

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1997**

**24TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 P.M. by President Carmen Domonkos.

**INVOCATION:** Led by Rep. David Martin. Appended hereto is a transcript of Rep. Martin's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Carmen Domonkos

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville.

There were thirty-seven (37) members present and six (3) absent. Absent/excused members were: Reps. Ponzini, DePina and Davis. President Carmen Domonkos declared a quorum.

**MACHINE TEST VOTE:** Conducted by President Carmen Domonkos.

The machine was in good working order.

**PAGES:**

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late:

Helen Adcock, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Lena C. Barone, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Michael Cardone, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Margo Claps, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
John P. Colasso, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Elizabeth Demetrovitz, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Winifred May Ellis, submitted by Rep. Mellis;  
Mary Hanrahan, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Frank Infanti, submitted by Reps. Sabia, Mellis and Fortunato;  
Jerome Ladestro, submitted by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;  
Lillian Lapine, submitted by Rep. Mellis;  
Josephine Mercede, submitted by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;  
Peter O'Karma, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Theresa V. Pia, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
John Rayho, submitted by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia.  
James Rongoe, Sr., submitted by Rep. Zelinsky;  
Stanley Saroma, submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives;  
Marie Sementini, submitted by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;  
Helen White, submitted by Reps. Fox and White;

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Chairwoman Carmen Domonkos  
Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

**REPORT  
WAIVED BY  
VOICE  
VOTE**

President Domonkos called for a motion to waive the Steering Committee Report. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Steering Committee report was waived.

President Domonkos then called upon Rep. Ventura, who made a motion to suspend the rules to take up Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Number 3 out of order. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

3. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution congratulating the men and women of the Stamford Police Department on their efforts in combating crime in the City of Stamford.  
01/21/97 - Submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

Rep. Ventura invited Chief Tully of the Stamford Police Department to come to the podium and stated that on behalf of President Carmen L. Domonkos and the entire 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives, he was presenting a resolution to the men and women of the Stamford Police Department congratulating them on their record in combating crime in the City of Stamford. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Police Chief Tully stated, on behalf of the men and women of the Stamford Police Department, they are especially grateful for the recognition and that their successes could not have been achieved without the support of the Board of Representatives.

Rep. Sherer, as parliamentarian, suggested that the Board vote on the previous Sense-of-the-Board Resolution. Upon motion duly made and seconded, said resolution was approved by voice vote.

Rep. DeLuca moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the agenda. Rep. DeLuca stated he would be remiss if he didn't call upon his colleagues this evening to stand up and applaud President Carmen Domonkos for her letter to the editor discussing volunteerism. Rep. DeLuca said President Domonkos deserves credit for recognizing the voluntary work of the Board of Representatives.

President Domonkos thanked the Board and stated that her letter was very sincere and that she does appreciate the amount of hard work and long hours that everyone puts in.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:** Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman  
Meeting: Monday, February 24, 1997  
6:15 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Monday, February 24, 1997 at 6:15 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. In attendance were: Reps. Summerville, Corelli, DePina, Fortunato, Gergle, Mellis, Pia and Sabia. Absent was Rep. Alswanger; excused were Reps. Curtis and Boccuzzi. Also in attendance was President Carmen L. Domonkos.

1. Zoning Board - Alternate

David L. Rich (D)  
50 Pepper Ridge Place  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/01/97  
01/15/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Replacing Peter Sileo

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

02/03/97 - Held in Committee

02/24/97 - Held in Committee

Rep. Summerville reported that Mr. Rich was unable to attend the Appointments Committee meeting; therefore his appointment is being held until next month.

2. Environmental Protection Board

Gary Stone (R) Replacing R. Rohr  
199 Webbs Hill Road  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/1/99  
01/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

3. Smith House Board of Directors

Samuel J. Starks, Esq. (D) Replacing Eugene Conrad  
238 Thornwood Road  
Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 06/01/99  
01/15/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/28/97 - Held in Committee  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

4. Zoning Board

Audrey Cosentini (R) Reappointment  
105 Wyndover Lane  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/99  
05/01/96 - Interviewed by Committee & appointed  
01/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

Chairwoman Summerville reported that Ms. Cosentini was out of town during the Appointments Committee meeting, and Ms. Cosentini will be rescheduled for next month.

5. Zoning Board

Irving Slifkin (R) Reappointment  
332 Mill Road

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**



Stamford, CT 06903  
Term Expires: 12/01/97  
01/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 7-0-1

Chairwoman Annie Summerville reported that her Committee had approved Mr. Slifkin for reappointment to the Zoning Board. However, at the request of the Republican Town Committee and Republican leadership, she will move to hold this appointment. Said motion was seconded. Rep. Summerville further explained that Mr. Slifkin and Ms. Cosentini are exchanging slots on the Zoning Board and because Ms. Cosentini is out of town and her appointment is being held, Mr. Slifkin's appointment will be held for one month. The motion to hold was approved by voice vote.

6. Golf Authority

Antonio Conte (R) Reappointment  
71 Barmore Drive East  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 01/01/00  
01/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

7. Golf Authority

William R. Lombardo (R) Repl. G. Lombardo  
96 Boxwood Drive  
Stamford, CT 06906  
Term Expires: 01/01/00  
01/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

Appointments Chairwoman, Annie Summerville, moved to hold this item at the request of the Golf Authority because there are ongoing legal activities involving the current director. Chairwoman Summerville also stated that the agreement to hold this appointment would only be for one month. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

8. Environmental Protection Board - Alternate

Peter M. Conetta (R) Repl. Stone  
41 Martin Street  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/99

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

02/07/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

9. Greater Fairfield Tourism District

Al Messer (R) Rep. Tormey  
1 Strawberry Hill Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06901  
Term Expires: 06/30/99  
02/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

10. Patriotic & Special Events Commission

Anthony Panaro (R) Reappointment  
142 Courtland Hill Street  
Stamford, CT 06906  
Term Expires: 12/01/99  
02/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

11. Planning Board

John T. D. Rich (R) Rep. Aivalis  
24 Sweet Briar Road  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/01/99  
02/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

12. Smith House Board of Directors

Eugene Conrad (R) Rep. Loglisci  
237-1 Strawberry Hill Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 12/01/99  
02/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

Rep. Summerville reported that Dr. Conrad could not appear before the Appointments Committee, therefore his appointment is held until next month.

13. Water Pollution Control Authority

Guy Carroll (R) New Appointment  
9 Kenilworth Drive West  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Term Expires: 01/01/99  
02/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

14. Water Pollution Control Authority

George Edward Lohse, Jr. (D) New Appointment  
24 Guilford Street  
Stamford, CT 06907  
Term Expires: 01/01/99  
02/07/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Appointment Nos. 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were approved by voice vote. Rep. Leydon abstained on Appointment No. 14.

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** David Martin, Chairman  
Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. All committee members were present: Reps. Martin, Nanos, Weiner, Mellis, Owens, Abbazia, Ponzini, Loglisci, Drucker, DeLuca and Sherer.

1. F24.163 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 710;  
\$60,553.00 Project No. 4320; Ferguson Library; funding to pay  
O-T-A-97-166 for new wage contract first year increase of 2.5%;  
second year increase will be 3% and third year  
increase will be 3.5%.  
02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Personnel*

*Committee concurred*

2. F24.162  
\$449,750.00  
C-B-A-97-119

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT  
APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 810; Capital  
Project No. 169; Board of Education Stark School  
Renovation; funding for expansion and renovation  
project at Stark Elementary School including sprinkler  
system for code compliance; source of funds: bonding;  
approval of Exhibit A.  
02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/11/97 - Approved by Planning Board  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 6-4-1

APPROVED  
BY MACHINE  
VOTE (27 Yes,  
10 No)

Rep. Martin stated that this was a contentious item on the Committee's agenda because of the concerns over the entire capital project. Rep. Martin stated that two or three months ago, the Board of Education asked for funds for this piece and for the technology and communications piece, which has already been approved. The Board of Finance had requested they hold this portion until they demonstrated they could close out other capital projects successfully, which relates to Item No. 3 on the agenda. Rep. Martin further stated that this item relates to specific things that were either not included or overran the original budget. First, there was approximately \$35,000 involved in redesigning the administrative office to provide better pedestrian flow, and Rep. Martin noted that during Committee there was a motion to reduce the request by \$35,000, which was defeated.

Rep. Martin went on to say that there is also an additional \$205,000 for air conditioning in the auditorium and cafeteria. This was not included in the base bid work, and Rep. Martin personally felt that this is an appropriate expense given the objective of trying to make the schools more of a year round facility and the gradual increase in the school year.

Rep. Martin explained that the 1% for Art requirement was mistakenly left out of the original bid and added another \$85,000. Finally, the furniture, fixtures and equipment for \$125,000 should have been included in the original bid. Totaled, these items equal \$450,000 in overruns.

Rep. Martin stated the Committee expressed a great deal of disappointment that these types of mistakes were made, there was a great deal of anguish on both sides, and the Board of Education has conducted an audit of this particular project, which is being forwarded to the Fiscal Committee. Rep. Martin stated he would have the audit copied and sent to all representatives. Rep. Martin further stated that partly as a result of this project, the Board of Education is minimizing its future role in the direct supervision over construction and will be transferring that role to the City. However, Rep. Martin doesn't

believe it is clear whether the mistakes in this project were solely due to the Board of Education because the City-side of the equation has areas for improvement as well. Rep. Martin concluded by saying the bottom line is that it is recommended by the Fiscal Committee and that he personally believes that the funding should be approved in that they are necessary for completion of the project. Rep. Martin stated he believes the Board of Education is taking action to avoid these types of problems in the future, and he sees no reason to not move ahead with this item.

The motion to approve was seconded.

*Secondary Committee: Education*

*Item Failed (3-3)*

Rep. Leydon reported that the Education Committee does not concur, and voted 3-3.

Rep. Sherer stated that he was the most contentious at the Fiscal Committee meeting because he was appalled, as many people are, with the way the Board of Education went about creating this aura of mismanagement as well as the tremendous overrun. Rep. Sherer stated he finds it difficult to understand how the Board of Education could forget to put in their 1% for Art, when every project in the City has to include it. Rep. Sherer further stated that there is an architect on the staff of the Board of Education who either did not remember or did not see fit to include wiring for technology in the original plans and air conditioning. Further, Rep. Sherer stated that if it was so important to revamp the administrative offices, he would like to know why it was not in the original plans. Rep. Sherer felt overall that there was great mismanagement, but what really made him most contentious was that at the meeting the Committee learned that the \$35,000 for administrative offices had already been spent.

Rep. Sherer felt that if there was ever an abuse of process – and perhaps even unethical spending – this is a case in point. Rep. Sherer had moved to reduce the \$449,000 by \$35,000, and supposes the money should come from the \$125,000 for furnishings and equipment. Rep. Sherer stated that the reality is that when the building opens up, all of the items will be there, but the Board of Education, in their 1997-1998 budget, will have a substantial amount of money somewhere in the budget for furniture in that every year there is money for furniture and other equipment that is not capitalized. Rep. Sherer felt that the Board of Education should not have the \$35,000 in this package, but once they get next year's funding, they can take \$35,000 out of that money because no one gave them permission to spend the first \$35,000 to fix up the office.

Rep. Sherer went on to state that quite frankly he was upset when the Committee voted along party lines because this has nothing to do with Republicans and Democrats. Rep. Sherer stated he did not make this a political issue and he does not feel the Board should make this a political issue. Rep. Sherer further stated there is a wrong that needs to be addressed, and that every time the Board of Education comes in with an overrun and mismanagement, he is unsure of what message the Board of Representatives sends; in

fact, if the message has been sent, he questions whether it has ever been received. Therefore, Rep. Sherer stated, the only way a message can be sent and received is the way he suggests, and as such, he once again moves to reduce this appropriation by \$35,000. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that knowing the scrutiny and ire the Board of Education has come under for its continual mishandling of building programs and realizing that they are pretty close to \$1 million over the original budget, he feels they had some audacity to go out and spend the \$35,000 without coming before the Board, and therefore, he is supporting the \$35,000 cut.

Rep. Abbazia stated that the Board of Education came in and admitted that mistakes were made on this project. The Board of Education also stated the audit is ongoing and promised to work better on future projects with monitoring the progress, perhaps by mandating period progress checks on future projects. As such, Rep. Abbazia recommends that the Board of Representatives not cut the appropriation.

President Domonkos stated that a majority vote, or 19, was needed on the vote to reduce this item by \$35,000. Said vote was taken by machine vote and failed with 24 NO votes and 14 YES votes. The machine was malfunctioning and therefore the vote was taken a second time, and the machine again malfunctioned. A corrected copy of the vote, which failed with 9 YES and 26 NO votes, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he agreed with Rep. Sherer in the way this project has been handled, and while he was going to approve this item, he asked Rep. Martin if this was the last appropriation the Board of Education would be applying for from the Board. Rep. Martin stated that the Board of Education did report to his Committee that this was the last appropriation, and he hopes that it is true. Rep. Boccuzzi said that he hopes that if they do come back, he hopes his fellow representatives remember what is being said and that no more funding is given to them.

Rep. Pia stated that he has been involved with the Board of Education since his children started going to school and he has heard the same story for the past forty years. Rep. Pia further stated that from forty years ago – starting with Turn of River and other schools – they always had the same problems, and he was on the side of the Board of Education at that time until he got tired of hearing the same story. Rep. Pia further stated that here, in 1997, we are hearing the same thing. Rep. Pia stated he had been asked by people to support their appointment to the Board of Education, and his first question has always been, “do you have a husband and do you have a house, and if you worked to build a house yourself, would your husband let you build it all by yourself. If you say no, I say, why not, and the answer is the person doesn’t know anything about architecture.” So, Rep. Pia asked how can they vote on \$12 million for a high school, and this is going back a good number of years. Rep. Pia stated that as far as he is concerned, he would not trust the Board of Education as far as he can throw them.



President Domonkos stated that a two-thirds vote, or 25 YES votes (if everyone votes as abstentions are not counted), is required, and Rep. Loglisci requested a machine vote. Said motion was approved with 27 YES and 10 NO votes.

3. F24.166 C-RR-CLOSE- 97-137	<p>APPROVAL; close-out of Board of Ed projects; funding to be used for the Stark Elementary School renovation.</p> <p>Athletic Fields Renovation                      \$ 20,389.74</p> <p>Modular Classrooms                                      2,023.00</p> <p>Window Replacements - SHS                              96,306.75</p> <p>Window Replacements - RC                              <u>54,487.34</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$173,206.83</p> <p>01/17/97 - Referred by Board of Education</p> <p>02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance</p> <p>02/25/97 - No Action Taken by Committee</p>	<b>NO ACTION TAKEN</b>
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Rep. Martin explained that by taking no action, the Committee and the Board will in effect approve these close-outs by allowing them to go forward.

Rep. Loglisci asked why the Committee allowed the items to be closed out with the condition of the athletic fields. Rep. Martin stated that these were specific projects, and while the descriptions in the agenda are limited, they relate to a specific project. There are other projects necessary in the Board of Education that fit within the general categories listed above, but the Board of Education is not allowed to use these funds for a project not specifically approved. Rep. Martin further stated that these close-outs do not provide additional funds to the City. These close-outs simply depict the fact that some projects came in under budget.

4. F24.157 <b>\$50,000.00</b> O-G-A-97-154	<p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 205; Account No. 7525; Mayor's Office; Youth Services Bureau; South End Youth Program Grant, Direct Service Grant; funding to be used for a delinquency prevention program in the South End; segments are: neighborhood cleanup, anti-gang and entrepreneurial activities; this grant funding will be provided to CTE to operate program.</p> <p>02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy</p> <p>02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance</p> <p>02/25/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0</p>	<b>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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*Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare*

*Report Waived*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Public Safety, Health & Welfare report was waived by voice vote.

5. F24.158  
**\$3,106.00**  
O-G-A-7-162

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 540;  
Acct. No. 5501; Office of Public Safety, Health &  
Welfare; Crime Prevention, Contracted Services;  
funding to be used to provide services including  
basketball league expenses, field trips, parent leadership  
training and police presence, grant funds that will be  
provided to the Chamber of Commerce, CTE and the  
Southfield Village Tenants Association.  
02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 9-0-2

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare*

*Report Waived*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Public Safety, Health & Welfare report was waived by voice vote.

6. F24.159  
**\$395,336.00**  
O-G-A-97-161

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 430;  
Acct. No. Various; Police Dept.; Narcotics Enforcement  
Grant; funding to be used for overtime costs for police  
officers in COPE-PACT to deter violent crime through  
surveillance techniques, patrols and information supplied  
by citizens; grant funding.  
02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare*

*Report Waived*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Public Safety, Health & Welfare report was waived by voice vote.

7. F24.160  
**\$725.00**  
O-G-A-97-160

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 423;  
Acct. No. Various; Police Department; Cops in Shops;  
funding to be used to pay for police officers to work in  
stores that sell alcohol, in order to decrease the sale of  
alcohol to minors; grant funding.

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**



02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

8. F24.167  
**\$200,000.00**  
O-G-RS-97-100

APPROVAL; redesignating from bonds to grants;  
Office of Administration; Grants Division; Acct. No.  
330; Project No. 249; Bureau of Engineering; Street  
Patch Resurfacing; funding to be provided by state  
from the Local Capital Improvement Program; Approval  
of Exhibit A.  
01/16/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/17/97 - Referred by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

9. F24.168  
**\$146,667.00**  
O-G-RS-97-101

APPROVAL; redesignating from grants to bonds;  
Office of Administration; Grants Division; Acct. No.  
284; Project No. 379; Operations Dept.; Railroad Station;  
Gateway Phase II; funding was denied by Local Capital  
Improvement Program because these funds cannot be  
used to make improvements on state property; approval  
of Exhibit A.  
01/16/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/17/97 - Referred by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 9-0-1

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

10. F24.169  
**\$264,019.00**  
C-G-FD-97-150

APPROVAL; redesignating from bonds to grants;  
Office of Administration; Grants Division; third stage  
of nitrogen Processing Grant; Approval of Exhibit A.  
01/16/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/17/97 - Referred by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

11. F24.154  
**\$1,800.00**  
O-G-A-97-131

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 125;  
Account No. 2110; Office of Operations; EPB Tree  
Planting; Grounds Maintenance; funding to be used to  
plant trees at Chestnut Hill Park; grant funds that require  
plant trees at Chestnut; funds to be charged to existing  
capital appropriation #610-462).

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

01/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/16/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

12. F24.156  
**\$7,800.00**  
O-G-A-97-159

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 317;  
Account No. 2630; Office of Operations; Work Zone  
Safety Program; Supplies-Equipment; funding to be  
used to purchase work zone signs, barricades, traffic  
cones, safety vests and other equipment for work crews  
to work on streets and roads; this is grant funding that  
requires all purchases to be completed by 9/30/97.  
02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Public Works*

*Committee concurred*

13. F24.161  
**\$55,000.00**  
C-B-A-97-160

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT  
APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 280; Capital Operations;  
Project No. 2941; Office of Traffic Engineering; Hoyt  
Street Extension; funding to be used toward project  
involving extension of Hoyt Street with a new  
roadway link connecting Summer Street and Washington  
Boulevard; source of funds: bonding; approval of Exhibit A.  
01/27/97 - Approved by Planning Board  
02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 8-0-2

**APPROVED  
BY MACHINE  
VOTE (26 Yes,  
9 No)**

Rep. Martin reported that while the backup material points to engineering services, it is more correct to say that the cost of the right-of-way acquisition was much higher than anticipated; because the City shares 20% in that increased cost, the result is another \$55,000 is required for this project.

*Secondary Committee: Transportation*

*Committee concurred*

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he was originally against this item and characterized it putting a street through condominiums and houses for a two-block section running from Summer Street to Washington Boulevard as a waste of taxpayers' money. Rep. Zelinsky stated that Washington Boulevard was built to provide for traffic from Bull's Head to I-95 without using streets with traffic lights to improve traffic flow. Rep. Zelinsky stated that

this project will have traffic going onto Washington Boulevard and will include the addition of a new traffic light on Washington Boulevard, stopping the flow of traffic and causing traffic tie-ups. Rep. Zelinsky stated that when this item came before the Board several years ago, the Board was told by Mayor Esposito's administration that the only money needed would be 20% of the total project, which was appropriated at that time, and the Board was assured that additional funds would not be needed. Rep. Zelinsky stated that this concept is not good or beneficial to the taxpayers in that it is not needed, it is a waste of money, and it will do nothing but cause traffic tie-ups. Rep. Zelinsky further stated that he will not vote for taxpayers' money to be used foolishly on a project that accomplishes nothing but take housing, add traffic lights, stop the even flow of traffic and pollute the City and that he will be voting today as he did then, against this appropriation.

Rep. Gergle stated that when this first came before the Board, he did vote for it with the provision that if any additional funds were to be appropriated, he would vote no, and he is exercising his option to vote no tonight.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the first thing the Board of Education commented on when requesting \$450,000 funding, was that the prior administration erred rather than the Board of Education. Further, Rep. DeLuca stated that now the Esposito administration is being blamed for the extra \$55,000 rather than the current, who may have waited too long to purchase the land. Rep. DeLuca commented that in private industry, you can blame the prior boss for one year and that the prior administration has been in office for a year and a half and that it is now time to stop blaming the prior administration for any overruns we have to vote for.

Rep. Pia stated that he originally voted against this item and spoke against it; he is now voting against it based on the same reasons for his original vote against the item.

A machine vote was held with the motion passing by a vote of 26 YES, 9 NO and 1 abstention.

14. F24.165  
\$140,892.00  
C-B-A-97-171

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT  
APPROPRIATION; Dept. No. 284; Capital Project  
No. 173; Office of Operations; Rail Trail I; to rebuild  
the drop off and pick up area on the south side of  
Stamford Station to enhance pedestrian traffic conditions;  
source of funding: bonding; approval of Exhibit A.  
02/05/97 - Submitted by Patricia Broom, Director, Office  
of Operations  
02/11/97 - Approved by Planning Board  
02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance  
02/25/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Rep. Martin moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Martin stated that Reps. Giordano and Gergle attended at the Fiscal Committee meeting. Rep. Martin also stated that there will be a public hearing on the budgets with the Board of Finance on Monday, March 24, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Dolan Middle School, and Rep. Martin urged all representatives to attend. The Fiscal Committee will also meet prior to or after the public hearing depending on the Fiscal Committee agenda.

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE -**

Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

Regular Meeting: Monday, Feb. 24, 1997

7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Public Hearing: Tuesday, February 18, 1997

7:00 p.m. - Legislative Chambers

Rep. Nakian stated that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Committee members Nakian, Esposito, Fox, Skigen, Fedeli, Sabia, Sherer and Ventura were present; Reps. Mitchell and Zelinsky were excused. Also present were Reps. Boccuzzi, Nanos, Giordano, Gergle and John Byrne, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare. At this public hearing Reps. Domonkos, Mellis, MacInnis, Corelli, DeLuca, Pia, Loglisci and Kuzlik were also present. At the presentation, five speakers: Linda Baulsier, the Executive Director of the Stamford Historical Society, Renee Kahn, the Director of the Historic Neighborhood Preservation Group; David Anderson, the President the Stamford Partnership; David Woods, who performed the Palace Theater preservation study for the Stamford Center for the Arts; and Roger Lang, an individual who worked on the 1983 Palace renovation. Also present were approximately sixty members of the public, including fifteen speakers.

The second Legislative & Rules Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 24, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. with Committee members Nakian, Fox, Lasko, Mitchell, Skigen, Zelinsky, Fedeli, Sabia, Sherer and Ventura present. Also, Reps. Giordano and Domonkos were present along with Thomas Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs and David Vecchia, the Purchasing Agent.

1. LR24.87 PUBLIC HEARING; regarding public input and comment on preserving the facade of the Palace Theater.  
12/09/96 - Submitted by Reps. DeLuca (R-14),  
Domonkos (D-18), Loglisci (R-14),  
Nakian (D-20) and Summerville (D-6)

Rep. Nakian reported that Item No. 1 was a public hearing. A report was provided to all representatives and the presentations by Linda Baulsler, David Woods and Roger Lang have been sent out. In addition, photographs taken by David Anderson are on display in the Government Center lobby.

Rep. Domonkos stated that out of the public hearing, it was agreed that there would be a group of representatives and a group from the Center for the Arts who would meet in the Mayor's Office to see if some agreement could be worked out. A meeting was held last Tuesday with Reps. Boccuzzi, Nakian, Fedeli, Summerville, DeLuca and Domonkos. Representatives from the Stamford Center for the Arts board were in attendance along with the Mayor. It was agreed that a committee would look at the original engineering studies done on the Palace Theater and the program needs. The Mayor agreed to locate a small amount of money, which the Center of the Arts agreed to match, toward engaging an architectural firm to come back and see if a preservation plan could be together.

Rep. Domonkos stated that the public hearing was important in that the Center for the Arts heard concerns, and Mr. Cacace indicated that the Center would be willing to take a second look. The representatives from this Board, who will serve on a special committee, are: Reps. Nakian, Summerville, DeLuca, Nakian, Boccuzzi, Abbazia, Fedeli and Domonkos. Three of these members will serve on the committee that will meet with the Center for the Arts; the larger committee will be involved each step of the way. It was also agreed that both the Center for the Arts and the Board of Representatives would name an independent person in the community who had background information and who could assist with this matter. The Board of Representatives asked David Anderson from the Stamford Partnership to assist the Board. Rep. Domonkos was unsure of who the Center for the Arts had named. Meeting dates will be announced soon, and the goal for the Committee's work is May 1, 1997.

Rep. Domonkos stated that the Mayor is also willing to consider discussing using Kiwanis Park as part of the plan. This park needs some work done, and the Center for the Arts is interested in incorporating it into their plans and possibly refurbishing the park. All representatives are invited to attend the meetings.

2. LR24.96

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; concerning the historic reconstruction of the Stamford Old Town Hall. This ordinance earmarks 75% of the City's municipal building "Percent for Art" funds for repairs on the Old Town Hall.

01/15/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

02/24/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Rep. Nakian stated that there is an error in the Committee Report in that a corresponding resolution that is before the URC has not been passed by the URC, but this is a stand-alone ordinance and does not depend upon what the URC does. This ordinance only deals with municipal projects.

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| 3. LR24.100 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ; amending Chapter 103 of the Purchasing ordinance re: Contractors.<br>01/16/97 - Submitted by David Vecchia, Purchasing Agent<br>02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-2  | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 4. LR24.101 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ; amending Chapter 47, Article IV (Sections 47-14 through 47-15) of the Purchasing Ordinance re: Labor Standards and Responsibilities.<br>01/16/97 - Submitted by David Vecchia, Purchasing Agent<br>02/24/97 - Held in Committee | <b>HELD IN<br/>COMMITTEE</b>              |

Rep. Nakian stated that the Law Department is working on ordinance wording for Item No. LR24.101, therefore the item is held.

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| 5. LR24.95 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> , amending Section 23-15 of the Code of Ordinances concerning the definition of "responsible bidder."<br>01/08/97 - Submitted by Reps. DeLuca (R-10), Nakian (D-20), and Skigen (D-19)<br>02/03/97 - Held in Committee<br>02/24/97 - Held in Committee | <b>HELD IN<br/>COMMITTEE</b> |
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Rep. Nakian reported that the language for Item No. LR24.95 is being refined, and therefore, the item is being held for this month.

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| 6. LR24.99<br>O-T-L-97-168 | RESOLUTION; of Lease Agreement between the City of Stamford and Pitney Bowes, Inc. for the Police Academy.<br>02/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>02/11/97 - Approved by Planning Board<br>02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance<br>02/24/97 - Committee voted 7-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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7. LR24.82

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; concerning the issuance of civil citations for violations of the Code of Ordinances and local regulations.

11/08/96 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)

12/02/96 - Held in Committee

01/06/97 - Held in Committee

02/03/97 - Held in Committee

02/24/97 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

Rep. Nakian stated that administration is working on deciding what department would be in charge of administering the civil fines, and therefore, Item No. LR24.82 is held.

8. LR24.102

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; tax abatement request for Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church.

02/07/97 - Submitted by Lila Wallace, Trustee

Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Ch.

02/24/97 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

Rep. Nakian stated that Item No. LR24.102 was held because the Committee is awaiting additional information.

9. LR24.91

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; concerning the establishment of the effective date for tax-exempt status for property owned by non-profit organizations.

12/31/96 - Submitted by Reps. Nakian (D-20) and Skigen (D-19)

02/03/97 - Held in Committee

02/24/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

10. LR24.98  
O-RR-C-97-133

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; concerning the sale of Lots 25 and 27 Burwood Avenue to Pierre Medoit.

01/24/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

02/04/92 - Approved by Planning Board

02/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

02/24/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Rep. Nakian moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 3, 6, 9 and 10. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Zelinsky stated, for the record, that he was unable to attend the first Legislative & Rules Committee meeting was because of a conflicting meeting regarding the reconstruction of Strawberry Hill, which affected his constituents.

Rep. Owens abstained from voting on No. 9, LR24.91 due to a possible conflict of interest.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE -** Randall Skigen, Chairman  
Meeting: Monday, February 10, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room &  
Meeting: Monday, March 3, 1997  
6:50 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on February 10, 1997 at 7:05 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Fedeli, Fortunato, Lasko, Loglisci, Skigen and Zelinsky; Rep. Macinnis was excused. Also present were Reps. DeLuca and Giordano along with the Director of Labor Relations, Jim Haselkamp and William Stover, the Labor Relations Specialist.

1. P24.03      APPROVAL; Pay Plan for Non-Union, Appointed and  
Elected Officials (Meeting with Board of Finance  
11/20/96 for presentation.)  
09/17/96 - Submitted by Sim Bernstein, Personnel Director  
10/15/96 - Held by Board of Finance  
11/06/96 - Held in Committee  
11/20/96 - Held by Board of Finance  
12/02/96 - Held in Committee  
12/10/96 - Defeated by Board of Finance (3-3)  
01/06/97 - Held in Committee  
01/16/97 - Held by Board of Finance  
02/03/97 - Held in Committee  
02/10/97 - Committee voted 5-0 to return recommendations to  
Personnel Committee  
02/13/97 - Held by Board of Finance

**RETURNED TO  
PERSONNEL  
COMMISSION**

Rep. Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee held a lengthy discussion regarding Item No. P24.03, made numerous comments, suggestions and proposals, all of which have been provided to all representatives, along with a black-lined version of the plan as



proposed by the Personnel Commission and the changes proposed by the Committee. The Committee voted 5-0 to send these changes back to the Personnel Commission for their consideration prior to resubmitting the Pay Plan for final approval.

Rep. Skigen thanked Rep. Lasko for language change suggestions made in the Pay Plan, and Rep. Fedeli for her assistance.

2. P24.10

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT; between City of  
Stamford and Labor Relations Specialist.  
02/07/97 - Submitted by H. James Haselkamp,  
Labor Negotiator  
02/10/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

Rep. Skigen reported that Mr. Haselkamp summarized the contract between the City and William Stover. Mr. Stover described his background and experience in the field of labor negotiations, and all representatives have been provided with an amended copy of the contract, which contains a copy of Mr. Stover's resume. Also, in response to a request for a clarification, Mr. Haselkamp agreed that Section 3D of the contract, dealing with an annuity for Mr. Stover, will commence on March 1, 1998. Subject to that amendment, the Committee approved the contract 6-0-0 and Rep. Skigen moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he originally did vote in favor of this item because he was led to believe that the benefits were the same as the civil service employees. Since the Committee meeting, he has ascertained that they are not the same. Rep. Zelinsky quoted the contract, "the employee shall receive the same health insurance benefits as classified employees of the Municipal Administrators' Association" and that "the effective date of the insurance shall be the starting date." Rep. Zelinsky believes the starting date was March 1, 1997. Further, Rep. Zelinsky read, "the employee shall receive the same life insurance benefits as employees of the Municipal Administrators' Association." Rep. Zelinsky checked with the personnel department and learned that civil service employees have a three-month waiting period for the benefits to start, and he cannot justify the civil service employees having to wait three months for their benefits to start and a contract employee receiving his benefits immediately – which equates to better benefits.

Rep. Zelinsky also stated that the contract states that the employee will receive additional compensation of \$2,000 annually towards an annuity for the employee. This annuity will be paid starting March 1, 1998. Rep. Zelinsky stated he understood we want the best-qualified individual, but asked at what price to the taxpayers. He believed that in private industry, if an individual was not an employee of the company (i.e., a contract employee), these individuals were not entitled to benefits. Finally, Rep. Zelinsky stated that he could

not understand why this was not a classified, civil service position, and because of these issues, he would be voting against this item.

Rep. DeLuca stated he would be voting no on the contract also because of the benefits issue, but more so, because of the salary. Rep. DeLuca stated he was not doubting Mr. Stover's qualifications but he was irritated that Mr. Stover would be coming in at Grade 3 level minimum of \$48,086 since Mr. Stover was earning \$35,000 in his previous position. Rep. DeLuca also added that if the proposed pay plan is in effect on July 1, 1997, Mr. Stover would be entitled to the new minimum for that grade, or an additional \$2,000 increase.

Rep. DeLuca stated that if Mr. Stover agreed to the \$48,086, a recommendation should be made that no further increases should be given until he has completed one year of service. As such, Rep. DeLuca stated he will be voting no.

Rep. Skigen stated that in response to Rep. DeLuca's comment, he noted that a recommendation made by the Personnel Committee (Section 2C, paragraph one) provides that employees with less than six months tenure will not receive increases. Thus, if the pay plan is passed before July, Mr. Stover would not be eligible for an increase. Additionally, Rep. Skigen stated that in response to Rep. Zelinsky's comments, the only benefits Mr. Stover is receiving that are not provided to the MAA is the annuity and the effective date of the health insurance. Regarding the annuity, Section 7 of the contract precludes the employee from any pension rights, and the annuity is an attempt to offset the pension benefits, and in the long run it saves the city a considerable amount of money compared to what full pension rights would cost.

Rep. DeLuca stated thanked Rep. Skigen, but he wanted to go on record stating that the Board should recommend no increase be given if the Pay Plan is approved as is.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he would vote in favor of the contract, but asked Rep. Skigen if contract employees typically end up with pension rights. Rep. Skigen replied that he has not seen the contracts for all contract employees, but believes some do receive pension benefits and some do not receive them.

The contract was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Domonkos thanked Rep. Skigen and the rest of the Personnel Committee for working so diligently on the Pay Plan recommendations. Rep. Domonkos expressed hope that this matter will be resolved in the near future.

**PLANNING & ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL/ - Paul Esposito &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen**  
Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997  
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Esposito reported that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on Thursday, February 27, 1997. Present were Reps. Esposito, Boccuzzi, White, Skigen and MacInnis. Also present were David Emerson, Environmental Protection Director and Can Bui of the Engineering Department.

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| 1. PZ24.05 | <b>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u></b> ; designating the Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Board as the person responsible for the care and control of trees and shrubs within any City property and public rights-of-way.<br>11/26/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/06/97 - Held in Committee<br>01/29/97 - Committee voted to hold publication for one month<br>02/03/97 - Approved by Committee & Held for Publication<br>02/27/97 - Committee voted 5-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. PZ24.08 | <b>APPROVAL</b> of Petition for Road Acceptance; Broad Brook Lane; original bond for Broad Brook Farm Association.<br>02/03/97 - Submitted by Norman Fieber, Broad Brook Farm Assn.<br>02/24/97 - Approved by City Engineer<br>02/24/97 - Committee voted 5-0-0   | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2, was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Esposito read a memo into the record from Mayor Dannel P. Malloy to Patricia Broom, Director of Operations, dated Monday, March 3, 1997 concerning the Stillwater Road Project. The memorandum reads:

Upon reflecting and after attending the public information meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1997, the Stillwater Road Project Proposal needs to be re-examined and redesigned inasmuch as it is offensive to the community. In addition, I request that you and your staff review all traffic and design work currently under way and funded under ISTEA. It is

important that we assure the community that we are willing to work with all citizens who will be affected by a project with the hope to avoid any controversy and to work out a plan suitable for all. Please keep me informed. Thank you.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** - Bobby Owens & Lucy Corelli, Co-Chairs  
Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

**NO REPORT**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE** - Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Curtis stated that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Wednesday, February 19, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Committee members Curtis, Gergle, Corelli, Drucker, DePina and Leydon. Also present were Rep. Giordano and Richard Robinson, Esq. of the Department of Legal Affairs. Committee members not present were Reps. Martin, Pia and Romaniello, who were excused.

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| 1. PS24.14 | <b>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u>;</b><br>Concerning Boats; providing for compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 15-121-A2 and 15-121-A5 and 15-121-B12 requiring municipalities to receive state authorization to place any signs or markers in any state waters.<br>01/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>02/19/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0            | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 2. PS24.15 | <b>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u>;</b><br>Concerning Water Recreation; providing for compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 15-121-A2 and 15-121-A5 and 15-121-B12 requiring municipalities to receive state authorization to place any signs or markers in any state waters.<br>01/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>02/19/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 2 above, was approved by voice vote.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE** - Herman Alswanger & Mary Fedeli, Co-Chairs  
Meeting: Monday, February 24, 1997  
6:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Fedeli stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Monday, February 24, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Reps. Fedeli, Fox, Romaniello, Sherer, Weiner, Gaztambide and Giordano. Other members present were: Reps. Domonkos, DeLuca and Lasko, along with members from the Sterling Farms Golf Authority, Mr. Conte, Vacca and LaRucco; as well as Mr. Dale from E. Gaynor Brennan. About 15 neighbors of the Newfield Avenue area were also present.

1. PR24.05      APPROVAL; E. Gaynor Brennan 1997 golf fees.  
02/11/97 - Received by Michael Dale, Manager  
E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course  
02/24/97 - Committee voted approval, with amendments

**SEE VOTES  
BELOW**

Rep. Fedeli reported that this was originally on the Consent Agenda, but she was aware that Rep. Alswanger wanted it removed from Consent. Rep. Fedeli further reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee approved the fees, with amendments, and moved the main motion, Item No. 1, PR24.05; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Fedeli reported that the Committee amended the fees as follows: 1) the tournament fee was increased to \$36 from \$30; the junior fees were increased from \$4 and \$5 (weekdays/ weekends) to \$6 and \$8; and 3) the age limit for senior citizen status was increased from 62 to 65, with those persons currently 63 and 64 years of age being "grandfathered" in by maintaining their senior citizen status. Rep. Fedeli moved the amendments, and said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky asked what the rationale was for the fee increases; i.e., was it for additional revenue for improvements or just to make more of a profit. Rep. Fedeli responded that the Authority only recommended raising the tournament fee; however, this question was not specifically asked although Rep. Fedeli believes it was to generate additional revenue to fund improvements to the course. The vote on the amendments was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Weiner proposed an additional amendment granting senior status to all persons turning 62 during calendar year 1997. Rep. Weiner stated he has heard a great deal of

public outcry by residents who are turning 62 this year and that the Chair has been inundated with calls. The golfers have not had any notice of an increase in senior status from age 62 to 65, so Rep. Weiner moved to grant senior status to all persons who attain age 62 during the calendar year 1997. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Sherer stated that notice would have not provided an option for appeal, anyway, and that the fee increase was recommended in a public forum. Rep. Sherer compared the situation to a draft number coming up – you can't ask to be grandfathered in, and that is how things go. Rep. Sherer also feels that the Committee may have looked at demographic numbers and concluded that there may be too many 62 years old taking advantage of the reduction thus, they have a good reason for changing the age. Rep. Sherer doesn't believe that giving notice would have given them any opportunity to make changes anyway in that you can't change your age.

Rep. DeLuca agreed with Rep. Sherer and recommended voting against the amendment in that notice has been given. Further, Rep. DeLuca states he plays golf every weekend and he has not heard complaints or received calls regarding the proposal. Additionally, the Golf Commission has agreed to grandfather in those who are 62 through 64 in prior years, and you received the senior pass, then you are grandfathered in for this year. Further, Rep. DeLuca stated that they are instituting the same policy that is held by the Stamford Golf Authority.

Rep. Alswanger stated he was for the amendment because he has received 32 calls from individuals retiring this year, who have become 62 years of age, and many of these individuals were counting on this as a recreational activity. Many of these individuals are on a fixed income and will not be able to afford to play.

Rep. Sherer stated that there are two groups – E. Gaynor Brennan and Sterling Farms – and the Board of Representatives only approves the Gaynor Brennan rates. These two entities adjust rates in tandem, and if the Board now changes Gaynor Brennan's proposed policy, there will be an imbalance at the smaller course and it may cause a serious problem for the golf courses.

Rep. Weiner stated that he believes the Board's primary function is constituent service and often, in his experience, when something comes before a committee, if no citizens come to the committee meeting to object to it, the item cannot always be considered in the proper prospective. In this case, the public outcry occurred after the meeting. Rep. Weiner went on to state that this involves a limited number of citizens, people who are either on or starting on fixed incomes, and golf courses are a major attraction for Stamford. Rep. Weiner feels that the individuals who have spoken out very vociferously against this should be accommodated for this year.



Rep. Zelinsky stated that the Board has an obligation to the residents, especially those who are senior citizens, who are facing increasing taxes and if in a small way the Board can help them, he believes the Board should do that by allowing the grandfathering in. Rep. Zelinsky further stated that if an imbalance is created between the golf courses, a correction could be made at a future date.

President Domonkos stated that the vote on the amendment was to grandfather those residents who have 1) an existing permit and 2) who are turning 62 during calendar year 1997 and all 63 and 64 year olds.

Rep. Fedeli stated that the Board of Representatives only has authority to approve fees at E. Gaynor Brennan and agreed with Rep. Sherer that Sterling Farms will be hurt in that their fees will be higher.

Rep. Lasko stated as a golfer he does not believe that an imbalance will be created and that Sterling Farms should not dictate the cost of golf at E. Gaynor Brennan. Further, Rep. Lasko stated there should be some correlation between what it costs the City to maintain the golf courses and the fees paid.

Rep. Martin made a motion to return the grandfathering amendment to committee for one month so that these details could be worked out. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Pia stated that the only entity that can make the rules and set the fees is the Golf Commission. The Board of Representatives either approves or rejects the Commission's recommendations. Rep. Martin, as parliamentarian, stated he was not familiar with the rules regarding this but expressed concern that the Board is not authorized to make amendments to the fees.

Rep. Sherer stated that the Board already voted to approve one of the fees recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee. Rep. Owens moved the question. The motion, whether to return the senior permit fee to committee was approved by voice vote.

The main motion – the original fees without the senior fee (ie., the tournament and junior fees) – was again moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Martin requested Rep. Fedeli to have the Law Department research the issues surrounding amending fees and policies recommended by the Golf Commission.

2. PR24.06                      APPROVAL; lighting proposal for Sterling Farms  
Municipal Golf Course  
02/11/97 - Submitted by Patricia Broom, Director of  
Operations  
02/24/97 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

**Suspension of the Rules**

Rep. Fedeli moved for suspension of the rules to take up a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution regarding the Stillwater Road reconstruction project. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Fedeli reported that her Committee voted to approve this resolution 8-0. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Leydon stated for the record that the Mayor has requested the Director of Operations to reconsider this project. The resolution was approved by voice vote.

1. Sense-of-the-Board resolution recommending that the Mayor and his Administration abide by the wishes of the people and abandon the Stillwater Road Reconstruction Projects.

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

Clerk of the Board, Annie Summerville, stated for the record that Reps. Gaztambide and Johnson have left the meeting and were not present for the last vote.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE -** John F. Leydon, Jr., Chairman  
Meeting: Monday, February 24, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Leydon stated the Education Committee met on Monday, February 24, 1997. Present were Reps. Leydon, Romaniello, Giordano, Drucker, Loglisci and Ventura; excused were Reps. Mitchell, Johnson and Alswanger. Also present were Michael Nast, Dan Cook, Tony LoFaso, Robert King, John Mallozzi and Norman Liu.

1. E24.03  
C-B-C-97-121      APPROVAL; Supplemental Agreement between the City of Stamford and Fletcher Thompson, Inc. for Construction Quality Control and Schedule Services for the New Westover Elementary School.  
01/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/13/97 - Held by Board of Finance  
02/24/97 - Held by Committee

**HELD IN  
COMMITTEE**

Rep. Leydon reported Item No. E24.03 was held in that it had not been approved by the Board of Finance.



2. E24.04

APPROVAL; Board of Education resolution for additional funding for Westhill High School Agricultural Center addition/renovation  
02/11/97 - Submitted by Daniel G. Cook, Asst. Superintendent for Support Serv.  
02/24/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. E24.04 was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the funding for Item No. E24.04 is fully reimbursable to the City of Stamford.

**URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Alice Fortunato, Chairwoman**

**NO REPORT**

Rep. Fortunato stated that she had no report this month as she is awaiting the final parking report.

1. UR24.02

UPDATE; Blocks 8 and 9 Project and presentation by Corcoran-Jennison Group.  
09/10/96 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato (D-17)  
10/07/96 - No report  
11/06/96 - Report made  
12/02/96 - No report  
01/06/97 - No report  
02/03/97 - Report made

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE -**

Ellen Mellis, Chairwoman  
Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 1997  
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room  
Work Session: Saturday, February 15, 1997  
9:30 a.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Mellis thanked the Committee for the three, long meetings this month on the Year 23 Community Development Block Grant budget. Rep. Mellis stated that a report has been provided to all representatives.

1. HCD24.01

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption;  
regarding the role of the Social Services Commission  
09/05/96 - Submitted by Reps. Domonkos (D-18) and  
Mellis (D-13)  
10/07/96 - Held in Committee  
11/06/96 - Held in Committee  
11/19/96 - Committee voted 5-0-0  
01/23/97 - Committee voted 9-0-0  
02/03/97 - Held in Committee  
02/19/97 - Committee voted 4-1-0, with amendments

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

Rep. Mellis moved Item No. 1, HCD24.01. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Mellis moved to approve the amendment as follows: Under Section 6.6.1 (a)(1), it will now read, "promoting policies and strategies which direct appropriate city departments to provide residents of Stamford with guidance and information with regard to programs which address shelter, sustenance and health needs." The motion for the amendment was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The ordinance, as amended, was moved for final adoption. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

2. HCD24.09

DISCUSSION regarding Year 23 Community  
Development Block Grant Program recommendations.  
01/10/97 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13)  
01/23/97 - Public Hearing Held  
02/03/97 - Report made  
03/03/97 - Committee approved recommendations

Rep. Mellis stated that the Committee has concluded its recommendations and will forward them to the Mayor, who will in turn submit a budget to the Board of Finance and back to the full Board of Representatives. In addition, a second public hearing will be held on March 18, 1997. These recommendations will be made available to all representatives through the Board Office.

President Domonkos thanked Rep. Mellis and her committee for their hard work -- including working on Saturdays and evenings.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE -** Robert DeLuca, Chairman  
Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 1997  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

**NO REPORT**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE -** Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

**NO REPORT**

Rep. Summerville asked all representatives to clear off his/her desk and either place materials underneath the desk or discard unwanted materials. Further, Rep. Summerville asked that the Board set an example by utilizing the recycling bins, where appropriate.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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| 1. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution honoring the Rev. Dr. Samuel Lambert White on his retirement as pastor of Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.<br>02/24/97 - Submitted by Rep. Annie Summerville   | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY VOICE<br/>VOTE</b>     |
| 2. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution honoring Mrs. Ruth Carol Ray White, First Lady of Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.<br>02/24/97 - Submitted by Rep. Annie Summerville   | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY VOICE<br/>VOTE</b>     |
| [Item No. 3 was taken out of order.]   |   |
| Rep. Sherer stated that the long tradition of service to our community by The Reverend and Mrs. White is now being carried on by their son, Gary White, who was recently elevated to the position of Superior Court Judge, and that this family remains an example to us all.  |   |
| 4. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution urging the City of Stamford to abstain from doing business or entering into cooperative relationships or joint projects with Swiss Bank Corporation until such time that the issue of Swiss Bank Corporation's interaction, if any, with Nazi Germany regarding the assets of European Jews during the Holocaust is resolved.<br>02/06/97 - Submitted by Reps. Loglisci and Ventura | <b>HELD IN<br/>STEERING<br/>COMMITTEE</b> |
| 5. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution honoring Deputy Chief John Perotta on his many years of service on his retirement.  | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY VOICE<br/>VOTE</b>     |

## **MINUTES**

### **1. January 21, 1997 Special Meeting**

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

A correction to the January 21, 1997 minutes was offered requesting that Rep. Giordano be listed as having attended the Personnel Committee meeting.

Rep. White left the floor of the Board for the vote on the January 21, 1997 Special Meeting.

### **2. February 3, 1997 Regular Board Meeting**

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Rep. Domonkos asked all members with E-Mail capabilities to notify the Board Office of his/her E-Mail address as the Board Office now has an E-Mail address, which is [BDREPS@Ferg.Lib.CT.US](mailto:BDREPS@Ferg.Lib.CT.US).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.