

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1997

24TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 P.M. by President Carmen Domonkos.

President Domonkos stated that a very unfortunate incident occurred in Stamford this past week in that a former board member, William Joram, III, passed. Mr. Joram sat on the Board from 1993 to 1995 as a representative from the 11th District. Rep. Joram was well-known to many current board members and his loss is quite tragic. President Domonkos stated that Rep. Loglisci will be giving the invocation and asked that during the invocation, she hoped that all representatives would remember the Joram family.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Ralph Loglisci. Appended hereto is a transcript of Rep. Loglisci'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-nine (39) members present and one (1) absent, Rep. George Johnson.

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

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

James Grosso, by Rep. Sabia;
Ricky Paul Giuliana, by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;
William Duda, by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;
Anastasia Foglio, by Reps. Loglisci; Sabia and Zelinsky;
Lauren H. Jaffe, by the 24th Board of Representatives;
Rodney Walsh, by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;
Bessie L. Rinaldi, by the 24th Board of Representatives;
Mollie Pastore, by Reps. Loglisci and Sabia;
Ernest W. Adams, by Rep. Loglisci;
Edward J. Lenz, by Rep. Loglisci;
Susan Ciuffo, by Reps. Mellis and Zelinsky;
William Joram, III, by the 24th Board of Representatives;
Paul R. Spoto, by Reps. Loglisci, Pia and Sabia;
Angelina Sylvestri DeCarlo, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Raymond J. Peterson, Sr., by Rep. Mellis;
Catherine "Kay" McArdle, by Rep. MacInnis;
Robert Russo, by Reps. Boccuzzi, Domonkos and Pia;
Daniel M. Wise, by Rep. Pia;
Catilda Calderbank, by Rep. Pia;
Joseph H. Pottolichio, by Rep. Pia;
Lucille Bardelli, by Rep. Sabia; and
Arthur Lewis, by Rep. Zelinsky.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Steering Committee Report was waived.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman
Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 1997
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Summerville, Boccuzzi, Corelli, Gergle, Mellis, Pia and Sabia. Excused and absent were Reps. Curtis, DePina and Fortunato. Also present during portions of the meeting was Rep. Alswanger.

1. 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
03/25/97 - Committee voted 7-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

2. 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
03/25/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

3. Zoning Board

Irving Slifkin (R) Reappointment
332 Mill Road
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
03/03/97 - Returned to Committee
03/25/97 - Committee voted 7-0-1

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4. 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
03/03/97 - Returned to Committee
03/25/97 - Committee voted 7-0-0
**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
5. Zoning Board - Alternate
David L. Rich (D) Replacing Peter Sileo
50 Pepper Ridge Place
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/97
01/15/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/03/97 - Held in Committee
02/24/97 - Held in Committee
03/25/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0
**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 5, was approved by voice vote. Rep. Gergle abstained on Item No. 3.

Suspension of the Rules:

Chairwoman Summerville moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 6, the appointment of Mr. Martin Levine to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the rules were suspended to take up Item No. 6, below:

6. Board of Assessment Appeals
Martin Levine (D) Replacing P. Miolene)
74 Fawnfield Road
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/01
04/07/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Chairwoman Summerville stated that today, April 7, 1997, she received a memorandum from the Honorable Dannel P. Malloy regarding this appointment. The reason for the late submission is that the Board of Assessment Appeals needs to be able to function over the next two months. It was explained to Chairwoman Summerville that the Board of Assessment Appeals hears appeals during the months of April and May, and the urgency of this appointment is explained by the memorandum she received from Dannel P. Malloy, which was read in full:

"I am requesting that the following name be brought up under suspension of the rules at the Board of Representatives regular monthly meeting this evening. Philip J. Miolene has resigned and due to the fact that this board hears appeals in April, May and September, I feel it is urgent to act on this appointment today so that Mr. Levine can assume his duties on said board. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated."

Chairwoman Summerville went on to say that the reason Mr. Miolene had to resign was because of an emergency with the illness of his wife, and out of courtesy to the City, as he stated when he came before the Appointments Committee, if the time came that he could not fulfill his duties, he would be willing to resign and allow someone else to take on those responsibilities. She further stated that the Appointments Committee appreciates Mr. Miolene's keeping of his promise, but unfortunately the timing has serious implications for this particular board of appeals as it is necessary for it to have a quorum.

Chairwoman Summerville stated that after much discussion, it was agreed upon by the Democratic City Committee and the Mayor, to submit the name of Mr. Martin Levine in that he has appeared before the City Committee before but was never appointed to any particular board or commission. Further, Chairwoman Summerville stated that it was explained to her that Mr. Levine is not a newcomer to the City, and almost everyone on the Board knows Mr. Levine, and Mr. Levine surely knows the makeup of the government of the City of Stamford. In conclusion, Chairwoman Summerville stated that at the request of Dannel P. Malloy, she is requesting the Board's consideration this evening, under these circumstances, of the appointment of Mr. Levine to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Chairwoman Summerville further added there is no rule precluding the Board of Representatives from suspending its rules to take up an item on the agenda. Further, Chairwoman Summerville stated that she has never seen a rule that states an individual must be interviewed by the Appointments Committee prior to approval by the Board.

Rep. Sabia stated that he believes it is wrong to not interview the candidate.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the President asked for any further discussion.

Rep. Loglisci stated he would be voting for approval, but stated that there have been instances where it was stated that no one would be appointed without going through the Mayor and the Appointments Committee. He stated further that we are making an exception here, even though there is a valid point when taking the needs of the City into consideration, but that the Board should not take this very lightly, using the cover that there is no rule that states candidates must be interviewed. He stated this was especially so in view of the long and hard interviews, particularly by the Chairwoman, that other candidates have been subjected to.

Chairwoman Summerville stated that Rep. Loglisci is absolutely right and that she agrees with everything he said, and that she is voting for Mr. Levine under the same understanding as Rep. Loglisci.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he feels that, despite this being a unique situation, it is important to remember there is a process that should be followed and that is why he voted not to suspend the rules. He then asked the Chairwoman of the Appointments Committee if she knew how many years Mr. Levine has been a zoning consultant and what companies he consulted for, as is stated on his resume. Rep. Zelinsky stated he understands if the Chairwoman does not have the answers in that Mr. Levine was not interviewed. Chairwoman Summerville stated she obviously did not have the answers.

Rep. Pia asked why Mr. Levine was not interviewed this evening. Chairwoman Summerville stated that she received a telephone call at 10:45 at her place of business today regarding this matter, and she did not have the luxury to take up Board of Representative business at her job by notifying the public and calling a committee meeting for this evening.

Rep. Pia stated that Chairwoman Summerville did not necessarily have to plan the meeting – someone else – perhaps the Mayor's Office – could have planned the meeting. Chairwoman Summerville stated this was a good suggestion.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: David Martin, Chairman
Meeting: Monday, March 24, 1997
5:00 p.m. - Dolan School Auditorium

Chairman Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, March 24, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. at Dolan School, which was followed by the joint meeting with the Board of Finance at 7:30 p.m. All fiscal committee members were in attendance in addition to several other board members on various items.

Chairman Martin reported that ten speakers attended the public hearing and that all members of the Fiscal Committee in attendance, except for Mr. DeLuca, who was excused. The hearing was sparsely attended and went rather smoothly.

1. F24.174	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating); Mayor's	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
\$100,000.00	Office, DSSD Ambassador Program; Direct Service Grant;	
O-T-A-97-202	Dept. No. 206; Acct. No. 7525; these funds will be matched	
	with \$50,000 from the DSSD and \$50,000 from Swiss Bank Corporation to provide for a downtown security guide	

ambassador program. Funding source: taxes.
03/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
03/24/97 - Committee voted 10-0-1

Secondary Committee: Urban Renewal

Concur

Rep. Zelinsky requested Item No. 1, F24.174 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Chairman Martin summarized this program by stating that the Downtown Special Services District ("DSSD") is planning on having ambassadors provide additional guidance to shoppers and visitors in the downtown area as well as to provide an enhanced level of perceived security. One half of the \$200,000 is being raised by the DSSD, of which one half is coming from Swiss Bank; the City has offered \$100,000 to match this program. This program is used in a number of cities throughout the country, and it was reported to the Committee that the programs have been very successful in other cities. Rep. Martin stated that since this is the first significant appropriation of additional dollars by the City, he inquired of Mr. Hamilton as to the status of the budget. Mr. Hamilton stated that given the light snowfall and good management of City funds, the City is doing quite well. Further, Rep. Martin reviewed the City budget documents and he anticipates the City will experience a \$1 million surplus this year. The Committee voted 10-0-1 to approve the item.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the \$100,000 will be paid for by taxes and questioned whether additional taxes will have to be raised to fund the program in the future. Rep. Martin replied that this is being paid out of this year's surplus and that if the program were to be funded in the future, the expenditures will be weighed against the benefits of enhancing the quality of the downtown district. Presumably, enhancement of property values downtown would create additional tax revenues.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he reviewed the information received regarding the request and understands that the ambassadors will serve as the eyes and ears of the police and when appropriate, the ambassadors will contact the police. Rep. Zelinsky questioned whether with full police staffing, the ambassadors are necessary. He further noted that crime is down in Stamford and that despite the perception of crime downtown, he questions the market research. Rep. Zelinsky also stated there is little comparison with Stamford to the other cities with this program – Philadelphia, Phoenix, Dallas and Houston.

Further, Rep. Zelinsky questioned the City's liability relating to the ambassadors and therefore stated he would vote against this item. Chairman Martin replied that the DSSD is an independent agency and they would be employing the ambassadors, and he believes that the City will not be liable legally for their actions.

Rep. DeLuca stated that he normally does not vote for additional appropriations, but he would be voting for this item. He also stated he gives the Mayor credit in knowing that he did his homework and research regarding the liability issue and believes that if the Mayor felt the City

was open to liability, he doubts very much the Mayor would send this to the Board. Further, he understands that the Police Chief endorses the program. Finally, he stated that the DSSD is entitled to refuse pickup and is assessed for this service – that it does not get. Therefore, there is a component of economic fairness in funding this with the return of added security and assistance to the police department.

Rep. Esposito moved the question; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. 1, F24.174 was approved by voice vote. Rep. Gergle abstained on this vote.

2. F24.176 \$22,655.00 O-G-A-97-172	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating); Dept. of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Community Employment Incentive Program; Contracted Services; Dept. No. 744; Acct. No. 5501; funds will be subcontracted to CTE, Inc. to provide services targeted to employable, job-ready individuals. Funding source: grant. 03/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance 03/24/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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*Secondary Committee: Housing, Community Development,
Social Services*

Concur

3. F24.175 \$10,775.00 O-G-A-97-173	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating); Dept. of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness; Dept. No. 455; to be used to purchase a computer and establish a "Haz-Mat" database for Stamford. Funding source: grant. 03/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance 03/24/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Report Waived

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Secondary Committee report was waived.

4. F24.173 \$9,301.00 O-G-A-97-206	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating); Dept. of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Senior Health Program; Dept. No. 567; Acct. Nos. 1110 (Salaries, \$8,873) and 1330 (Medical, \$428); to allow for reimbursement from	HELD IN COMMITTEE
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the senior center for health services provided by the City's Health Department.

03/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

03/24/97 - Committee voted 8-3-0 to Hold

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

5. F24.172
\$144,000.00
C-B-A-97-200

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Projects); Board of Education, Buildings & Grounds; Hillandale PreSchool; Dept. No. 320; Project No. 2773; to pay for architectural and engineering fees to renovate Hillandale Building to house a preschool. Funding source: bonding; Approval of Exhibit A.

03/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

03/11/97 - Approved by Planning Board

03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

03/24/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0

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Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

6. F24.170

RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a supplemental agreement with the State of Connecticut regarding Gateway Phase I allowing the City to be reimbursed an additional \$72,000.

02/28/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

03/24/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0

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7. F24.171
\$20,000.00
C-B-A-97-201

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Projects); Office of Operations, Harvard Avenue II; Dept. No. 284; Project No. 433; to rebuild Harvard Avenue between I-95 and Selleck Street. Funding Source: bonding; Approval of Exhibit A

03/03/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

03/11/97 - Approved by Planning Board

03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

03/24/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0

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Secondary Committee: Public Works

Report Waived

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Secondary Committee report was waived.

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| 8. F24.177
\$1,700.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating); acceptance of a gift from the Stamford Youth Soccer League to continue the open gym program.
03/11/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/24/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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| 9. F24.178
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; Contract not to exceed \$1,050,000.00.
01/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/13/97 - Held by Board of Finance
02/24/97 - Held by Committee
03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance (with condition that contract terminate in six months)
03/24/97 - Committee voted to approve \$100,000 with six-month term for contract (11-0-0) | APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE |

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

Chairman Martin stated that the Committee amended this item to place the condition that the total amount of the contract be limited to \$100,000 with a maximum term of six months. This amendment was in response to the Board of Finance's similar conditions. Chairman Martin moved the item, said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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| 10. F24.179
C-B-C-97-177 | APPROVAL; of contract between City of Stamford and Frank Mercede & Sons, Inc. for the construction of Phase B for the new Westover School, Bid S-5026. Contract not to exceed \$10,569,000.00.
02/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/11/97 - Approved by Planning Board
03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
03/24/97 - Approved by Committee 10-0-1 | APPROVED
BY VOICE
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Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

Chairman Martin stated that the last part of the capital project funding has not yet been approved for this but is in the capital budget. Rep. Pia requested this item be removed from the Consent

Agenda. Chairman Martin read the subject of the matter, moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Pia stated that he has worked with the Board of Education on this item and has asked questions and has not received answers. He questioned whether anyone looked at the plans, and stated that the principal and several teachers have pointed out safety problems in the designs.

President Domonkos stated that this item would be placed on the Education Committee's agenda, at which time his concerns would be addressed. The item was approved by voice vote. Rep. Martin abstained on the item.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, was approved by voice vote.

Chairman Martin stated that the budget season is coming up, and he has spoken with the Chair of the Board of Finance, and she has advised that they will finish their budget deliberations this week. A schedule of Fiscal Committee budget meetings will be distributed this week, and the first meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The second meeting will be immediately following the Steering Committee meeting. The full budget meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 1997. The Fiscal Committee will meet the Saturday morning prior to the budget meeting.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman
Meeting: Monday, March 31, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Nakian stated that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, March 31, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Nakian, Mitchell, Esposito, Fox, Lasko, Skigen, Zelinsky, Fedeli, Sabia, Sherer and Ventura. Also, Rep. Boccuzzi was in attendance. Also present were Thomas Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs (Item No. 6); Sandra Goldstein, Executive Director of the DSSD (Item No. 7); and John Hiddlestone, Managing Director, Stamford Center for the Arts and Jennifer Hauhuth, Esq., Shipman and Goodwin (Item No. 8). Four public hearings were held and no one from the public attended.

1. LR24.96

PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption;
concerning the historic reconstruction of the
Stamford Old Town Hall through 75% of municipal
building "1% Percent for Art" fees.
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 for publication

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03/31/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

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| 2. LR24.100 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u>;
amending Chapter 103 of the Code of Ordinance
(Purchasing Ordinance) regarding Contractors.
01/16/97 - Submitted by David Vecchia, Purchasing Agt.
02/24/97 - Committee voted 8-0-2 for publication
03/31/97 - Committee voted 7-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 3. LR24.102 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u>; concerning
tax exempt status for property at 29 and 34 Baxter Place
Place owned by Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church.
02/07/97 - Submitted by Lila Wallace, Trustee
Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Ch.
02/24/97 - Held in Committee
03/31/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0 to hold</p> | <p>HELD IN
COMMITTEE</p> |
| 4. LR24.91 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u>;
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 for publication
03/31/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 5. LR24.98
O-RR-C-97-133 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u>;
the sale of Lots 25 and 27 Burwood Avenue to 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 for publication
03/31/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 6. LR24.103
C-RR-C-97-174 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u>; between
the City of Stamford and David Grogins for the sale
of city property on Penzance Road.
02/14/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |

02/26/97 - Approved by Planning Board
03/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
03/31/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0 for publication

7. LR24.105 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; concerning **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
changes in the Stamford Downtown Special Services
District's mandatory date for its budget submission.
02/26/97 - Submitted by Sandy Goldstein, Executive Dir.,
Stamford Downtown Special Services District
03/31/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0 for publication
8. LR24.83 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Re-Publication; **APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**
tax abatement request for property located at 45
Atlantic Street, owned by Stamford Center for the Arts.
11/08/96 - Submitted by Jennifer Hauhuth, Esq.
12/02/96 - Held in Committee
01/06/97 - Held in Committee
02/03/97 - Held in Committee
02/11/97 - Placed on Pending Agenda
03/31/97 - Committee voted 11-0-0 for republication

Chairwoman Nakian stated that Item No. 8, LR24.83 is submitted for republication. It had been approved for publication and was up for final adoption, however, a substantive change in the ordinance was made. Chairwoman Nakian moved the original ordinance; said motion was seconded. Chairwoman Nakian moved the amendment, which changes paragraph No. 5 to provide that the tax exempt status being granted for this property be reviewed by the Office of the Tax Assessor at the time that a certificate of occupancy is issued. At that time, it will determined what percentage of the building qualifies for a tax exemption. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The main motion was approved by voice vote.

Chairwoman Nakian moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Randall Skigen, Chairman
Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at 7:10 p.m. Present were Reps. Fedeli, Fortunato, Lasko, Loglisci, MacInnis, Skigen and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Ventura and Giordano; Thomas Haselkamp, Director of Labor Relations (Item No. 3); William Stover, Labor Relations Specialist (Item No. 3); Richard Robinson, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel (Item Nos. 2 and 3); Thomas Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs (Item Nos. 2 and 5); Mayor Malloy (Item No. 5); Thomas Hamilton, Director of Administration (Item No. 6); Paul Shapero, Mary Jane Signore, Sal Signore, Harriet Roth and Barry Kaplan, Benefits Manager (Item No. 2).

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| 1. P24.03 | <p>DISCUSSION; 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 - Recommendations given to Personnel Committee
02/13/97 - Held by Board of Finance
03/13/97 - Recommendations given to Personnel Committee by Board of Finance
04/02/97 - Held in Committee</p> | <p>HELD IN
COMMITTEE</p> |
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Chairman Skigen stated the Committee voted to hold this matter in view of the recommended changes made by the Board of Finance. The item should be returned in the next month or so by the Personnel Commission.

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| 2. P24.09 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u>; Concerning pensions for Certain Private and Parochial School Workers who were Laid off Due to Budget Cuts re: Mary Jane Signore and Harriet Roth.
01/21/97 - Submitted by Paul D. Shapero, Esq.</p> | <p>HELD IN
COMMITTEE</p> |
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02/11/97 - Held in Committee

04/02/97 - Held in Committee

Chairman Skigen stated the Committee voted to hold this item pending receipt of information from corporation counsel's office.

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| 3. P24.11 | APPROVAL; of wage agreement between City of Stamford and the City Attorney's Union Local 1303-191.
02/14/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/02/97 - Committee voted 4-0-3 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
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| 4. P24.13 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ; establishing and eliminating certain positions in connection with reorganization of the City's personnel and labor relations functions: designating certain positions as unclassified.
03/07/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/02/97 - Committee voted 6-0-01 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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| 5. P24.14 | APPROVAL; Contract between City of Stamford and the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) to provide workers compensation administration services for the City of Stamford.
03/11/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/02/97 - Committee voted 7-0-0 | APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE |

Rep. Zelinsky requested Item No. 5, P24.14, be removed from the Consent Agenda. Chairman Skigen stated that the Personnel Committee report addresses this item. CIRMA provides workers compensation administration services to approximately 130 of the 169 municipalities in the State. The contract is for three years and is based on the number of claims filed and past history. The administration is estimating that the cost will be approximately \$432,000. The contract will be effective July 1, 1997 and replaces the current contract with Kemper Insurance, which has cost the City approximately \$335,000. The services provided by Kemper under the current contract are not as comprehensive as those offered by CIRMA in that CIRMA offers a PPO, a loss control service, a 1-800 reporting service, heart and hypertension and a return to work program. The selection committee believes that all of these services would in the long run yield a much greater savings to the City. Kemper had bid under the RFP and was a finalist, but the members felt that the CIRMA proposal offered better services and better administration. Rep. Skigen moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that Kemper's bid was \$78,000 lower than CIRMA's. He questioned Director Hamilton at length and received a response this evening from him regarding his questions. However, Rep. Zelinsky has not received an answer to his question whether Kemper can provide the same services, and, if so, at what cost. Further, Rep. Zelinsky stated that he hoped that in the future the City labor force would not be jeopardized as a result of changing carriers. Further, he does not see where there is any financial benefit in changing carriers and as such, he will be voting against this item. The item was approved by voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3 and 4, was approved by voice vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL/ - Paul Esposito &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen**
Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 1997
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Esposito stated that the Planning & Zoning Committee met on Thursday, April 3, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room for a public hearing. No members of the present were in attendance. Present were Reps. Esposito, Boccuzzi, DePina, Abbazia, Skigen, Sherer, Kuzlik, MacInnis and White.

1. PZ24.05	<p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u>; designating the Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Board as the person responsible for the control of trees and shrubs within any City property and public rights-of-way. 11/26/96 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/06/97 - Held in Committee 01/29/97 - Committee voted to hold publication for one month 02/03/97 - Approved by Committee & Held for Publication 02/27/97 - Committee voted 5-0-0 for publication 04/03/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0</p>	<p>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</p>
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Said motion was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Lucy Corelli, Co-Chairs

Chairman Owens reported that the Public Works Committee did not meet.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE - Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., Chair
Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Curtis stated that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, March 20, 1997 in the Democratic Caucus Room at 7:00 p.m. to hold a public hearing on Item Nos. 1 and 2 below. Present were Committee Members Reps. Curtis, DePina, Corelli, Gergle and Romaniello; excused were Reps. Leydon and Drucker. Also present was Rep. Giordano. No members of the public were present to speak on the items.

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| 1. PS24.14 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u>;
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.
01/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/19/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0
03/20/97 - Committee voted 5-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 2. PS24.15 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Final Adoption</u>;
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.
01/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/19/97 - Committee voted 6-0-0
03/20/97 - Committee voted 5-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. PS24.16 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u>; amending Chapter 132, Article III, of the Code of Ordinances concerning the publication of names of food service establishment violators.
02/26/97 - Submitted by Rep. Ponzini
03/20/97 - Committee voted to hold | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

4. PS24.17 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication; amending **HELD IN**
Chapter 132, Article IV of the Code of Ordinance **COMMITTEE**
concerning the publication of the names of retail food stores
violators.
02/26/97 - Submitted by Rep. Ponzini
03/20/97 - Committee voted to hold

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Mary Fedeli & Herman Alswanger, Co-Chairs
Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 1997
6:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, April 2,
1997 at 6:30 in the Republican Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Alswanger, Fedeli, Fox,
Giordano, Romaniello and Sherer. Others present were Reps. DeLuca; Golf Commission
members Mr. MacInnis and Mr. Valmus and several members of the public.

1. PR24.05 APPROVAL; E. Gaynor Brennan 1997 golf fees. **ITEM FAILED**
02/11/97 - Received by Michael Dale, Manager **MACHINE**
E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course **VOTE (18 Yes,**
02/24/97 - Committee voted approval, with amendments **20 No)**
03/03/97 - Fee increases approved; grandfathering clause
sent back to Committee
04/02/97 - Committee voted 3-3 to amend fees (to grandfather
in those turning 62 in 1997)

Rep. Fedeli stated that the portion of the fees regarding the increasing of the age limit to 65 for
senior citizen golf passes was held at the last meeting. The Committee passed the schedule with
the following changes: the age for the senior pass was changed from 62 to 65; those currently
holding a pass would be grandfathered; the people effected would be those turning 62 during
1997. Rep. Fedeli stated that after much discussion, there was a motion to amend. The
amendment was to grandfather those turning 62 during the 1997 calendar year. The Committee's
vote resulted in a 3-3 tie, which means the item failed. Therefore, since the Committee did not
vote on the former fees that had been proposed, the Committee needs to move to bring this item
out of committee for discussion tonight.

Rep. Sherer stated that he believed at the last meeting the Committee, meeting for the last
meeting, voted 8-0 in favor of the change by the Golf Commission. It was reported to the full
board as the vote. Then, the full board, upon a motion to hold, approved the motion to hold and

sent it back to the committee for the amendment. The Committee therefore already voted on the original motion (8-0) to accept the Golf Commission's request to raise the age to 65. Therefore, the actions of the Committee at the prior meeting should still be valid.

President Domonkos stated that when an item is returned to committee to be considered, first the Committee votes to amend, then, if it passes, a vote on the main motion is taken. If it fails, then a vote on the original item is taken. This is within a committee, because the committee votes just like the full board. As President Domonkos understands it, the main item was not voted on by the full committee. Thus, there is no recommendation by the Committee. If the full board wants to consider raising the age, then the item must be taken out of Committee. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Fedeli stated the motion: to change the age for the senior pass from age 62 to age 65, grandfathering those who currently have passes (i.e., those age 63 and 64); said motion was seconded. President Domonkos stated that if the representatives want the age raised to 65 at Brennan Golf Course, with the 63 and 64 year olds grandfathered in this year, representatives should vote yes. If representatives do not want the age raised, they should vote no. If the motion fails, the fees will revert to the fees charged now, i.e., those who are 62 will have senior passes. A machine vote was held, and the motion failed, 18 Yes, 20 No.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - John F. Leydon, Jr., Chairman
Meeting: Monday, March 24, 1997
5:00 p.m. - Dolan School Auditorium

Chairman Leydon stated that the Committee met on March 24, 1997, in conjunction with the Fiscal Committee. Present were Reps. Leydon, Romaniello, Drucker, Giordano, Loglisci and Ventura. Absent and excused were Reps. Alswanger, Johnson and Mitchell. The Committee concurred with Fiscal, as previously reported.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Alice Fortunato, Chairwoman

1. UR24.02	UPDATE; Blocks 8 and 9 Project and presentation by Corcoran-Jennison Group.	REPORT MADE
	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	
	03/03/97 - No report	

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE -

Ellen Mellis, Chairwoman

Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 1997

6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Mellis stated that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Mitchell, Johnson, Gaztambide, Davis, Kuzlik and Mellis. Rep. Fortunato was excused. Also present were Rep. Summerville; Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development; Ed Schwartz, Director of the Stamford Housing Authority; and Donna Matire, Director, Exchange Club Crisis Program.

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| 1. HCD24.09 | DISCUSSION regarding Year 23 Community Development Block Grant Program recommendations and Public Hearing (3/18/97).
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
03/18/97 - Public Hearing Held | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Chairwoman Mellis stated that a public hearing was held as required by HUD and revised recommendations were discussed. The item will continue to be held until next month.

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| 2. HCD24.06 | REVIEW; of subgrantees for Community Development Block Grant Funding - Stamford Housing Authority.
10/10/96 - Submitted by Rep Mellis (D-13)
11/06/96 - Report Made
12/02/96 - Report Made
01/06/97 - No Report
02/03/97 - No Report
03/03/97 - No Report | REPORT
MADE |
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Chairwoman Mellis stated that concerns regarding projects that had not gone forward were discussed, and Mr. Schwartz requested that funding be reallocated to other projects proposed in this year's budget. The Committee voted to approve these recommendations. Because the Board does not have to approve these, no further action is required.

3. HCD24.10

APPROVAL; of transfers to the contingency line of
remaining funds from projects, as follows:

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Account	Project	Amount
94-050-4004	UL Focus on Youth	\$ 2,769.28
94-013-3333	SHA Vidal Elev.	\$32,000.00
94-013-3332	SHA Clinton Intcom	\$11,000.00

03/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/18/97 - Committee approved transfers & held

Chairwoman Mellis reported that the Committee voted to approve these transfers, and this item will be held when a vote on a complete, revised budget will be held.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Robert DeLuca, Chairman

Chairman DeLuca stated he had no report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

Chairman Summerville stated she had no report.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution urging Swiss Bank Corporation to help facilitate and ensure a just and quick accounting and restitution of those assets belonging to Holocaust victims, survivors and their heirs.

02/06/97 - Submitted by Reps. Loglisci, Sherer and Ventura

02/11/97 - Held in Committee

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

2. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution commending Wild Wings and its volunteers for assisting injured wildlife.

02/13/97 - Submitted by Rep. Giordano (D-10)

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

3. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution acknowledging the contributions of Jackie Robinson on the 50th anniversary of his breaking the color barrier.

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

03/10/97 - Submitted by Rep. Sherer (R-18)

Suspension of the Rules:

Rep. Martin moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 4, below; said motion was seconded, and approved by voice vote.

4. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution commemorating the dedication of the New Chestnut Hill Park Playground.
04/07/97 - Submitted by Reps. Martin, Domonkos, Mellis, Nakian, Sherer, Skigen, Weiner and Ventura

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

MINUTES

1. March 3, 1997 Regular Board Meeting

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos stated that the budget meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 1997.
2. President Domonkos stated that a survey regarding technology has been distributed and requested all representatives return the questionnaire.
3. President Domonkos stated that the Water Pollution Control Authority budget has been distributed and states the fee that the citizens will be charged.
4. President Domonkos stated that a memorandum regarding the Palace Theater has been distributed regarding the RFP that has gone out.
5. President Domonkos stated that the committee considering the Parks Master Plan has met, and she has the report, which is available for review by any representative.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.