Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m.

INVOCATION: By Rep. O’Neill

“Dear Lord, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon our fair and blooming city. Grant us the wisdom to represent our citizens fairly. May this be the time and this be the place where the dreams of Dr. King and John F. Kennedy are realized at last. May all our children and their families have equal opportunities to benefit from our efforts to improve our city. May we strive for excellence in all we do. Amen”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Acting Clerk of the Board Ellen Mellis. There were thirty-six members present. Absent and excused were Reps. Fortunato, Gaztambide, Sherer (Rep. Sherer arrived at 9:15 p.m.), Mobilio and Summerville; absent was Rep. Biancardi.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: The machine was in good working order.

PAGES:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:
Eugene John Corde, by Rep. Giordano;
Joseph Cognetta, by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Jay W. Darling, by Rep. Giordano;  
Guy Arnow, by Rep. Giordano;  
Elaine Scalise Twardy, by Reps. Boccuzzi, Fedeli, and Loglisci; and  

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:  Meeting:  Wednesday, April 12, 2000  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved taking the  
Transportation Committee report out of order.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
Gabe DeLuca, Chair  
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2000  
6:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at  
6:30 p.m.  Present were committee members Deluca, Nanos, Blackwell, Giordano, and  
Zelinsky; also present was Moira McNulty, Customer Relations Bureau.

1.  T25.023  PROPOSED ORDINANCE;  for final adoption;  RETURNED TO  
amending Chapter 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the  COMMITTEE  
Code of Ordinances to provide for fines for parking  BY UNANIMOUS  
violations; fines to increase from $10 to $17 for  VOICE VOTE  
overtime/meter parking; from $20 to $27 for Class II  
violations; from $35 to $42 for Class II violations and  
from $85 to $92 for Class IV violations.  
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/27/00 - Committee approved 4-0-0  
04/04/00 - Approved for publication  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 5-0-0

Rep. DeLuca stated that there was an error on the Committee Notice with regard to the timing  
of the public hearing. The Committee did vote to approve the item by a vote of 5-0-0, and  
after this vote, members of the public arrived to attend the public hearing. Chair DeLuca  
stated he would like to hold the item for a month to allow the public another opportunity to  
speak.
The motion to hold the item was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**  Paul A. Esposito, Chair  
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2000  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Esposito, Boccuzzi, Blackwell, Loglisci, Corelli, Mellis and Nanos.

1. A25.141  **School Building Committee**  
Antonio Iadarola, Repl. Liu  
City Engineer  
Term Expires: N/A  
03/13/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0  
**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

2. A25.142  **Urban Redevelopment Commission**  
James I. Nixon (R), Reappoint.  
337 Mayapple Road (Exp. 8/1/98)  
Stamford, CT 06903-1310  
Term Expires: 08/01/03  
03/15/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0  
**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

3. A25.143  **Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Michael A. Greenberg (R), Reappoint.  
60 Nutmeg Lane (Exp. 12/1/99)  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Term Expires: 12/01/02  
03/24/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0  
**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

4. A25.144  **Southwestern Regional Planning Agency**  
Jack Halpert (R), Repl. Klein  
31 Puritan Lane (Exp. 3/15/98)  
Stamford, CT 06903-2503  
Term Expires: 03/15/02  
03/24/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0  
**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
5. A25.146  Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)  
John Morrow (R)  Repl. White  
166 Idlewood Drive (Exp. 12/1/99)  
Stamford, CT  06905  
Term Expires:  12/01/04  
03/17/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

6. A25.147  APPROVAL; of extension of Mr. Timothy Curtin’s  
status as Acting Director of Operations.  
04/12/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/18/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that John Morrow is on another commission and advised that Mr. 
Morrow agreed to resign from this other committee if he is appointed to the Zoning Board of 
Appeals.

Rep Skigen stated that again he would request that the Appointments Committee require any 
future appointee, who is serving on another committee, to submit a resignation contingent on 
the approval to the new commission at the time of the Appointments Committee meeting.

President Domonkos asked if a letter of resignation was presented to them the night of the 
meeting, and Rep. Boccuzzi replied that such a letter was not requested at that time. Rep. 
Boccuzzi stated he would request that a letter of resignation be submitted.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Consent 
Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 6, was approved.

FISCAL COMMITTEE  
David Martin, Chair  
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2000  
8:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Martin reminded everyone that the Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday (tomorrow night).

Vice Chair Owens reported that the Fiscal Committee met on April 17, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. 
Present were Committee Members Giordano, Lyons, Mellis, Loglisci, Deluca, Poltrack and 
Owens. Also present were Jeannette Brown, WPCA Director; and Manny Poola, Traffic 
Engineer.
1. F25.221 REVIEW; of accounting and overtime related to the City of Stamford’s maintenance contract with the Board of Education.
11/22/99 - Submitted by President Domonkos
12/20/99 - Committee voted to hold
02/28/00 - Report Made & Held in Committee
03/20/00 - Held in Committee
04/17/00 - Report Made

Secondary Committee: Education

2. F25.243 RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Connecticut to receive maximum state funding for the purpose of increasing the capacity and quality of School Readiness and Child Day Care; amount of grant: $2,608,619.
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

3. F25.244 RESOLUTION; regarding the 2000/01 Women’s, Infant’s and Children’s (WIC) Nutrition Program; amount of grant: $340,000.
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

4. F25.245 RESOLUTION; regarding a Maternal and Child Health Grant; amount of grant: $156,386.
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

5. F25.246 RESOLUTION; regarding the 2000/01 Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program; amount of grant: $93,515.
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

6. F25.247 RESOLUTION; authorizing application under the Social Services Block Grant for a program of Counseling Services to the Elderly; amount of grant: $54,888.
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

7. **F25.248**  
RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Education regarding a Quality Enhancement Program; amount of grant: $142,464.  
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

8. **F25.249**  
RESOLUTION; regarding the 2000/01 Aids Risk Reduction Program; amount of grant: $532,974.  
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

9. **F25.250**  
RESOLUTION; authorizing a contract for a Community Employment Incentive Program; amount of grant: $89,864.  
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

10. **F25.251**  
RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the State Health Department regarding a Childhood Immunization Program; amount of grant: $66,620.  
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

11. **F25.252**  
RESOLUTION; authorizing an application for School Construction Grants.  
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

12. **F25.253**  
RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file an application and enter into agreement with the State Department of Health Services for the purpose of providing a program of Health Education/Risk Reduction for Stamford Residents; amount of grant: $19,650.  
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0
13. F25.254 RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Connecticut for funding assistance regarding operation of the Stamford Day Care Program; amount of grant: $1,648,296. 
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

14. F25.256 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded Special Revenues Fund); Health Department; STD Grant; increase to 1999-2000 annual allocation; funds to be used for computers and office supplies, travel and fees for conferences and educational videos. 
04/03/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 
04/13/00 - Approved by Board of Finance 
04/17/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health  
Concur

15. F25.257 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Department; to purchase three motorcycles and related equipment to allow police to provide greater traffic enforcement and pedestrian control. 
04/03/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 
04/13/00 - Approved by Board of Finance 
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health  
Concur

16. F25.258 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Public Safety, Health & Welfare; 911 Communications; to fund a consultant to oversee the establishment of pre-arrival medical instructions by 911 operators. 
04/03/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 
04/13/00 - Approved by Board of Finance 
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health  
Concur

17. F25.259 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
APPROVED
$1,250,000.00 Jefferson/Dock Street Connector; Urban Transitway; one mile transit way that will improve access to the Stamford Transportation Center including exclusive lanes for buses and other high occupancy vehicles.  
04/03/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/11/00 - Approved by Planning Board  
04/24/00 - Approved by Board of Finance  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Secondary Committee: Operations  
Concur

18. F25.260 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating  
$554,062.00 Budget); to fund recently-settled UAW contract; funds to reimburse department accounts for retroactive payments from 7/1/99 through 6/30/00; to cover regular salaries, part-time, permanent part time and overtime.  
04/07/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/13/00 - Approved by Board of Finance  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Personnel  
Concur

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 18, was approved.

Suspension of the Rules:  

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item. This item was inadvertently not submitted to the Board office in time for Steering and because they are grant applications, they are of a time sensitive nature.

19. F25.261 RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file applications and to execute contracts with the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.  
04/14/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Vice Chair Owens stated that this grant relates to the Dial-A-Ride program, and will be in the amount of $452,714. Vice Chair Owens moved this item; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.
Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item. This item was inadvertently not submitted to the Board office in time for Steering and because they are grant applications, they are of a time sensitive nature.

20. F25.262 RESOLUTION; authorizing an application for School Construction Grants; projects to include Turn of River and Westhill Roof Replacements.

04/14/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/17/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Vice Chair Owens stated that this resolution is to replace the Turn of River School roof, which will cost approximately $392,650, and Westhill’s roof, for approximately $1,527,000. The state will reimburse approximately 27% of the costs of these roof replacements.

President Domonkos stated that this resolution is to allow the City to apply for the money.

Vice Chair Owens moved this item; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

Maria Nakian, Chair
William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reports that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, April 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Nakian, MacInnis, Esposito, Skigen, Day and Fedeli. Representatives, Mitchell, Spandow and Zelinsky were excused. Also present was John Hogan, Board of Tax Review; Mayor Dannel Malloy; and Andrew McDonald, Corporation Counsel. Public hearings were held on Item Nos. 2 and 3.

1. LR25.101 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; granting a tax abatement to The First Haitian Free Methodist Church of Stamford, for four lots bounded by Virgil Street, Dryden Street and Minor Place.

11/04/99 - Submitted by Howard C. Kaplan, Esq., Wofsey Rosen et al
02/28/00 - Held in Committee
04/04/00 - Held in Committee
04/24/00 - Held in Committee

HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. LR25.110 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; providing for a tax abatement for property located at

APPROVED ON CONSENT
3. **LR25.111** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; establishing a personal property taxing district.

Chair Nakian stated that this ordinance establishes a city wide taxing district for personal property, which was taxed at the same rate as the A district. Chair Nakian explained that the adoption of the uniform depreciation schedule this year allows electronic data processing equipment to be depreciated over 3 years rather than the 10 years. This will result in $9 million in reduced personal property tax revenues. This will be countered by establishing this new taxing district. The intent of the ordinance was to phase in the tax reduction, although it was not stated in the body of the ordinance. Mr. McDonald has recommended that the Board amend the ordinance to indicate the intent by moving the *whereas* clause into the body of the ordinance.

Rep. O’Neill stated that he felt the changes are substantial enough to warrant republication of the ordinance before the Board votes on adoption.

Rep. Martin stated that the amendment basically brings the preamble back into the body of the ordinance, and he felt that it was not a material change.

Rep. Skigen stated that our rules provide that the Board itself can waive republication if the matter is time-sensitive or of an emergency nature. Rep. Skigen stated that this clearly would have a major fiscal impact on the mill rate that will be set before the Board’s next meeting by the Board of Finance. Rep. Skigen concluded by saying that even if it were determined that this amendment constituted a material change, it is an emergency and time-sensitive situation; therefore, the Board can waive republication.


Rep. O’Neill stated that he is aware this is a time sensitive issue, however, it is such an important issue that he feels clarity is necessary.

Rep. Mellis stated that Mr. Sherer has joined the meeting.

Chair Nakian moved Item No. LR25.111; said motion was seconded. Chair Nakian moved an amendment to this item, which consisted of moving the last *whereas* clause into the body of the ordinance, becoming Item No. 3. and eliminating Paragraph 4 in the
Chair Nakian moved to amend the amendment to the ordinance by striking the words “or less than” from the new Paragraph Number 3. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. O’Neill abstaining).

A motion was made to waive re-publication; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. O’Neill opposed).

The main motion was moved and seconded; said motion was approved by voice vote (Reps. Shapiro opposed; Rep. O’Neill abstained).

4. LR25.112 RESOLUTION; establishing a personal property taxing district.
   04/05/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   04/13/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
   04/24/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Nakian moved Item No. LR25.112; said motion was seconded. Chair Nakian moved an amendment to this item, which consisted of moving the last Whereas clause into the body of the ordinance, becoming Item No. 3, and eliminating Paragraph 4 in the body of the resolution. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Nakian stated that in the opinion of Corporation Counsel, the proper way to create a new taxing district is by having a resolution passed by both the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives. The resolution is identical to the ordinance, and it was amended by the Committee in the same form as the ordinance.

Chair Nakian moved to amend the amendment to the resolution by striking the words “or less than” from the new Paragraph Number 3. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The main motion was moved and seconded; said motion was approved by voice vote (Reps. Shapiro opposed).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Randall Skigen, Chair
Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
Chair Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Boccuzzi, Cannady, Gasparini, Loglisci, MacInnis, Skigen and Spandow. Representatives Fedeli and Fortunato were excused. Also present was Fred Manfredonia, Personnel Specialist; Andrew McDonald, Director of Legal Affairs; Sybil Richards, Proposed Deputy Corporation Council; Anthony Mazzullo, Superintendent of Schools; John Chardavoyne, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Dudley Williams, Board of Education President; and David Exline, UAW President Local 2377.

1. **P25.070**

   **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;**

   concerning the repeal of Chapter II, Article I concerning fees for examinations.

   12/16/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

   02/07/00 - Held in Committee

   03/29/00 - Held in Committee

   04/26/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

   APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Corelli opposed)

Chair Skigen moved Item No. P25.070; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Corelli opposed).

2. **P25.073**

   **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;**

   changing the application fee for fire and police department applicants to an examination fee.

   02/16/00 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen

   03/29/00 - Held in Committee

   04/26/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

   APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Mitchell & Corelli opposed)

Chair Skigen moved Item No. P25.073; said motion was seconded.

Chair Skigen stated that when Item No. 1 was submitted, it repealed all fees for examinations. A number of members of the Board made it clear to the Department of Human Resources that although consideration would be given to eliminating fees for examinations and applications (other than police and fire), that the Board would not consider eliminate police and fire exams because of the cost of giving those exams.

Rep. Skigen continued by stating that Human Resources then came back with the second ordinance. Human Resources advised that collecting the application fee creates much more administrative hassles for the Department than collecting the fee at the time of the examination. Rep. Skigen stated the only change in the second ordinance is to change the fee from an application to an examination fee.

Chair Skigen stated that when the Board first approved these fees, the Personnel Commission established the fee. They will continue to establish the fee again, subject to the Board of Representatives’ approval.
Rep. Zelinsky stated that he does not know if other municipalities charge a fee, but he recalls, in some back up information that was distributed, there was some type of negative impact associated with asking people to pay the application fee. Rep. Zelinsky asked why a good candidate would elect to apply in Stamford (where there is a fee) when other municipalities don’t charge these fees. Rep. Zelinsky asked what the amount of the fee would be.

Chair Skigen replied that the Board will have to wait and see how much the Personnel Commission sets for a fee, and the fee will be set before the next exam is given for either Police or Fire.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he was under the impression that the $25 fee was still in effect as of now. Chair Skigen confirmed that the $25 fee is still in effect.

3. P25.064 ORDINANCE; for publication; of feasibility of providing a deferred compensation plan for elected, appointed and unclassified officials.  
11/03/99 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen  
02/07/00 - Held in Committee  
02/16/00 - Held in Steering Committee  
03/29/00 - Held in Committee  
04/26/00 - Held in Committee

4. P25.065 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; creating the position of Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools.  
11/05/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/12/00 - Removed from Agenda  
02/11/00 - Resubmitted by Superintendent Mazzullo  
03/06/00 - Approved for publication  
03/29/00 - Held in Committee  
04/26/00 - Committee approved 6-1-0

Chair Skigen moved Item No. P25.065; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the Superintendent is doing a fantastic job. He also stated that he was concerned about abolishing a civil service position and establishing an unclassified position. Rep. Zelinsky stated that the Board could be opening up a Pandora’s box in that if another department head feels he/she wants a non-civil service employee, the Board will have set a precedent for this practice.

Rep. Zelinsky added that everyone should have received a memo from the president of the UAW stating that they are opposed to the creation of this unclassified position of special assistant. Rep. Zelinsky stated that this will bypass the civil service system and
allow the city to hire whoever it wants for this particular position. Rep. Zelinsky added that it would be very discouraging for long term city employees because it denies them the chance for advancement. Rep. Zelinsky concluded by saying that he is uncomfortable voting for this item.

Rep. Zelinsky then asked what the title of the previous position was.

Chair Skigen replied that based on what Dr. Mazzullo advised the Committee, he believed that the position was titled executive secretary. Rep. Skigen explained that when Dr. Mazzullo came on back in July of last year, the union was contacted and asked whether the Board of Ed could hire a temporary employee from outside the civil service system, and a temporary employee is currently serving in this capacity.

President Domonkos stated that some years ago, under Mr. Nast, there was an administrative assistant who retired. At that time, they reduced the position to executive secretary, which is what it currently is.

Rep. Lyons stated that he does not think it is anyone’s intent to eliminate union jobs, and the superintendent seems to be on the right track. He added that this is a difficult managerial position, there is a lot of confidential information and management decisions regarding personnel, staffing, and schools have to be made. He stated that any executive needs the confidence and assurance that their main office administrator is someone who they can trust and have the utmost confidence in.

The item was approved by machine vote.

5. P25.074 APPROVAL; of employment contract between the City of Stamford and the Deputy Corporation Counsel. 04/12/00 - Submitted by Andrew J. McDonald, Esq. 04/26/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Chair Skigen moved Item No. P25.074; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether this person was hired to handle the legal issues of our two constables, Ralph Serafino and John Gallup, who were recently cited in a multi-million dollar federal civil rights lawsuit. Chair Skigen replied this was not true.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that according to the employee contract, the individual resides in New Haven. Rep. Zelinsky asked if she would be required to move to Stamford. Chair Skigen replied that she would not be required to reside in Stamford.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if this was a new position or if it replaces an old position. Chair Skigen replied that this position has been in the charter for a number of years but has not been funded in the past.
Chair Skigen stated that Ms. Richards comes from New Haven, where she is one of four deputy corporation counsels, in addition to 12 or 14 assistant corporation counsels. The funds are available in the budget, and they are not asking for an additional appropriation for the six weeks of this fiscal year.

Rep Zelinsky stated that the employee will receive 15 vacation days beginning with the fiscal year that starts July 1, 2000, so that means we are hiring her and in less than a year she will receive two weeks’ vacation. Rep. Zelinsky asked whether Section 9 in the contract, deferred compensation, is new or whether other city employees have this available to them.

Chair Skigen replied that Chief Esserman, Mr. Haselkamp, Dr. Iton and a couple of others have this benefit. Chair Skigen stated that Item No. 3 on the Personnel Committee’s agenda, was designed to try to get around these contract provisions by putting in place something that would be uniform for all elected, appointed and unclassified employees.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether under Other Benefits, Section 10, the City is required to pay the employee’s occupation tax and Connecticut and Stamford regional bar association dues. Chair Skigen replied that it is correct. Rep. Zelinsky stated that others who have to have licenses have to pay for them out of their own pockets and their employer does not pay for it. Rep. Zelinsky asked whether the Board can amend this contract.

President Domonkos stated the contract can be amended.

Chair Skigen stated all of assistant corporation councils employed by the City are members of a union, and the union contract provides that the City will pay occupational taxes and bar dues. The item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LAND USE COMMITTEE  Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair  
Patrick White, Co-Chair  
Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2000  
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Sherer reported that the Land Use Committee met on Thursday, April 27, 2000. Present were committee members Reps. White, Sherer, Spandow, Loglisci, Nakian, Boccuzzi and O’Neil. Also present was Rep. Deluca; and a public member Mrs. Foster who is a representative of Westfield Court.

1. LU25.039  RESOLUTION; for final adoption; concerning building permit fees - general; existing fees are $10 per $1,000; new fees are $10 per $1,000 for residential and $16 per $1,000 for commercial.  
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/30/00 - Committee approved 6-0-1  
APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE  
(Reps. Corelli, Imbrogno & Day opposed)
Chair Sherer moved Item No. LU25.039; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Day stated that this is the first vote in a series about raising fees and his comments apply to all fees. Rep. Day stated he is not against raising user fees per se, however he believes such increases ought to be justified by an increased cost to the City in providing the services. Rep. Day stated that all of the increases were supported by analyses of revenues which could be realized by raising the fees and that no analyses were provided demonstrating a rational link between the cost of the service and the fee charged. Rep. Day stated that there seems to be an attempt to create multiple and discreet profit centers inside our government in order to avoid raising property taxes, and as such, he cannot support them.

Chair Sherer stated that it was clearly articulated that these fees were strictly based on revenue and not at all based on supporting additional services. Rep. Sherer stated that this question was asked in Committee and it was clearly pointed out to the Committee that the fee increases were strictly for the purpose of raising money.

The item was approved by voice vote (Reps. Corelli, Imbrogno and Day opposed).

2. LU25.040 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; concerning housing license fees (administered by the Health Department); adds new apartment license for buildings with 40 or more apartments and assisted living and continuing care residence license; rooming house license increases from $75 and $10 per unit to $180 and $55 per unit; hotel license increases from $100 plus $10 per unit to $250 plus $75 per unit. 03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/30/00 - Committee approved 5-0-1 04/04/00 - Approved for publication 04/27/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Chair Sherer reported that this item was amended in Committee by changing Item No. 3 to a Rooming House License, Item No. 4 to a Hotel license; and Item No. 5 to an Assisted Living and Continuing Care Residence License. The Committee’s changes were forwarded to all board members.

Chair Sherer moved Item No. LU25.040; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Reps. Corelli, Imbrogno and Day opposed).

3. LU25.041 RESOLUTION; for final adoption; concerning miscellaneous building permit fees and other fees for APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (as
services administered by the Health Department; various fees to increase 40%.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/30/00 - Committee approved 5-0-1
04/04/00 - Approved for publication
04/27/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Chair Sherer moved Item No. LU25.041; said motion was seconded.

Chair Sherer moved to make the following changes: change the first category, “New/Rebuilt Dwelling Disposal System” with a fee of $350 to “New Dwelling Disposal System” with a fee of $350.00; add a second category of “Rebuilt Dwelling Disposal System” with a fee of $250. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Sherer moved Item No. LU25.041 as amended; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Reps. Corelli, Fedeli, Imbrogno, Loglisci and Day opposed).

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Susan Nabel, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present was committee members Reps. Corelli, Biancardi, Nanos, Hunter, Imbrogno, Nabel, and Owens. Rep. Zelinsky was excused. Also present was, Dena Diorio, Director of OPM; Michael Kraynak, Director of Environmental Inspections; and Manny Poola, Traffic Engineer.

1. O25.027 RESOLUTION; for final adoption; setting fees for use of the public scale and for a weighing and measuring device license; fees to increase by 40%.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/23/00 - Committee approved publication 6-0-0
04/25/00 - Committee approved 6-1-0

Chair Owens moved Item No. 1; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated he believes 40% for a revenue-driven, and not cost-related fee increase, is high and moved to amend the increase to 20%.

Rep. Owens stated that the fee increase is from $25 to $35.

Rep. Loglisci’s motion to amend the increase to 20% failed by voice vote.
Chair Owens moved Item No. O25.027; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Reps. Corelli, Cannady, Fedeli, Sherer, Loglisci and Day opposed).

2. O25.028 RESOLUTION; for final adoption; concerning tree spraying equipment fees; fee to increase from $40 to $56.  
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/23/00 - Committee approved publication 6-0-0  
04/25/00 - Committee approved 6-1-0  
APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Corelli & Day opposed)

Chair Owens moved Item No. O25.028; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Reps. Corelli and Day opposed).

3. O25.030 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; amending Section 137-8 of the Code of Ordinances concerning permits for the collection and transfer of refuse by enabling fees to be set by resolution.  
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/23/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0  
04/04/00 - Approved for publication  
04/25/00 - Committee approved 5-1-0  
APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Corelli, Fedeli, Loglisci and Day opposed)

Chair Owens moved Item No. O25.030; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the ordinance says that “no person can remove or no person shall collect or transfer dead animals or decayed vegetable matter.” Rep. Loglisci asked if this means that homeowners can’t move these things.

Rep Martin stated it relates to transport for fee and haulers. Rep. Martin added that the wording is identical to the existing ordinance.

Rep. Loglisci added that there may be a mistake in the ordinance because this says that if someone has a dead animal and they are trying to get rid of it somewhere, he doesn’t believe they want to spend a lot of time getting a permit from the health department. Rep. Loglisci stated this also applies to decayed vegetable matter, such as grass and that sort of thing. Rep. Loglisci stated that if you want to remove this type of material from your property, the ordinance is saying you need a permit to do so. Rep. Loglisci suggested that the Board go back and look at this ordinance.

Rep. Owens stated that the ordinance is referring to permits for collection and it does not include residential homeowners.

The item was approved by voice vote (Reps. Corelli, Fedeli, Loglisci and Day opposed).
4. O25.029  RESOLUTION; for final adoption; concerning permit fees for the collection and transfer of refuse; fee to increase from $40 to $56.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/23/00 - Committee approved publication 6-0-0
04/25/00 - Committee approved 6-1-0

Rep. Martin moved to hold Item no. O25.029; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. O25.031  APPROVAL; of contract for the purchase of a used Rubber Tire Wheel Loader Caterpillar 966F or equal; amount of purchase: $229,605.
03/28/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/13/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/25/00 - Held in Committee

Rep. Martin moved to hold Item no. O25.029; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

6. O25.032  APPROVAL; of agreement with Fuss & O’Neill, Inc. for surveying and engineering services for the Stamford Urban Transitway (RFP No. 162); amount of contract: $359,012.
04/07/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/25/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote.
Vice Chair Corelli reports that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on April 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Corelli, Deluca, MacInnis, Kernan, and Skigen. Also present was Dena Diorio, OPM Director and Michael Kraynek, Health Department. Three members of the public attended, Gene Conrad, Joseph Kuntz, and Juliet Forrester.

1. PS25.028 RESOLUTION: for final adoption: concerning barbershop and hairdressing and/or cosmetology shop license fees; fees to increase from $50 to $70 for 1-5 stations; from $75 to $105 for 6-10 stations; and $100 to $140 for 10+ stations.

   03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   03/30/00 - Committee approved 7-1-0
   04/04/00 - Approved for publication
   05/01/00 - Committee approved 4-1-0

   APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 16-15 (record attached)

   Vice Chair Corelli moved Item No. PS25.028; said motion was seconded.

   Rep. Esposito moved to eliminate the increase for 1-5 stations; said motion was seconded.

   Rep. Esposito explained the reason he moved to keep the fee at $50 for 1-5 stations is basically a symbolic gesture as it is going to cost the City of Stamford $1,300 a year. While $20 a year more for a barbershop or hairdresser establishment is not a lot of money, he feels this is dealing with Stamford’s smallest businesses. Rep. Esposito stated that in the 4th district in the Cove, 25% of the businesses there are small barbershops and hairdressing establishments, probably with 1-3 stations, and he does not think it is a good message to send.

   The amendment failed by machine vote (15-16). A record of the vote is attached.

   The main motion was approved by machine vote (16-15), and a record of the vote is attached. Rep. Nakian’s voting machine buttons became inoperable and she indicated by voice vote that she would be voting Yes on this item.

2. PS25.029 PROPOSED ORDINANCE: for final adoption: amending Section 132-16 of the Code of Ordinances concerning food service establishments correcting the list of food service establishments to provide for

   APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps Loglisci, Corelli, Day and
additional categories of services requiring fees.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/30/00 - Committee approved 7-1-0
04/04/00 - Approved for publication
05/01/00 - Committee approved 5-1-0

Vice Chair Corelli moved Item No. PS25.029; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

3. PS25.031 RESOLUTION; for final adoption; increasing food service establishment license and service fees; various fees to increase by 40%.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/30/00 - Committee approved 7-1-0
05/01/00 - Committee approved 4-1-0

Vice Chair Corelli moved Item No. PS25.031; said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin moved to return the item to Committee; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. PS25.030 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; amending Chapter 143 (Health Standards) of the Code of Ordinances to provide for new miscellaneous health inspections, tests and inspection fees.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/30/00 - Committee approved 7-1-0
04/04/00 - Approved for publication
05/01/00 - Committee approved 5-1-0

Vice Chair Corelli moved Item No. PS25.030; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (Reps. Corelli, Loglisci, Imbrogno and Day opposed).

5. PS25.032 RESOLUTION; for final adoption; setting new fees for miscellaneous health inspections and tests.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/30/00 - Committee approved 7-1-0
05/01/00 - Committee approved 5-1-0

Vice Chair Corelli moved Item No. PS25.031; said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin moved to return the item to Committee; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Alswanger reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on April 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Alswanger, Cannady, Imbrogno, Lyons, O’Neill and Poltrack. Also present were Laurie Albano and Moira McNulty of Operations Dept.; Rep. Giordano; and Bob Darling from the public.

1. PR25.048 APPROVAL; for final adoption; of Recreation Services Program Fees for 2000.
01/19/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/24/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0
03/06/00 - Held in Committee
03/23/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0
04/18/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Corelli and Day opposed)

Co-Chair Alswanger moved item PR25.048; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Reps. Corelli and Day opposed).

2. PR25.052 APPROVAL and PUBLIC HEARING; of proposed user fees for Cubeta Stadium; new fees to apply to those 18 years of age and older at $40.
03/01/00 - Approved by Parks & Recreation Commission.
03/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/04/00 - No action taken
04/18/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Zelinsky, Shapiro, Loglisci, Corelli, Day opposed)

Rep. Alswanger moved item PR25.052; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Alswanger stated that Mr. Darling felt this was too much; the Committee told him that this was just for this year and it would revisit the fees the following year.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether after Mr. Darling heard the explanation, if he was still opposed?

Rep. Alswanger replied that he doesn’t believe Mr. Darling wants to be charged $20 a team, but it would probably mean another $1.50 to $1.75 per ball player, and the Committee approved it.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he has great respect for Mr. Darling, he’s been active in the recreation field for many years, and that if he feels that even this small amount is too much, he
thinks it is the principle here of charging the public that he is against. Also, this could
discourage the youth from playing. Rep. Zelinsky stated he would go along with Mr. Darling
and will vote against this.

Rep. Loglisci asked whether this was for all teams, from only Stamford teams or only out of
town teams?

Co-Chair Alswanger replied that it would be for all teams.

Rep Loglisci asked if there was any sort of fiscal backup that indicated it was costing a lot
more to use Cubeta than the fees that are currently being charged. Co-Chair Alswanger stated
that there was not this type of backup. He added that this was recommended to the Board
because of the substantial cost of the lights and the attendants that have to be there when the
lights are on. Rep. Loglisci stated that there is no explanation of the costs and if there they
were not driven by the need for additional revenue.

Co-Chair Alswanger stated that there is no question that there is cost factor here and certainly
it is very costly to have lights on and have attendants there at night. It is $40 per game at night
-- $20 per team -- and the day games would cost $30 and $15 per team.

Rep. Sherer stated that when Laurie Albano was at the meeting, it was very clear that there is a
great percentage of out-of-towners on these teams and it is not a Stamford thing. Rep. Sherer
stated it is not like these teams consist of Stamford kids -- it is an adult league and it is the old
twilight league from out of town.

Rep. Corelli asked why, if they are from out of town, are they playing on our fields. Co-Chair
Alswanger replied that the league has been going on for years with out-of-towners, however,
there are a number of Stamford residents on the teams. Mr. Alswanger stated that in order to
have a team of this caliber you need to have some out of town players for the competition. He
added that they don’t play all their games in Stamford, they go and play in other fields out of
town, and they pay their fees there.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether it would be possible to have the Stamford teams pay less than
the out of town teams”

Rep. Boccuzzi stated he doesn’t think this can be done because there are out-of-towners and
Stamford residents on the same team.

Rep. O’Neill stated that after speaking with Mr. Darling, he believes that a majority of the
players are Stamford residents. Their sponsors may be from out of town, but in fact, this
benefits many of our youth who live here in Stamford. Rep. O’Neill stated he believes it is
impractical charging different fees for different teams.

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice
vote. The item was approved by voice vote (Reps. Zelinsky, Shapiro, Loglisci, Day and
Corelli opposed.)
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room
- and -
Monday, April 17, 2000
8:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Chair Mellis reported the Education Committee met on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Nabel, Shapiro, Imbrogno, Green-Carter and Mellis. Excused were reps. Giordano, Fedeli, Day and Poltrack. Also present was Rep. Boccuzzi; Blackwell, DePina, Mitchell, Owens, and Summerville; Police Chief, Dean Esserman; Dr. Anthony Mazzullo, Superintendent of Schools; John Chardavoyn, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Dudley Williams Board of Education President; Board of Education members Chiquita Stephenson and Martin Levine; Michael Hayman, NAACP; Johnny Mae Britt; Miguel Garcia; Bob King; Robert Brown Jr.; Janie Brown; Antoinette Carter; Blanche Sumpter; Cynthia Courtney; Richard Wright; Tobin Coleman.

1. E25.033 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; concerning truancy and habitual truancy.
   12/15/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/07/00 - Held in Committee
   03/06/00 - Approved for Publication
   03/23/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0
   04/04/00 - Returned to Committee
   04/26/00 - Held in Committee

Chair Mellis moved to hold Item E25.033; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2000
6:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Monday, April 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. Present were committee members Shapiro, Corelli, Nakian, MacInnis, Loglisci, and Summerville.

1. URC25.06 REVIEW; of matter regarding the resolution extending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Southeast Quadrant Urban Renewal Project Connecticut, R-43 to July 5, 2000.
   02/16/00 - Submitted by President Domonkos
   02/29/00 - Committee approved 5-0-2
   03/06/00 - Resolution approved by Board of Reps.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Anthony Imbrogno, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2000
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development Social Service Committee met March 28 and April 25, 2000. Present were committee members Reps. Cannady, Imbrogno, Kernan, Mellis and Mitchell. Excused were Blackwell, Green-Carter and Giordano attended the March meeting. Green-Carter and Giordano were excused from the April meeting. Trenda Palma; Peter Woods; Aretha Newton; Cynthia Newton; Ed Schwarts; John Stamp; Betsy McNulty, Adopt a house program; Russ Bercard, New Neighborhood; Ellen Bromley, City of Stamford, Fair Rent; Tim Beeble, Community Development; David Anderson.

1. HCD25.28 RESOLUTION; approving Year 26 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding in the amount of $1,233,000; the HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of $453,000 and the current CDBG contingency fund in the amount of $48,081.
   12/10/99 - Submitted by Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development
   01/04/00 - Report Made and Held in Committee
   02/07/00 - Report Made and Held in Committee

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Sherer abstained)
Chair Mitchell moved Item HCD25.028; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

2. HCD25.30 REVIEW; of Home funding application regarding Fairfield Court apartments.
   03/02/00 - Submitted by Rep. DePina & Sadie Green-Carter
   04/25/00 - Report Made

3. HCD25.31 REVIEW; of Hope VI funding for Southfield Village.
   03/08/00 - Submitted by Rep. Mitchell
   04/25/00 - Report Made

4. HCD25.32 APPROVAL; of transfers to the contingency line from the following projects: Haven House (Year 24) - $10,000; Haven House (Year 23) - $3,750; SHA Vidal Playground - $6,570; Family Centers Rehab - $400; SHA Oak Park Insulation - $27,631.
   04/07/00 - Submitted by Tim Beeble
   04/25/00 - Committee approved 5-0-0

5. HCD25.34 REVIEW; of priorities for the use of federal HOME funds for the year beginning July 1, 2000.
   04/07/00 - Submitted by Tim Beeble
   04/25/00 - Committee approved 5-0-0 for plan to remain the same for six months.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Gloria DePina, Chair
Harry Day, Vice Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE
Annie M. Summerville, Chair

SPECIAL REVALUATION COMMITTEE:
Maria Nakian, Chair
RESOLUTIONS

Rep. Zelinsky moves to pass a resolution congratulating K.T. Murphy School on their Centennial Celebration on May 19, 2000; said motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

1. April 4, 2000 Regular Meeting HELD

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos reminded everyone that the budget meeting will be held tomorrow evening; caucuses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

2. President Domonkos announced that everyone has received a copy of the draft URC Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

The proceedings are available on audio tape at the Offices of the Board of Representatives.