

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1995

24TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The first regular meeting of the 24th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, December 11, 1995, at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Carmen Domonkos after both parties met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Ely Rosenzveig  
Congregation Agudath Sholom  
301 Strawberry Hill Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

The Rabbi spoke as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, my friends, I have strong words to say here tonight and they certainly are not directed at you in particular but at the keepers at the flame of democracy wherever they may be. Please take these words in that light. For me, this is far more appropriate than any traditional invocations.

"First of all, thank you Carmen for extending to me this great honor at the first regular meeting of the 24th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford.

"I will not talk about freedom, democracy or the constitution; you know these subjects far better than I. By virtue of your office, you live these values as best you can. Tonight, I'd like to talk about something more basic than all of the above, the matter of peace.

"Peace is a word that we bandy about incessantly. I'd like to apply the term here and now with your permission to where it is most needed, to words. Yes, peace with our words, language. The old adage 'sticks and stones may break my bones but names will not harm me,' notwithstanding, believe me, words can harm; words can break bones and worse, words can even kill. Our words, our speculations, innuendos, our gossip about others, can harm families and careers, and our ill advised words can even destroy life.

"As a Rabbi, I have served communities near and far and I must tell you that while Stamford is in so many ways a wonderful city on the rise, there is a problem here that I see and that I'm sure all of us see that threatens that growth. That problem is us, all of us. Often times, we don't use our words well. These words, no matter the ends to which we put them, are unseemly. They cannot help but taint us; they are, in short, beneath us. If we have any chance of greatness, and all of us do, we must stand above these words and we must stay above the fray. We must now use language, if for no other reason, than that we are the elected leaders of the City of Stamford and all its people, its citizenry, look now upon us for leadership. It is our job to show them the way, a better way to be, a better way to live. Let us, then, lead by example. Kindly rise.

INVOCATION: (continued)

"Oh, God in heaven, help us to see the light, that we may use our words to help not to hurt; to build, not to tear down; to strengthen, not to weaken; to enhance life, not to destroy it. Let us debate freely and honestly. We must not under any circumstance, however, poison the debate with abusive or uncivil language. Whatever it is that divides us, there is far more that binds us close together in unity. The dream of all humanity, peace; may peace be in your homes; may peace be in your hearts; may peace be in your mouths. May God, who made peace on high, may He bless us, bless us all with the greatest of gifts, that of peace. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by the President Carmen Domonkos.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville.

There were 35 members present and five (5) absent. Absent and excused were Timothy Abbazia, William MacInnis, Patrick White, Donald Sherer and Paul Esposito.

The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE was taken by President Carmen Domonkos. The machine was in good working order.

FILL A VACANCY ON BOARD OF EDUCATION:

NOMINATIONS TO FILL A VACANCY ON BOARD OF EDUCATION DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF DANNEL P. MALLOY (D) - TERM EXPIRES 11/30/97.

REP. ALSWANGER said it was a pleasure to put forth the name of John Mallozzi to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. Moved. Seconded.

REP. ZELINSKY Moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Mallozzi. Moved. Seconded.

CLERK SUMMERVILLE cast one vote for a unanimous vote for John Mallozzi to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS congratulated Mr. Mallozzi on his election to the Board of Education.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS said that a new procedure will be used to recognize the Moments of Silence; the name will be recorded and requested by whom in the Minutes and an "In Memoriam" certificate will be sent to the family of the deceased if the information is given to the Board office.

For the late AUSTIN C. TERICO SR. requested by Representative Ronald Sabia, R-15.

For the late ANTOINETTA CORRENTE requested by the 23rd Board of Representatives.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: (continued)

For the late PALMINA CORNELIO requested by Representatives Mary Fedeli, R-17 and Alice Fortunato, D-17.

For the late MARY WASICKI requested by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11.

For the late LOUISE RITCHIE MARSCHALL requested by Representative John R. Zelinsky, Jr., D-11.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairwoman Carmen Domonkos.

REPORT. Waived.

REP. BOCCUZZI Moved to waive the reading of the Steering Committee report. Seconded.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS called for a vote to waive the reading of the report. APPROVED unanimously by voice vote.

The Steering Committee met, after the Organizational Meeting of the 24th Board of Representatives on Monday, December 4, 1995 at 8:47 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 8:47 p.m. by Chairwoman Carmen Domonkos. A quorum was present.

Present at the meeting:

Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman	Herman Alswanger	John Boccuzzi
Ellen Mellis	Randall Skigen	Mary Fedeli
Lucy Corelli	Bobby Owens	Donald Sherer
Annie Summerville	Jeffrey Curtis Sr.	Robert DeLuca
Paul Esposito	Maria Nakian	Rob Manfredi, WSTC
David Martin	Alice Fortunato	Dan Mangan, Advocate
John F. Leydon, Jr.	Ralph Loglisci	Anne Kachaluba

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - There were no items on the Tentative Steering Agenda. Placed on the Agenda were the 11 names on the Addenda.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Placed on the Agenda were the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda and one item on the Addenda.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - One of the five items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda was placed on the Agenda. Three items were Held in Steering and one item was Moved to the Public Works Committee, re recycling program. One item on the Addenda was removed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ordered on the Agenda were two of the three items appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda. One item was Held in Steering, re fee structure for civil service examinations.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - The one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda was Held in Steering, re acceptance of Old Mill Lane as a city street.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: (continued)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Ordered Held in Steering was the one item appearing on the Tentative Steering Agenda, re building and grounds, excluding Board of Education, be under Department of Public Works. Ordered on the Agenda was the one item Moved from the Legislative and Rules Committee, re recycling program.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

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

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - No items appeared on the Tentative Steering Agenda.

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Steering Committee, upon a motion made, Seconded and Approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Carmen Domonkos, Chairwoman  
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that the Committee met on Thursday, December 7, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Summerville, Alswanger, Boccuzzi, Mellis, Fortunato, Gaztambie, Curtis, Corelli, Sabia and Pia; Rep. DePina was excused. She said that the Committee also met this evening to take up item 7. The Committee voted to place item 7. on the Consent Agenda.

Rep. Summerville placed item 1 through 11 on the Consent Agenda.

POLICE COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

1. MR. MARK DENHAM (D)  
224 Ocean Drive West

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

POLICE COMMISSION

2. MS. ADELE GORDON (R)  
211 West Lane

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

POLICE COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

3. REV. WINTON M. HILL III (D)  
82 Ralsey Road

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

POLICE COMMISSION

4. MR. MICHAEL BERKOFF (D)  
123 Jeanne Court

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

POLICE COMMISSION

5. MR. DAVID McMAHON (R)  
1318 Bedford Street

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FIRE COMMISSION

6. MR. E. GAYNOR BRENNAN (R)  
241 Fairview Avenue

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FIRE COMMISSION

7. MR. RICHARD LYONS (D)  
1766 Shippan Avenue

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FIRE COMMISSION

8. MR. J. RALPH MURRAY (R)  
15 Butternut Place

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

FIRE COMMISSION

9. MS. MARILYN DUSSAULT (D)  
2777 Summer Street

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: (continued)

FIRE COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

10. MR. BILL CALLION, JR. (D)  
47 Ledgebrook Road

11/30/98

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

11. MR. THOMAS M. CASSONE (R)  
81 Fernwood Drive

11/30/97

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

REP. SUMMERVILLE said that on items 1 through 10, the correct expiration dates are 11/30/98 pursuant to the new charter changes and not 11/30/97 as indicated on the Agenda; on item 11, the term expiration of 11/30/97 is correct.

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

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE - David Martin, Chairman

REP. MARTIN said that the Committee held no meeting but will be meeting on December 18th to consider the items on this Agenda as well as any items submitted on the next Agenda. All the items are Held.

1. \$ 90,000.00 - (F24.01) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - CODE 332-1110 SALARIES - BUILDING INSPECTION - additional appropriation required to replace lost personnel to handle backlog of permits to be issued and increasing workload. Request by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/13/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval.

Above also referred to PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. (F24.02) RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGARDING A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY FACILITY. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/27/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. (F24.03) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGARDING A CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/8/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE



FISCAL COMMITTEE: (continued)

4. (F24.04) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STAMFORD TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RIGHTS OF WAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOYT STREET EXTENSION PROJECT. Submitted by Mayor Stanley J. Esposito, 11/21/95.

HELD IN COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

REP. NAKIAN said that the Committee met on Thursday, December 7, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee members Nakian, Mitchell, Fedeli, Fox, Lasko, Sabia, Sherer, Skigan and Ventura; Reps. Esposito and Zelinsky were excused. Also present was Ruth Powers, new Chair of the Finance Board.

1. (L&R24.04) APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND COOPERS & LYBRAND FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30, 1995, 1996 AND 1997. Submitted by James M. Rubino, Chairman, Board of Finance, 11/28/95. Board of Finance approved 12/8/95.

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

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Randall Skigen, Chairman

REP. SKIGEN said that the Committee met on Wednesday, December 6, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Fortunato, Fedeli, Lasko, MacInnis, Zelinsky, Loglisci and Skigen; also present was Rep. Sabia and invited guests, Personnel Director Sim Bernstein, Asst. Superintendent of Schools Lynda Hautala and Board of Education member Marc Peyser.

Rep. Skigen placed item 2 on the Consent Agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF SALARIES FOR FOUR NEWLY CREATED DIRECTOR POSITIONS. PERSONNEL COMMISSION ON 11/7/95, RECOMMENDED \$77,500 AS THE SALARY FOR EACH DIRECTOR'S POSITION. This is the same salary as for the three cabinet positions which no longer exist due to Charter changes. Submitted by Sim Bernstein, Personnel Director, 11/16/95. Contingent upon Board of Finance approval. (Board of Finance approved on 12/26/95)

REP. SKIGAN said that Rep. Zelinsky amended the item to include a provision that the salaries be approved at the level of \$77,500, but that the Mayor be required to come back to the Board of Representatives should he wish to provide vehicles for any of the directors other than the Director of Operations. Rep. Skigen said that the amendment passed by a vote of six in favor and one abstention.

REP. ZELINSKY said that he withdraws his amendment. He said that an additional appropriation, if needed, would have to come before the Board. Rep. Zelinsky Moved to withdraw the amendment. Seconded.

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS asked if any member had an objection; there were no objections, the amendment was withdrawn.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (continued)

REP. SKIGEN Moved to approve the salaries for each of the four newly created director positions at \$77,500. Seconded.

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

2. APPROVAL OF REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STAMFORD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COVERING PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997. Submitted by Allen G. Grafton, Asst. to the Superintendent, Stamford Public Schools, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152, 11/15/95. Board of Finance approved 11/3/95.

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

REP. SKIGEN Moved to approve the Consent Agenda. APPROVED by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The record will note that Rep. Leydon left the floor and did not vote or participate in any discussion on item 2.

PLANNING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Paul Esposito & Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Lucy Corelli, Co-Chairs - No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE - Jeffrey T. Curtis Sr., Chairman - No report.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Herman Alswanger & Mary Fedeli, Co-Chairs

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - John F. Leydon, Jr., Chairman - No report.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Alice Fortunato, Chairwoman - No report.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Ellen Mellis, Chair

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca, Chairman - No report.



SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

PRESIDENT DOMONKOS said that members of the House Committee will be Annie Summerville, Chair; David Martin, Ronald Sabia and Mary Fedeli.

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STAMFORD WATER COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR A 23% RATE INCREASE. Submitted by Reps. Ellen Mellis, D-13 and Carmen Domonkos, D-18, and John R. Zelinsky, Jr., 10/19/95.

REP. ZELINSKY Moved to approve the resolution. Seconded.

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

MINUTES

1. SEPTEMBER 5, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (23RD BOARD) - Not ready.
2. OCTOBER 2, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (23RD BOARD) - Not ready.
3. NOVEMBER 8, 1995 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. (23RD BOARD) - Not ready.
4. DECEMBER 4, 1995 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 24TH BOARD - Not ready.

COMMUNICATIONS - President Domonkos stated that a meeting for representatives is planned by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities on January 27, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 12 n. at the Westport Inn and all representatives are invited to attend.

President Domonkos thanked Rep. DeLuca for arranging the lovely Holiday Party. Everyone enjoyed the party and had a good time.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

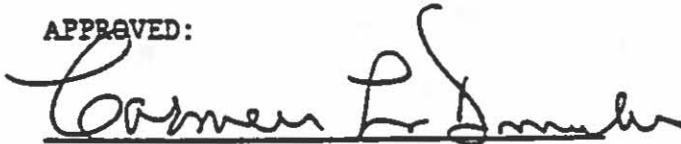
NEW BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Anne A. Kachaluba, Administrative Assistant  
and Recording Secretary  
24th Board of Representatives

APPROVED:



Carmen L. Domonkos, President  
24th Board of Representatives

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Enclosures