mayor in a timely fashion with particular attention given to maintain the current role of the Republican Town and Democratic City Committees and to the time allotted to the Mayor and the Board of Representatives to make appointments.

REP. SUMMERVILLE agreed to Rep. Martin's proposal. Moved. Seconded.

REP. LOGLISCI said that he did not think the paragraph as written by the Commission would hurt the town or city committee as the list is created by those two bodies which is then interviewed by the Mayor. He said that if the Board would be looking for a replacement, they would be looking at the list put together by the town or city committee.

PRESIDENT RINALDI called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Reps. Summerville and Martin. APPROVED by voice vote.

REP. BOCCUZZI referred to III. L. "Review whether appointments to the Police and Fire Commissions should be approved by the Board of Representatives." He asked if that was the Committee's recommendation or that of the Commission?

REP. MARTIN said that the Commission recommended that the Fire and Police Commission appointments be approved by the Board of Representatives. He said that the Commission felt the appointments would be less political and there would be less chance of politizing those departments when they are reviewing promotions and disciplinary actions within those departments. Rep. Martin said that the Committee, by a split vote, recommended that the Commission reconsider the item.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that he believed that those two commissions are the most important in the city and he would like to see the appointments approved by the Board.

REP. ZELINSKY referred to I. B. He asked clarification on "Include the Registrar of Voters in the salary setting process."

REP. MARTIN said that in Sec. C5-10-3(a) in the Charter describes the process for determining salaries for elected officials. He said that absent from the list was the Registrars of Voters and it was thought that they should be included in the salary setting.

REP. ZELINSKY referred to III. A. "The title of deputy Mayor should be reconsidered." He asked if this would be creating three or four new salary positions or about someone who is a department head who would just get a change of title and be called a "deputy mayor" and not "Director of 'X' Services."

REP. MARTIN said that one of the key charter recommendations regarding City Administration is that the current structure, much of which is embodied in the Charter, be removed from the Charter and be replaced with four deputy key mayors all appointed by the mayor and approved by this Board. He said that the four areas are very similar to what we have now; Deputy Mayor for administration concerning the Commissioner of Finance position; Deputy Mayor for Law, concerning law and Corporation Counsel; Deputy Mayor for operations would concern public works but in a larger responsibility; and Deputy Mayor for public safety which would take in other items. Rep. Martin said that for the most part, the deputy mayors would be taking the place of the Mayor's cabinet and rather than have many different people reporting to the Mayor, the Mayor could be more accountable.

REP. MARTIN said that in his opinion one would be a new position and the other three he views as substitutes for current positions. He said that the Committee decided not to ask the Commission to reconsider the item. He said that no one liked the title of "deputy mayor."

REP. ZELINSKY referred to IV. B. "In order to provide balance between the Mayor and the legislative branch, the length of term of the Mayor and the Board of Representatives should be identical. You may also want to consider if the Town Clerk should hold a similar term." He asked if the Committee's recommendation dealt with a four year term for the Mayor?

REP. MARTIN said that the Commission communicated that there is currently potential changes in state law that would allow legislative bodies to have a four-year term. He said that if this happens before the 30-day window, and it could happen, the Commission can come back with a four-year Mayor and a four-year Board of Representatives. Rep. Martin said that an important question to speak to was whether or not the Mayor and the Board of Representatives should be the same or if there is no four-year Board of Representatives term would be it be O.K. if the Commission came back with a four-year Mayor since a four-year legislative term could not be made. Rep. Martin said that with the way our government is structured, the Committee believed that the Mayor and the Board of Representatives should have an equal term.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. MARTIN said that in IV. C., "In order to ensure the accountability of public officials, both the Board of Representatives and the Mayor, like almost all cities in Connecticut with a similar governmental structure should have a term of two years." He said that he believed that the Committee split on this.

REP. MAIHOCK said that she believed that the Board should keep the two-year term for Mayor and the Board of Representatives. She said that it was difficult for some representatives to be able to make their entire term even when a two-year term. She said that if a four-year term is allowed, more representatives would have to be replaced and when that is done, you do not get the best form of government as the representative is appointed and not elected by the constituents.

Rep. Maihock said that on the deputy mayor situation, she felt the it would be a mistake to consider such an outlandish proposal as it would create another layer of bureaucracy in our city government. Rep. Maihock said that from the last budget period, the biggest amount of the city budget resides in the salaries. She said that if additional duties are given to the people that are here now, you would have to have increased salaries and the taxpayers are overburdened. Rep. Maihock said that we have excellent people as department heads and feels that by giving them the additional position as deputy mayor, would be more than they could really handle. She said that with a Charter Revision, and she felt that the Charter did not have to be revised much, a city manager should be considered as this type of government is needed. She realized that it was too late for that now.

REP. MARTIN said that the Commission did consider a city manager and the scope of the possible changes of a city manger was beyond their ability to consider in the time allowed.

Rep. Martin stated for the record that he would like to see a modest decrease in the number of districts on the Board making the Board a little more compact but would not make the motion at this time. He said the motion failed in Committee.

REP. LOGLISCI said that quite often, he and Rep. Martin do not agree on matters. He said that David did an excellent job on informing the members; everything sent to the members was David's work and he was impressed with it. Also, David followed through at each and every meeting, gathered all the information and put the information together in a way not representing his own point-of-view but staying as neutral as possible.

The Board appauled Rep. Loglisci's remarks.

REP. MARTIN Moved to approve the Commission's draft recommendations as amended by Rep. Summerville. Seconded.

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

PRESIDENT RINALDI thanked Reps. Martin and Sherer and the Committee for all their hard work.

REP. MARTIN said that there was more to come. He said that the Committee members put in a lot of time working on the matter.

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING TED BOCCUZZI ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRINCIPAL OF DAVENPORT RIDGE SCHOOL. Submitted by Rep. Donald Sherer, R-18 and Rep. Carmen Domonkos, D-18, 5/12/95.

REP. DOMONKOS said that the resolution was withdrawn by Rep. Sherer.

2. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY. Submitted by Rep. Gloria DePina, Mary Lou Rinaldi, Elaine Mitchell, Annie Summerville, Bobby Owens and Angela Housey, 5/15/95.

REP. DePINA Moved to approve the resolution honoring Bethel A.M.E. Church. Seconded.

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

REP. DeLUCA Moved to Suspend the Rules to take up a resolution not on the Agenda honoring Michael Sullivan. Seconded.

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

3. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL SULLIVAN, SUPERINTENDENT OF GREENS AT THE E. GAYNOR BRENNAN GOLF COURSE. Submitted by Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Co-Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee, 6/5/95.

REP. DeLUCA Moved to approve the resolution. Seconded.

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

MINUTES

1. MARCH 1, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Approved.
2. APRIL 3, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
3. MAY 1, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Not ready.
4. MAY 8, 1995 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS

CLERK SUMMERVILLE said an important communication was received today. She said that the communication was from the White House, Washington, D.C. addressed to the Honorable Gerry Rybnick, belated birthday wishes to Gerry on behalf of Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"On this very special occasion we are pleased to join with you and your family wishing you a wonderful day and a healthy and joyful year. Best wishes for every future happiness. /s/ Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodman Clinton."

OLD BUSINESS - Resolution changing the July meeting from July 3 to July 10, 1995.


NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Anne A. Kachaluba

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APPROVED:


Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, President
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