Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 p.m.

INVOCATION:  Given by Father Nicholas Pavia.

“Let us pray.  Dear Heavenly Father, Almighty God, look kindly on our beloved city Stamford and upon all those who serve the people in public office, especially members of the Board of Representatives.  Guide their hearts and minds to follow your divine and holy will.  Grant them right judgment and peace.  In your holy name, we pray.  Amen.”

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville.  There were thirty-three members present; five members excused and two members absent.  A record of the roll call is attached hereto.

Suspension of the Rules:

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the matter of a sense-of-the-board resolution congratulating Nicholas Pavia on his ordination as a Roman Catholic Priest.  Rep. Loglisci read the resolution into the record and presented it to Father Nicholas Pavia (said resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof).  The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.  Father Pavia thanked the Board for this honor.

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

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 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.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Esposito, Summerville, Boccuzzi, Mellis, Blackwell, Corelli, Loglisci and Nanos. Excused was Rep. Fortunato.

1. A25.150 Sewer/Water Commission
   Donald A. Huppert (D) Repl. Scarella
   63 Turn of River Road (Term Exp. 12/1/98)
   Stamford, CT 06905
   Term Expires: 12/01/01
   05/05/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   05/16/00 - Approved by Committee 6-0-0

2. A25.151 Sewer/Water Commission
   Amy Greenberg, Esq. (D) Repl. Berns
   66 Three Lakes Drive (Term Exp. 12/1/99)
   Stamford, CT 06902
   Term Expires: 12/01/02
   05/05/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   05/16/00 - Approved by Committee 6-0-0
3. A25.148  Environmental Protection Board - Alternate  APPROVED
Scott E. Thompson (D)  Repl. Berns
107 Turner Road  (Term Exp. 6/30/98)
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 06/30/01
05/05/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/16/00 - Approved by Committee 6-0-0

4. A25.149  Parks & Recreation Commission  APPROVED
Jeffrey D. Brandi (D)  Repl. Dale
2437 Bedford Street, #C19  (Term Exp. 12/1/99)
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/02
05/05/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/16/00 - Approved by Committee 6-0-0

5. A25.152  Zoning Board of Appeals  HELD IN
David J. Bauer (D)  Rep. Taranto
43 Highview Ave., #2  (Term Exp. 12/1/99)
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/01/02
05/05/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/16/00 - Held in Committee
Chair Esposito reported that Mr. Bauer could not attend the meeting.

6. A25.145  Director of Operations  APPROVED
Timothy J. Curtin, Jr. (D)  Repl. Broom
328 Ocean Drive East
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 11/30/01
03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/16/00 - Approved by Committee 8-0-0
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-4 and 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE  David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2000
6:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room - Public Hearing
Chair Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday May 22, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Martin, Nanos, Giordano, Poltrack, Mellis, DeLuca, Lyons and Sherer.

1. F25.255  RESOLUTION and PUBLIC HEARING; regarding all of the approved Neighborhood Assistance Act programs.
            03/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
            05/22/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

2. F25.271  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Administration; Other Grants; funds to provide match for Emergency Management Grant of $28,571; funds to be transferred to Special Revenue Fund.
            05/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
            05/11/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
            05/22/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

3. F25.267  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Communications; Overtime; due to vacancies and training requirements for the new 911 system, additional overtime funds are being requested.
            05/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
            05/11/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
            05/22/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
                  Concur

4. F25.266  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Health Department; Overtime; to fund overtime relating to the West Nile Virus eradication.
            05/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
            05/11/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
            05/22/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
                  Concur

5. F25.264  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating

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$16,033.00  Budget; Health Department; Salaries; to fund difference in salary and contractual agreements with the new Health Director; $10,000 for relocation expenses and $6,033 for salary differential.  
05/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
05/11/00 - Approved by Board of Finance  
05/22/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Personnel  Concur

6. F25.265  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Health Department; Environmental Health Inspection; Contracted Services; to fund services of a mosquito abatement contractor to apply larvacide in relation to West Nile Encephalitis Virus eradication. 
05/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
05/11/00 - Approved by Board of Finance  
05/22/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health  Concur

7. F25.268  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Economic Development; funds to be provided to the International Festival of Arts and Ideas to support the expansion of the Festival to Stamford this summer.  
05/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
05/11/00 - Approved by Board of Finance  
05/22/00 - Committee approved 7-0-1

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation  Waived

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

Rep. DeLuca requested this item be taken off Consent. Chair Martin stated these funds would pay for the expansion of the International Festival of Arts and Ideas, a smaller version of the New Haven festival. Chair Martin stated that this event has been very successful in New Haven, and city businesses will receive around $2 million in business as a result of this event. Chair Martin moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated that at the May 22, 2000 meeting, he requested a listing of details of the cost of the festival from Mr. MacKenzie. To date this additional information has not been received, and Rep. DeLuca will be voting against this item.
Chair Martin stated that the request for information was made and to the best of his knowledge, the additional information has not been received. While he is disappointed the information has not been received, he will nevertheless vote for the appropriation.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that if additional funds are necessary, they will have to come back before the Board.

The item was approved by voice vote (Reps. Mobilio, DeLuca and Sherer opposed).

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<td>8. F25.270</td>
<td>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Operations/Public Services; Haulaway Garbage; unexpected increase in commercial and residential solid waste; appropriation will be offset by revenues.</td>
<td>$300,000.00</td>
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<td>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Leisure Services Administration; Overtime; funds used for Babe Ruth World Series overtime costs.</td>
<td>$2,696.00</td>
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<td>RESOLUTION; approving Exhibit A relating to the $1,250,000 capital budget appropriation for the Urban Transitway (Dock Street Connector).</td>
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<td>11. F25.269</td>
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<td>$175,000.00</td>
<td>05/02/00</td>
<td>05/11/00</td>
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Rep. Zelinsky requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Chair Martin stated this is an annuity for the Town and City Clerk in relation to the ordinance that was recently passed. Since interest rates have recently risen, the annuity may be able to be purchased for less. Rep. Martin moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that his comments are on the merit of the item, not the individual involved. He stated that previous Town & City Clerks served without city pensions. He stated that this is not fair or appropriate to have the Stamford taxpayers subsidize an elected official’s private pension as all elected officials know, when they run for office, that they will not receive a pension.

The item was approved by voice vote (Reps. Gasparrini and Zelinsky opposed).

12. F25.221 REVIEW; of accounting and overtime related to the City of Stamford’s maintenance contract with the Board of Education. NO ACTION TAKEN
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 05/22/00 - No action taken

Secondary Committee: Education

Chair Martin reported that the Committee took no action on this item, and this matter will be removed from the Steering Agenda at its next meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos.1 through 6, 8, 9 and 10, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Tuesday, May 30, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, MacInnis, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Skigen, Zelinsky, Spandow, Day and Fedeli present. Also present were Andrew McDonald, Esq., Tanya Court, Director of SWRPA and Sybill Richards, Deputy Corporation Counsel.
1. LR25.114  APPROVAL; of a lease agreement between the City of Stamford and High Ridge Plaza, LLC for Paul’s Place; term of lease: 99 years.
04/11/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/25/00 - Approved by Planning Board
05/11/00 - Defeated by Board of Finance
05/30/00 - No action taken

Chair Nakian reported that the Board of Finance did not approve this item, and therefore no action was taken.

2. LR25.115  APPROVAL: of lease agreement with the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency for space in the Government Center; term of lease: 10 years.
04/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/30/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Rep. Skigen asked that Item No. 2 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Chair Nakian stated that when the item was discussed in Committee, the Committee was in favor of the lease, but had questions regarding the language in Paragraph 14. Mr. McDonald agreed to talk to SWRPA and make changes to clarify the language, which was done. However, a provision was omitted regarding SWRPA’s right to terminate the lease should the landlord default. Chair Nakian moved to return the item to Committee; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. LR25.117  PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Section 77-1 through 77-5 regarding Auctions to designate the Office of Cashiering and Permitting as the issuing office.
04/26/00 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
05/30/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0

4. LR25.118  PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Sections 202-1 to Section 202-8 regarding Shellfish to designate the Office of Cashiering and Permitting as the issuing office.
04/26/00 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
05/30/00 - Committee approved 6-0-0

5. LR25.119  PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Sections 74-1 through 74-2 regarding
Amusements to designate the Office of Cashiering and Permitting as the issuing office.  
04/26/00 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian  
05/30/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3 through 5, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of Rules:

Chair Nakian moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. LR25.120, regarding a resolution that would provide an effective date for five resolutions passed at the May Board meeting relating to fees; said motion was seconded

Rep. Martin stated that this suspension is unnecessary, and that in balance, the Board does not have to reconsider items that were voted upon. Further, he feels the Board has received limited justification for reconsidering this item.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated he disagreed with Rep. Martin so that the Board can discuss what the problems are and why the dates should be changed. Then, the representatives could decide how it wants to vote, after discussion.

Rep. Loglisci asked if the Board does not suspend the rules, would the fees be in effect as of May. President Domonkos confirmed that this is correct.

The motion failed by a voice vote with a vote of 18-16-0.
2. **P25.073**  
**PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption:** 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  
05/01/00 - Approved for publication  
05/30/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0  
05/31/00 - Committee approved 7-0-0  

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

3. **P25.064**  
**ORDINANCE; for publication:** 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  
05/01/00 - Held in Committee  
05/31/00 - Held in Committee  

Chair Skigen reported that this item was held in Committee. A draft of the ordinance was provided last month to all board members and a new draft will be provided in a week or so. Chair Skigen asked that all comments be given to him prior to publication.

4. **P25.076**  
**REVIEW; of status of contract negotiations.**  
05/10/00 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen  
05/30/00 - Report Made  
05/31/00 - Report Made  

**REPORT MADE**

Chair Skigen stated that the members of Health Care Union 1199 were given time to present their opinion over state funds for Smith House. The union and the City are in disagreement as to whether an agreement had ever been reached. A letter was sent to all Board members by the union that urged the Board to utilize its influence regarding this matter.
The Committee later went into executive session to discuss the status of contract negotiations with Mr. Haselkamp and Mr. Stover. A chronology of the talks regarding Smith House was provided by the City, and the City’s position is that an agreement had been reached and that the union reneged on that deal.

Chair Skigen stated that the Committee feels that leadership should speak to the Mayor regarding this to urge the Mayor to enter into discussions with the union to enhance the care of the patients at Smith House. Further leadership should address the resolution that was passed by the Board several months ago regarding this matter.

Mr. Stover updated the Committee on the status of negotiations with city attorneys, dental hygienists, the nurses, the fire and the MAA. Upon completion of the discussion, the Committee closed its executive session.

   08/07/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
   09/16/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda
   05/30/00 - Report Made
   05/31/00 - Report Made

Chair Skigen reported there are several memos attached to his minutes from Mr. Manfredonia regarding where the plan has gone in the last eight months. Although the City has been somewhat successful in hiring minority candidates, many of those gains have been offset by employees who have left. There are currently no exit interviews for departing city employees so the reason people have left is unknown.

The Department of Human Resources will be revising the plan to set new goals and objectives with regard to hiring, retention and advancement of employees.

6. P25.075 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Ordinance No. 921 concerning student interns.
   05/10/00 - Submitted by Andrew J. McDonald, Esq.
   05/31/00 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2 and 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Suspension of the Rules:**

Vice Chair Loglisci moved to suspend the rules to take up the following item. Chair Skigen recused himself regarding this matter due to a potential conflict of interest. Rep. Loglisci moved to suspend the rules and stated that while the Board of Finance has not met on this yet,
the Committee did discuss the matter in Committee. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. P25.052  
**APPROVAL; of 3% across-the-board pension increase for members of the Classified Employees Retirement Trust Fund.**
06/03/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/14/99 - Placed on Pending Agenda
05/31/00 - Held in Committee

Vice Chair Loglisci reported that the CERF group wanted to propose a retirement increase that would cost the City $3.2 million. The Mayor was looking at a plan that would cost $2.1 million. One of the items was that CERF was including retirees up to 1999. The Committee asked for additional information, including the breakdowns of pensions by years and salaries and is awaiting receipt of this information. The matter was held in committee.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**  Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
Patrick White, Co-Chair

No Report

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Susan Nabel, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Nabel reported that the Operations Committee met on Thursday, May 25, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nabel, Corelli, Biancardi, Nanos, Hunter, Owens and Zelinsky. Rep. Imbrogno was excused. Also in attendance were Reps. DeLuca and Loglisci; Lou David, Solid Waste Supervisor; and Mike Rile and Mike Ross from Vehicle Maintenance.

1. O25.029  
**RESOLUTION; 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
05/01/00 - Returned to Committee
05/25/00 - Committee approved Consent

**NO ACTION TAKEN**
Vice Chair Nabel stated that this item was transferred to the Public Health & Safety agenda.

2. 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
   05/01/00 - Held in Committee
   05/25/00 - Held in Committee

Vice Chair Nabel reported that after much discussion, the Committee voted to hold this item as it felt the machine was necessary but consideration to purchasing a new machine should be given.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2000
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Vice Chair Corelli reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, May 25, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Corelli, Biancardi, DeLuca, MacInnis, Poltrack, O’Neill and Loglisci.

1. PS25.031 RESOLUTION; 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
   05/01/00 - Returned to Committee
   05/25/00 - Committee approved 5-1-0

   Rep. Corelli stated that this item was approved by the Committee 5-1-0 and moved the item. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Reps. Day, Loglisci, Corelli, Fedeli, Mobilio, Blackwell, Mitchell, Summerville and DePina opposed).

   President Domonkos stated these fees would be effective today.

2. PS25.032 RESOLUTION; 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
05/01/00 - Returned to Committee
05/25/00 - Held in Committee

Vice Chair Corelli reported that this item was held so that changes to the plan review fees could be incorporated in the ordinance.

Rep. Nakian stated that by holding this resolution, half of the Health Department fees will go into effect in June and half in July and this may be confusing. President Domonkos stated that the Health Department requested that the fees be held and the Committee complied with that request.

3. PS25.036 

APPROVAL; of lease between the City of Stamford and Franklin Commons for property at 141 Franklin Street for the Health Department’s Well Baby Clinics; term of lease: 5 years; amount of rent: $13,580 per year.

04/26/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/25/00 - Held in Committee

Vice Chair Corelli moved to suspend the rules to take up the following item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. O25.029 

RESOLUTION; 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
05/01/00 - Returned to Committee
05/25/00 - Committee approved Consent

Vice Chair Corelli moved Item No. 4 which refers to refuse trucks licensed by the Health Department. Vice Chair Corelli moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Chair Nakian moved to amend Item No. O25.029 to change the effective date to 7/1/2000; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote (23-11-0) (Reps. Martin, Loglisci, Corelli, Fedeli, Day, Summerville, Zelinsky, Mitchell, DePina, Cannady and Imbrogno opposed).

The vote on the amended resolution was approved by voice vote (31-3-0) (Reps. Mobilio, Day, Corelli opposed).
Rep. Nakian moved to reconsider Item No. PS25.031 so that the effective dates could be changed to 7/1/2000; said motion was seconded and failed by machine vote (15-19-0).

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, May 23, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Alswanger, Cannady, Imbrogno, Sherer, O’Neill, Poltrack, Lyons and Nabel. Also present were Rep. Giordano, Tim Curtin, Michael Cacace, John Corelli, Joe Romeo and various members of the public.

   05/01/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   05/23/00 - Committee approved Consent

2. PR25.057 APPROVAL; of gift acceptance of second Joel Perlman sculpture.
   04/28/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   05/23/00 - Committee approved Consent

3. PR25.054 APPROVAL; of agreement for architectural and engineering services for rehabilitation of Kosciuszko Park with Ward Associates, Inc.; amount of contract: $100,000.00
   04/18/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   05/23/00 - Committee approved Consent

4. PR25.055 APPROVAL; of easement, license and lease agreements between the City of Stamford and Stamford Center for the Arts regarding reconstruction of Kiwanis Park.
   04/24/00 - Submitted By Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   05/09/00 - Approved by Planning Board
   05/23/00 - Committee approved Consent

Rep. Zelinsky requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Co-Chair Fedeli reported that in order to begin the construction project of the theater, the Stamford Center for the Arts needs to use Kiwanis Park as a staging area. The construction should
take about 16 months, and in exchange they will return a reconstructed park with sculptures and walkways, subject to the Board’s approval. Also, the smokestack will be removed at their cost. Rep. Fedeli moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if the fountain is still there. Rep. Fedeli reported that the fountain is still there, but it does not work. Rep. Zelinsky stated that Mrs. Johnson, the wife of President Johnson, came to Stamford and dedicated that park and that fountain. Rep. Fedeli stated that the reconstruction of the park was not discussed, however, she stated that they have to come back to the Committee on the reconstruction of Kiwanis Park.

Rep. Summerville stated that the reality is the fountain as constructed is never going to work. She stated she has learned that it has been damaged, and the feasibility of having that particular fountain reconstructed would not be feasible, according to engineers.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that it is possible federal funding was provided for that fountain and requirements may have been imposed regarding the fountain.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that Ms. Fedeli explained what would happen down the road and believes that at that time, the status of the fountain can be discussed.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. PR25.056 RESOLUTION; regarding the Parks & Recreation Commissions recommendations for opening and closing times for city-owned parks (note: times to be published).
05/01/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/23/00 - Held in Committee

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that Item No. 5 was held in Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2 and 3, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room - and
Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Chair Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Monday, May 22, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Mellis, Giordano, Nabel and Day. Reps. Green-Carter,
Shapiro and Poltrack were excused; Reps. Fedeli and Imbrogno were absent. Also present were Antonio Iadarolo and Tony Pavia.

1. E25.035 APPROVAL; of agreement for architectural and engineering services for Stamford High School - Code Compliance, fire Protection and Renovation Project with Wiles & Associates.
   05/10/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   06/05/00 - Committee approved 5-0-0

Chair Mellis reported that a report has been provided to each representative regarding this item. Chair Mellis reported that there was no quorum and the meeting was continued to this evening. Present were Committee Member Reps. Poltrack, Nabel, Giordano, Fedeli and Mellis. Rep. Day was excused. The Committee approved the contract by a vote of 5-0. Chair Mellis moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, May 24, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Shapiro, Corelli, Day, MacInnis, Gasparrini, Summerville and Nakian. Also present was President Domonkos.

1. UR25.004 REVIEW; of the Urban Redevelopment Commission’s actions regarding the Mill River Corridor Project, including its Statement of Policy and the Delineation & Eligibility Report.
   09/11/98 - Submitted by E. Steinberg, Executive Director, URC
   05/03/99 - Report Made
   12/13/99 - Held in Committee
   05/24/00 - Report Made

Secondary Committee: Land Use

Rep. Shapiro gave a status report on this item. The representatives received a draft plan about a month ago. Rep. Shapiro stated that he would highlight the areas that resulted from various meetings.

First, regarding the property to be acquired. Virtually all of the sites listed to be acquired by the URC will result in some form of public use. There is nothing proposed now where
there would be a public taking for a private developer. Chair Shapiro delineated the boundaries of the green belt. Parcels that are under consideration for taking are the Advocate parking lot, and Midas Muffler, both of which are proposed for affordable housing. The next three parcels are 1010, the Norelco Building and the small row of stores on Main Street. There remains a question on a parcel near the Hoffman site, behind the old gas station, and Chair Shapiro stated he would find out the intended use of this parcel. Other parcels are the medical office building on Mill River, a site on West Broad Street (an antique store) and a parking lot.

Chair Shapiro stated that zoning is consistent throughout the site, except for the Hoffman site and another parcel. These parcels have additional development rights. Chair Shapiro stated that the developers of these parcels will thus receive less of a density bonus.

Rep. Shapiro stated that although the per unit can be 125 units per acre, if it is going toward affordable housing, so there can be greater density there. Regarding height within the zone, Rep. Shapiro reported that the Board discussed a maximum of 7 stories, but there are variations within that. Regarding the stepdown to the River, on one side of Clinton, it could be up to five stories, and on Clinton, closest to the river, buildings can be only three stories.

Rep. Shapiro reported on the West Side of Mill River (where the doctors offices are), the buildings will be somewhat taller, however, the buildings on the East Side of Schuyler will be up to five stories.

Rep. Shapiro discussed parking and reported that the proposed parking is the same as the proposed parking in the Southeast Quadrant, which is 1.25 spaces per residential unit. It used to be 1.5, but it was recently dropped to 1.25, and this is consistent throughout the zone.

Rep. Shapiro discussed affordable housing, and said he wouldn’t try to persuade anybody but just report where we are. He stated that originally there were no affordable housing requirements. Currently, everyone proposes that 12% of all development include affordable housing at three different steps: 3% of all units will be built at 60% of the median income; 4% of all units will be at 50% of median income and 5% will be at 25% of the median income. Rep. Shapiro stated everyone has agreed on this concept.

Rep. Shapiro stated there are two ways people have been looking at the affordable housing. The URC proposed all on-site affordable housing, but in the past week, that part has been redrafted, and their changed approach provided a mechanism whereby developers could pay a fee into a fund for 50% of affordable units to be built off site. The committee members asked Mr. Shapiro to send a letter going back to the original approach, and a meeting will be set up to discuss this issue. The issue is whether all the affordable units should be on site.

Rep. Shapiro addressed the matter of changing the plan, i.e., what if the Board wants to change an approved plan five or ten years from now. A provision is in the plan that says
if the URC wants to substantially modify the plan, they have to come back to the Board of Representatives. Substantially would include changes to the heights of building, permitted uses of the parcels, and also any change to the affordable housing components that would have to be approved by the Board of Representatives.

Rep. Shapiro stated the next steps for this plan are first, he will send a letter asking the URC to go back to its initial approach with respect to affordable housing; he will set up the meeting with the Mayor, President Domonkos and Mr. Osman; after that, the URC will put the plan out for public hearings. At the same time, the Zoning Board will be having similar regulations on zoning regulations related to the Plan. Rep. Shapiro reminded everyone that since the Board ultimately hears any appeals to Zoning Board actions, representatives cannot provide input at these hearings. After the hearings, the URC will make changes as a result of public input and after this redrafting it will come to the Board of Representatives (and other boards) for a vote.

President Domonkos thanked Rep. Shapiro for his excellent summary, adding that he has worked hard and diligently on this project.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether corporate offices between Washington Boulevard and the River are still in the plan. Rep. Shapiro stated he is not certain where all the buildings will be built. He added that the Clinton Avenue area will be residential housing, and three stories maximum by the river with five stories maximum on the other side of the river, so that blocked building views of the river won’t occur.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that parking at 1.25 spaces per unit would not be adequate in that most families have two cars. Rep. Shapiro also provided Rep. Zelinsky with the median income figure, which is about $100,000. Rep. Zelinsky asked where the off-site affordable housing would be built. Rep. Shapiro stated that not-for-profit housing groups would probably do the building, and he was unaware of where this housing would be built.

Rep. Boccuzzi asked if all the suggestions in the URC plan, such as building height, parking requirements will be subject to public hearings. Rep. Shapiro stated that all these items would be before the public.

Rep. Mitchell asked if the low income units could be changed in the future. For example, if an apartment was vacated in the future, could the developer change the rent in that apartment. Rep. Shapiro stated that they would have to come back to the Board of Representatives to change the number of affordable units within the development. Rep. Mitchell also stated that if off-site affordable housing is not identified, the money could sit, while appropriate land is found to build this housing. Rep. Mitchell stated a plan for the use of these funds should be in place.

Rep. Loglisci stated asked whether the density bonus would be lessened if the developer chose to buy out 50% of the affordable housing. Rep. Shapiro stated he would get back to Rep. Loglisci regarding this matter. Rep. Loglisci asked if the buyout had to be across
the units (50, 60 and 75%) or if it could be just one class of unit. Rep. Shapiro stated that it is more costly to buy out the lowest cost unit, but he wasn’t certain as to the language in the plan.

Rep. Summerville asked if representatives could ask questions at the URC public hearings. Rep. Shapiro stated he believes that would be fine. Rep. Summerville stated that at the public hearings, the lawyers and developers will be there and she would like to see the Board’s position be presented at that public hearing so that the URC can hear the Board’s position as well as the public.

President Domonkos stated that the Board will be holding its own public hearings.

Rep. Summerville stated that the first public hearing will be held by the URC, and that this will set the tone for the public. Rep. Summerville also suggested sending a position paper to be presented at the public hearing.

Rep. Sherer stated he understood the issue is when someone appears before a board or commission and then the Board of Representatives acts as a quasi-judicial board. The Board wouldn’t have this condition when it acts as a legislative body. Rep. Sherer asked for an opinion from Corporation Counsel, and Rep. Shapiro stated he would request one.

Rep. Summerville stated she read the Zoning Board’s rules and regulations for this project, and requested a copy for all board members. President Domonkos stated that a copy would go to the full Board.

Rep. Cannady asked when the buyout plan was incorporated. Rep. Shapiro stated that it was received in the middle of last week, and it is new.

President Domonkos stated it was a memo from a staff person of the URC going to the Urban Redevelopment Commission with a copy sent to our Board.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if Mr. Shapiro would ask the URC to allow the public to be heard first, rather than developers or attorneys. Rep. Shapiro stated he would ask the chair if he will agree to that.

2. URC25.06 RESOLUTION: regarding extending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Southeast Quadrant Urban Renewal Project Connecticut, R-43 until 7/5/2004. APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (29-5-0)
02/16/00 - Submitted by President Domonkos
02/29/00 - Committee approved 5-0-2
03/06/00 - Resolution approved by Board of Reps.
05/01/00 - Report Made
05/24/00 - Committee Approved 5-0-2

Rep. Shapiro reported that a few months ago, the Board voted to extend this plan for four months due to the Curley’s litigation, hoping that the court case would be resolved. That did
not happen, so he asked the URC staff to draft a resolution that would say the quadrant is extended until the litigation is complete, whatever period of time that is. At the Committee meeting, other members raised concerns about not having an exact termination date. Right now the URC has contracts with developers for every parcel in that area, and they will act on those contracts with or without the Board of Representatives. So, the Committee came up with the four-year period, it is not tied to litigation or goals in the zone. The Committee approved this item 5-0-2. Rep. Shapiro moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he was concerned about the length of time and moved to amend the extension date until 7/5/2002; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that in developing properties of this magnitude, two years is not enough time and that four years is a much more reasonable time. He also stated that if the Board doesn’t extend it, the URC can do whatever it wants and that this resolution provides oversight by the Board.

Rep. Loglisci stated that last time, there was some sentiment to not renew it at all. He stated that the URC’s history has not been one of cooperation, and if you want to control something and have tight rein, he feels four years is too long. Rep. Loglisci prefers to end it at the end of the Board’s term, 2001, but he will support 2002.

Rep. Martin stated he understands that the Board is voting to extend the Plan and that the URC continues with or without the plan, and if the Board doesn’t extend the Plan, the Board has less control. Rep. Martin stated it would take a minimum of two years to build out this area and feels four years may even be short. Rep. Martin stated he would agree to four years.

Rep. DeLuca stated that back in March, the Board extended the plan for four months by a few votes. He asked what changed significantly between March and now that the URC is requesting four years now and only four months before.

Rep. Shapiro stated that the URC did not come back at all. This is at the Board’s request, and the URC feels it has contractual relationships that govern the developable properties and that they don’t need to come back to the Board to do its work. The Board feels it has some oversight of the Plan if it extends it tonight.

Rep. Nakian stated that the Board is speaking as if it is giving the URC something and that the Board is controlling something. What the Board is doing is safeguarding the City by extending the plan and preserving its right to oversee the Plan. The URC has contractual agreements, and if one of those agreements fell through, they wouldn’t have to come back to the Board to do its work. The Board feels it has some oversight of the Plan if it extends it tonight.

Rep. Summerville asked Rep. Shapiro to state what the specific Plan is. Rep. Shapiro stated it is only the Southeast Quadrant Plan, completely unrelated to Mill River, and what the Board is
voting on is whether it should extend the Southeast Quadrant Plan that has been in effect since 1964.

Rep. Summerville asked if Mr. Shapiro felt this plan would be complete in four years. Rep. Shapiro stated that the URC is saying it has all its contracts and after the litigation is complete, they don’t believe they need the plan anymore. They have no provisions if one of the contracts falls through, and the Board is trying to address that issue by approving this extension.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated the reason the Board voted the four-month extension was because the URC was not communicating with the Board of Representatives. But, when the Board extended the Plan for four months, it gave Mr. Shapiro an opportunity to represent the Board’s sentiments regarding the Plan. Now the Board has a voice as to what is going on. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that by adding four more years, it will provide a voice to the Board for that period of time.

Rep. Esposito stated that the Board could always go back and change the date of the extension at any time.

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

The amendment (to amend the extension date until 7/5/2002) failed by machine vote (12-22-0).

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 29-5-0.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Elaine Mitchell, Chair  
Anthony Imbrogno, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2000  
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development and Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Present were Committee Members Blackwell, Cannady, Giordano, Mellis and Mitchell. Green-Carter was excused. Reps. Summerville and Corelli were also present along with Ellen Bromley, Social Service Coordinator.

1. HCD25.33 APPROVAL; of request by Office of Operations to utilize $121,000 Year 24 allocation for Washington Boulevard Sidewalks for supplemental funding for Westside Sidewalks ($100,000 allocated in Year 25).  
04/07/00 - Submitted by Tim Beeble  
04/12/00 - Placed on Pending Agenda  
05/16/00 - Held in Committee
Chair Mitchell reported that Mr. Curtin did not appear and this item was held in Committee.

2. HCD25.35  APPROVAL; of request by Housing Authority to utilize $27,361 in Year 23 funds for insulation at Oak Park for rehabilitation of vacant apartments.
05/02/00 - Submitted by Rep. Mitchell
05/16/00 - Committee approved 5-0-0

Chair Mitchell reported that Mr. Schwartz was not able to attend the meeting and faxed an explanation regarding his request. This will allow the Housing Authority to renovate four units at Oak Park. These units will be completed and occupied prior to August 2000. The Committee approved this item 5-0-0.

President Domonkos stated the full Board does not have to vote on these items.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, May 31, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, May 31, 2000. Present were Committee Members DeLuca, Giordano, Nanos. Also present was Sandra Goldstein, Bob Karp and Mr. Condlin of the Chamber of Commerce.

1. T25.024  PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of Ordinances to provide for fines for parking violations; fines to increase from $10 to $13 for overtime/meter parking; from $20 to $27 for Class II violations; from $35 to $50 for Class III violations and from $85 to $99 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
05/31/00 - Committee approved 3-0-0

Chair DeLuca reported that the members of the public were opposed to increasing the parking fine from $10 to $13 as it would discourage shopping in the downtown area. Chair DeLuca reported that the Committee voted to amend (2-0-1) to keep the overtime/meter parking fees at $10.

Chair DeLuca moved the ordinance; said motion was seconded.
Chair DeLuca recommended rejecting the $10 amount as a $3 increase would not discourage people from shopping and it is the first increase since 1991 and would encourage more turnover in the parking spaces.

Rep. Giordano stated that Sandra Goldstein was present, Bob Karp and John Condlin of the Chamber of Commerce. They were all in agreement that the increase from $10 to $13 will discourage shoppers. Rep. Giordano stated that to keep customers happy, they have been paying the $10 fines when people are only a few minutes over. Rep. Giordano stated he will vote to leave the fine at $10 and added that at the Mall, the same violation is a fine of $5.

Rep. DePina stated that she thinks it is ridiculous to pay $13 for being over one minute at a parking meter. She stated she would not vote for it.

Chair DeLuca stated that John Condlin did not say he was paying $10 tickets for anyone. Mr. DeLuca stated that in speaking with Moira McNulty, there is a five to ten minute leeway before tickets are issued.

Rep. Martin stated that the original fees in the budget that the Board approved were for $17. These parking fees are a substantial amount of revenue in the City. Rep. Martin added that the increases are worth about $750,000, and most of that increase is concentrated in the $10 to $17 or $13 increase. When this was revised to $13, the Class 3 and 4 fines were increased to make up the difference. Rep. Martin stated if the Board takes it down to $10, there will be a revenue shortfall or fees elsewhere will have to be increased elsewhere. For example, the fees above Class 4 are hard to collect at $99.

Rep. Martin stated he doesn’t want to delay this item as each month costs $60,000. Rep. Martin stated that he would support $13, which is a compromise, and will keep the revenue whole and look into the $99 for the Class 4 fines.

Chair DeLuca stated that with the previous fees, $496,000 in revenue would have been generated; the new proposed fees will generate $296,000 in revenue.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that a $3 increase in fines will most likely not stop people from coming downtown. Rep. Zelinsky added, however, that with the other fee increases and the tax increase, he will still vote to keep the fine at $10.

Rep. Esposito moved the question; said motion was seconded. President Domonkos clarified that the motion on the floor was to approve the fines as recommended by the Committee (i.e., $10 for Class I fines); Chair DeLuca had not made a motion to amend the fines. Parliamentarian Martin confirmed that the motion on the floor was the ordinance as recommended by the Committee. Said motion was approved by a machine vote of 18-16-0.

The main motion was voted on and failed by a machine vote of 16-17-1.
Chair DeLuca moved to reconsider the item; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (13-20-0) (Reps. Esposito, Biancardi, Poltrack, Cannady, Summerville, Blackwell, Kernan, Mitchell, DePina, Nanos, O’Neill, Giordano, Zelinsky and Alswanger; Rep. Shapiro did not vote).

Chair DeLuca moved to amend the item by changing the overtime/meter parking fees to $13 and leave the other fees as originally proposed; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that in the past, downtown merchants were complaining that people were parking in spaces for the entire day. Then, free parking was provided in downtown garages. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that very few people took advantage of the free parking. Further, Rep. Boccuzzi added that the revenues generated from the fines and its effect on the mill rate should be considered. Rep. Boccuzzi also stated that the $3 increase will not prevent people from shopping downtown.

Rep. Mobilio moved the question; said motion was seconded; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Alswanger opposed).

The amendment (i.e., to change the $10 fine to $13) was voted on and approved by machine vote (19-15-0).

The main motion (i.e., the ordinance) was approved by a voice vote (19-15-0) (Reps. Shapiro, Biancardi, Blackwell, Kernan, Poltrack, Esposito, Cannady, Mitchell, DePina, Nanos, O’Neill, Giordano, Alswanger, Summerville and Nable opposed).

**ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY**

Gloria DePina, Chair

Harry Day, Vice Chair

No report.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

**SPECIAL REVALUATION COMMITTEE:**

Maria Nakian, Chair

No report.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Honoring Gerald Rasmussen upon his retirement as Executive Director **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS**
of the Stamford Museum and Nature Center.  
06/02/00 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian

**Suspension of the Rules:**

A motion was made to suspend the rules to take up the following item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Sense-of-the-Board Resolution Honoring Officer Holt upon his election as Stamford’s Police Officer of the Year.  
06/02/00 - Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

**MINUTES**

1. April 4, 2000 Regular Meeting

2. May 1, 2000 Regular Meeting

3. May 2, 2000 Budget Meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.
The proceedings are available on audio tape at the Offices of the Board of Representatives.