

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, January 8, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. Rep. Summerville called the meeting to order in the absence of President Carmen Domonkos.

INVOCATION: Given by Rep. Giordano.

“Almighty God, we thank you for bringin us together this new year of 2001. Inspire us to worthy deeds and sound decisions and direct us toward sound decisions and the attainment of our goal. We pray that you bless and protect our new president-elect. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony, that we may serve you and your people in keeping with your holy will. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville.

ROLL CALL: Led by Rep. Fedeli. There were thirty-two members present and seven excused (one vacancy exists). Excused were Reps. DeLuca, MacInnis, DePina, Nanos, Hunter, Alswanger and Domonkos.

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

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Ramona Irizarry, by the 25th Board of Representatives; Mary Carvalho and Jane Guinta, by Rep. Domonkos; George Goldstein, by Reps. Domonkos and Mellis; William J. LiVolsi, Maurice S. Giordano, Rosario Vartulli, Charlotte B. Friend, Gladys Gleaton, Albert W. Macsata, Sr., Josephine Kotosky and Anna Marie Bella by Rep. Giordano; Vito A. Samela and Woodrow Broadhurst, Sr. by Reps. Loglisci and Giordano; Stephen Jubyna, Margaret Fagan, Joseph R. Conrad, Julia C. Wallace, James W. Cassioy, Melissa Todd, Sophie V. Crane, Donald Romaniello, Joseph Lorenti, Sr., and Grace M. Sileo, by Rep. Loglisci; Catherine M. Zezima, by Reps. Loglisci, Giordano, Mellis, Corelli and Fedeli; Hope J. Kennedy, by Rep. Imbrogno; and Geraldine Baxter by Reps. Summerville and Green-Carter.

Rep. Skigen moved to nominate Rep. Boccuzzi as Temporary Chair, in the absence of President Domonkos; said motion was seconded by Rep. Martin, among others, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 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

No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE David Martin, Chair
(Report) Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Owens reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, December 18, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Green-Carter, Giordano, Lyons, Loglisci, Mellis, Nanos, Poltrack, Sherer and Owens. Also present were Reps. O'Neill and Imbrogno;

Board of Education members Levine and Nabel; Superintendent Mazzullo; Deputy Chief DeCarlo; Sandra Dennies, Grants Officer; and the Chief Engineer.

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| 1. F25.321
\$175,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); FA City Gen/Appropriation; Thermal Imaging Units; to purchase seven (7) thermal imaging units for use within the Big Five fire districts; source of funds: grant.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

Vice Chair Owens reported that the Committee voted to hold Item No. 1. He explained that the Planning Board has not acted on this item. Rep. Loglisci stated he thought the item had been approved. Vice Chair Owens moved to hold the item and return it to committee; said motion was seconded.

A motion was made to waive the Public Safety & Health Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The item was returned to committee by unanimous voice vote.

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| 2. F25.322 | RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) amending the Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2000-2001; FA City Gen/Appropriation; Thermal Imaging Units; to purchase seven (7) thermal imaging units for use within the Big Five fire districts; in connection with Item No. F25.321 above.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold | HELD IN
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Vice Chair Owens moved to hold Item No. 2. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 3. F25.323
\$2,402,700.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Water Pollution Control Authority; Pumping Station Upgrade; to upgrade 25-year old pumping station; bid price greater than current funds.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/19/00 - Approved by Planning Board
01/11/01 - To be considered by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
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Secondary Committee: Operations

Concur

Vice Chair Owens moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. [F25.324](#) RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) amending the Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2000-2001; Water Pollution Control Authority; Pumping Station Upgrade; Project No. 9270-0240CP; in connection with Item No. F25.323 above.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Held by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Vice Chair Owens moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Martin stated that procedurally, it is not necessary to vote on an item that was held by the Committee.

5. [F25.325](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); \$761,440.00 Land Use Bureau; Mill River Pedestrian and Bicycle Route; construction of Phase I of Greenway to link Transportation Center and UConn; funded 80% by grant and 20% city funds.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/02/01 - Approved by Planning Board
01/11/01 - To be considered by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Operations

6. [F25.326](#) RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) amending the Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2000-2001; Land Use Bureau; Mill River Pedestrian & Bicycle Route; in connection with Item No. F25.325 above.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

7. [F25.327](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Environmental Inspection Services; Overtime; \$19,600.00 to supplement overtime costs for West Nile Virus project.
11/15/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

12/05/00 - Withdrawn
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Vice Chair Owens stated that after speaking with Dr. Iton, this item should not have been withdrawn, and the Committee held the item to consider it next month.

8. [F25.328](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded **APPROVED**
\$2,763.00 Budget); Health Risk Reduction; increase in state grant; **ON CONSENT**
funds sanitarian to inspect food service establishments. **AGENDA**
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted approval 8-0-0

9. [F25.329](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded **APPROVED**
\$83,496.00 Budget); AIDS Risk Reduction Grant; increase in state **ON CONSENT**
grant; funds to be subcontracted to area agencies and to **AGENDA**
pay health insurance costs for staff.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted approval 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Public Safety & Health Committee Report was waived by unanimous voice vote.

10. [F25.330](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded **HELD IN**
\$402,955.00 Budget); COPS in Schools grant; will fund 7 school **COMMITTEE**
resource police officers in 7 elementary schools.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold 6-4-0

Secondary Committee: Education

Held

11. [F25.331](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **HELD IN**
\$17,955.00 Budget); Administration; Other Grants; COPS in **COMMITTEE**
Schools grant; city match to F25.330 above.
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/18/00 - Committee voted to hold 6-4-0

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

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Tuesday, January 2, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, Esposito, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Skigen, Spandow, Day and Fedeli. Reps. MacInnis and Zelinsky were excused. Also present were Rep. DeLuca; Jeanne Franklin of the Senior Center; Michael Panzini, Jack Halpert and Joseph Cottone of the Stamford Senior Center; Andrew McDonald, Esq.; Thomas Hamilton; and James Rubino from the Board of Finance. A public hearing was held on Item No. 1, and four speakers, all in favor of the proposed ordinance were present.

1. LR25.130	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption;</u> amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 220-8; Senior Citizens Tax Abatement (to change income limits). 11/09/00 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian 12/04/00 - Approved for publication 01/02/01 - Committee voted to approve 7-0-0	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
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Rep. Loglisci asked that Item No. 1 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Chair Nakian reported that the Board passed an amendment to the Senior Citizens Tax Abatement Program approximately two months ago that raised the limit on the real estate exclusion from \$150,000 to \$300,000. After that was passed, a proposal was introduced to change the maximum income from \$25,000 for a single homeowner and \$32,000 for a married to \$32,000 for a single and \$39,200 for a married homeowner.

Chair Nakian further reported that at last month's meeting, it was proposed that the income limits for a married homeowner be raised to \$44,000. At the time, the Board did not have any information regarding the cost to the City for this change. At the Committee Meeting, Mr. Hamilton was asked to prepare back-up information. Mr. Hamilton provided a report last Friday. It shows that the cost is far in excess than the amount the Committee was led to believe the program would cost. According to Mr. Hamilton's figures, the additional cost of the two changes would be around \$203,000 to \$312,000 more than the original ordinance.

Based on this information, the Committee felt that it should pass the ordinance as approved for publication, i.e., with the income limits of \$32,000 and \$39,200. The information provided was based on the 1990 census. If we wait a year and review this ordinance, the 2000 census figures will be available plus a year's information on how many people have applied for the program, how they fit into the income levels, etc., and the Board will be better able to estimate the cost to the City.

Chair Nakian also stated that there is a great deal of concern about the time constraint. The period to apply for this program is February 15, 2001, and the meeting is not until February 5. If hundreds of new additional people do apply, the tax assessor's office will find it very difficult to process all of these applications in a timely manner, and it could end up hurting senior citizens more than it is helping them.

Chair Nakian stated that the Board researcher has acquired sample ordinances from surrounding towns, and the Committee would like to look at that information and see how Stamford stands in relation to those ordinances.

Chair Nakian moved the item for final adoption; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci thanked Maria Nakian for the explanation, and stated that members may have thought that this is a minimal cost to the City, and this tells us that we cannot relax and take figures that someone just throws at us. Rep. Loglisci stated that in the future, more research should be done, and the Board doesn't want to make promises to the seniors and then find itself in an awkward position by not being able to provide the remedy.

Rep. Skigen stated that he originally proposed the increased married limit from \$39,000 to \$44,000. Rep. Skigen stated he was reluctantly withdrawing the amendment based on the revised figures. Rep. Skigen stated that back in November, when the Board voted to increase the property exclusion from \$150,000 to \$300,000, the Board was informed that the cost would increase to the City by approximately \$15,000. The Board is now being led to believe that the increase of both that exclusion and the income limits is going to be somewhere between \$203,000 and \$312,000, and Mr. Hamilton in his memo said that the \$312,000 has more uncertainty attached to it because there are so many more assumptions embedded in the number. If some of the assumptions prove to be wrong, the cost could go even higher. Rep. Skigen stated he is reluctantly not moving forward with requesting the \$44,000 income limit at this time.

Rep. Skigen stated that it is imperative that the Board try to understand how it got information indicating that the cost of the program would be \$15,000, and now we are hearing somewhere between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Rep. Skigen asked that the Committee take this matter up next month and try to get to the bottom of where these incredibly divergent numbers come from.

The item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. LR25.131 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;** **HELD IN**
concerning designation of the Purchasing Agent as **COMMITTEE**
the city's Contracts Administrator
12/08/00 - Submitted by James Rubino
01/02/01 - Committee voted to hold

Chair Nakian reported that after discussion on this item, the Board agreed with Mr. Hamilton that the wisest thing to do is to review the purchasing ordinance and see where this fits in with the provisions of this ordinance. An ad hoc committee has been formed to study the issue, and it will report back at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, January 3, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Cannady, Fedeli, Fortunato, Gasparini, Loglisci and Spadow. Reps. Boccuzzi and MacInnis were excused. Also present were Reps. O'Neill and Kernan; and Bill Stover, Acting Director of Human Resources.

1. [P25.091](#) APPROVAL; of contract with AG Consulting **APPROVED**
(Division of ADP, Inc.); amendment to PeopleSoft **ON CONSENT**
Implementation Partner Agreement; for various **AGENDA**
services; amount of contract: \$150,000.00.
10/25/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/04/00 - Held in Committee
01/03/01 - Committee voted to approve 6-0-0
2. [P25.092](#) APPROVAL; of employment agreement with Youth **APPROVED**
Advisory Council Line Referral Center Support **ON CONSENT**
Specialist David Azinge. **AGENDA**
11/14/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/03/01 - Committee voted to approve 6-0-0

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE Patrick White, Co-Chair
Herman Alswanger, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair White reported that the Land Use Committee met on Thursday, January 4, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. White, Boccuzzi, Loglisci, Nakian and O'Neill. Excused were Reps. Alswanger, Hunter, Shapiro and Spadow. Also present were Reps. Day and Mellis; Arnold Karp; Tony Battinelli; Andrew McDonald; Kim Northrup of the Trust for Public Land; and nine other individuals representing conservation groups and neighborhood associations.

1. [LU25.045](#) RESOLUTION; requesting acceptance of Holly Cove Circle as a City Street under Charter Part 8, Budgetary Procedures - 6 Special Assessment. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
09/22/00 - Submitted by Holly Cove Associates
11/08/00 - Held in Committee
01/04/01 - Committee voted to approve 5-0-0

2. [LU25.048](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the City to enter into a Conservation Easement with the State of Connecticut DEP for 94 acres of property in the Mianus River Watershed (Treetops). **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/5/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/12/00 - Approved by Planning Board
01/04/01 - Committee voted to approve 5-0-0

3. [LU25.049](#) RESOLUTION; requesting acceptance of Fox Glen Drive as a City Street under Charter Part 8, Budgetary Procedures - 6 Special Assessment. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
09/22/00 - Submitted by Fox Glen Associates
01/04/01 - Committee voted to approve 5-0-0

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

Rep. White thanked Don Sherer for his dedication, time and hard work as co-chair of the Land Use Committee. Rep. White extended a welcome to Mr. Alswanger as the new co-chair of the Land Use Committee.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

(Report)

Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Harry Day, Vice Chair
Wednesday, December 27, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, December 27, 2000. Present were Committee Member Reps. Owens, Day, Hunter, Imbrogno, Zelinsky and Sherer. Also present were Rep. DeLuca; Director of WPCA, Jeanette Brown and the City Engineer. Many local property owners of the Studio Road area were also present.

1. O25.035 REVIEW; issue of imposition of fees in order to fund the WPCA Plant Upgrade. **REPORT MADE**
09/22/00 - Submitted by President Domonkos
11/08/00 - Held in Committee
11/21/00 - Held in Committee
12/27/00 - Committee voted to support the 6% annual increases

Chair Owens reported that the Committee voted to support a phased in increase over a period of time at an average rate of 6% versus one that would be a lump sum payment in the fifth or sixth year. A written report was provided to each member.

2. O25.036 APPROVAL; of amendment to agreement for engineering services for the Design of Studio Road Bridge with Frederic R. Harris, Inc.; amount for additional work: \$54,000.00. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
10/31/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/27/00 - Committee voted to approve 5-0-0
3. O25.037 RESOLUTION; regarding the Grenhart Road Reconstruction Project public information meeting. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Skigen and Martin abstained)**
11/30/00 - Submitted by Frank Vonella, Operations Department
12/27/00 - Committee voted to approve 5-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. 3 was approved by voice vote (Reps. Skigen and Martin abstaining).

4. O25.038 RESOLUTION; regarding the Signal System Hardware Upgrade Projects public information meeting. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
11/30/00 - Submitted by Mani Poola, Operations Department
12/27/00 - Committee voted to hold 4-0-1

Chair Owens stated that the Committee held No. 4 because there is apparently a contract that should have been submitted to the Committee, and the Committee wants to review the contract.

Rep. Loglisci asked when Mr. Owens knew that a contract was supposed to be submitted. Rep. Owens stated that he only learned that information this evening.

Rep. Skigen asked if there was a similar contract associated with Item No. 3. Mr. Owens stated that the Committee reviewed this contract six or eight months ago.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Richard Lyons, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2001
6:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room
- and -
Monday, January 8, 2001
6:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Fortunato reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Wednesday, January 3, 2001. Chair Fortunato stated her committee did not have a quorum, and present were Committee Member Reps. Fortunato, DeLuca, Kernan, Lyons, O'Neill and Skigen. Excused were Reps. Biancardi, DePina, MacInnis, Mobilio and Poltrack. Also in attendance was Rep. Loglisci; and Tom Cassone, Esq.

Chair Fortunato moved to take item No. 1, PS25.041, out of committee; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. PS25.041 APPROVAL of Ancillary Service Agreement and PPS Per Diem Compensation Schedule with Sunsolution, Inc. in connection with services to be provided at Smith House. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Loglisci abstaining)**
11/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/30/00 - Held in Committee

12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance
01/03/01 - No quorum

Secondary Committee: Fiscal

Waived

Chair Fortunato stated that Mr. Cassone appeared and reported the history of the agreement. An RFP was developed, an advisory panel set up and a vendor selected in 1998. At that time there were changes in the City's legal department and in SunSolutions organization resulting in a lack of agreement in the wording of the contract. However, these services were required in Smith House, and not providing this service would expose the City to liability. The City was receiving revenue from Medicare and Medicaid, and this contract was not placed before the City's boards until the contracts were completed. The Board of Finance approved the contract at the December meeting. Chair Fortunato moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin moved to waive the secondary committee report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Loglisci asked what the total amount of the contract was. Rep. Skigen replied that the payments under this contract are based on the services provided. There is no maximum in the contract, but currently there is about \$147,000 in services that the City will receive reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid that the City will then pay to SunSolutions. There may be additional services provided in the next six months of the fiscal year. The contract also provides for termination on sixty days notice.

The item was approved by voice vote (Rep. Loglisci abstaining).

Chair Fortunato moved to take item No. 2, PS25.042, out of committee; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. PS25.042	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u>; amending Ordinance No. 930 Supplemental concerning affordable housing units subject to the multiple dwelling license fee. 11/28/00 - Submitted by President Domonkos 01/03/01 - No quorum	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
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Chair Fortunato reported that Ellen Bromley appeared this evening regarding this item. Chair Fortunato moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that she is not opposed to this ordinance, but wants the record to reflect that the Board receiving this ordinance at the late hour tonight was not due to any neglect of the Board in any way. This ordinance was received on everyone's desk tonight because it was received in the Board Office at around 4:00 today. Clerk Summerville stated that she would like to see the ordinance go for publication.

Acting President Boccuzzi asked if there was discussion about waiving publication and whether the ordinance is retroactive. Rep. Skigen replied that the ordinance is retroactive to

January 1, and the fees that are due are due on January 1, 2001 and are late if not paid by the end of the month. If the Board votes to publish tonight and it is taken up for final adoption next month, the Committee wants to make sure that those who are providing affordable housing will either receive refunds or hold off until the ordinance is either rejected or approved.

Rep. Loglisci asked what the original fee was. Rep. Skigen stated that the fees were increased last year, and the multiple family dwelling license was increased from \$25 plus \$2 per dwelling unit (for those with more than 40 dwelling units) to \$200 plus \$50 per apartment unit. Those with 3-39 apartments remained at \$25 plus \$2 per apartment unit. So what is happening is that for affordable housing, those apartments that have more than 40 units will pay the same amount as those that have less than 40 units. The ordinance as drafted provides that if the units are not being used for affordable housing, they will pay the \$50 per unit fee as set forth in the current ordinance.

Rep. Loglisci asked why this wasn't dealt with at the time the original fee increases were enacted, as he recalled this matter being brought up at that time. Rep. Skigen stated that he does not recall the discussion coming up last year.

Rep. Loglisci asked how the city would know the tenants' incomes to ascertain if an apartment is being used as affordable housing. Rep. Skigen replied that it is currently not checked on. The ordinance as drafted states that upon request, owners and operators of legally-restricted buildings (which are buildings which provide affordable housing), shall be required to provide the Director of Health and Social Services with copies of tenant eligibility information including but not limited to mandated annual income certification or recertification forms. Rep. Skigen stated we are going further in being able to get the information needed to make sure that these units have remained as affordable housing.

The item was approved for publication by unanimous voice vote.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair

Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2001

7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Sherer reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Thursday, January 4, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Sherer, Fedeli, Cannady, Imbrogno, Lyons, O'Neill, White and Graber.

1. [PR25.063](#) RESOLUTION; approving 2001 proposed fees for parks and marinas.

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS**

12/07/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/04/01 - Committee voted to approve 7-0-0 as
amended

**VOICE VOTE (as
amended)**

Co-Chair Sherer reported that the Committee met with Moira McNulty, who indicated that the fees would remain the same as last year. The Committee amended the fees by reducing a fee at Cummings for 22'-24'11" from \$725 to \$500 per year. The reason for this was that last year, Cummings was modified for larger boats and charged the same as at the other marina. Because there are no facilities at Cummings, the fee should be less. Co-Chair Sherer moved said amendment; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Co-Chair moved the main item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Chair Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Monday, December 18, 2000 with the Fiscal Committee. Present were Committee Member Reps. Day, Green-Carter, Giordano, Imbrogno, Graber, Poltrack and Mellis. The Committee met on secondary items.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 2000
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
- and -
Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2001
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

(Report)

Rep. Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee was originally scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 19, 2000 and adjourned due to lack of a quorum. The Committee met again this evening at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee Member Reps. Shapiro, Gasparrini, Loglisci, Day, Nakian, Martin and Summerville.

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

**REPORT
MADE**

12/13/99 - Held in Committee
01/08/01 - Report Made

Secondary Committee: Land Use

Concur

Chair Shapiro reported that several months ago the Committee asked Bruce Goldberg of the URC for a time line and a budget for the plan. The URC staff is working on this, and will be presenting it to the Urban Redevelopment Commission on January 30, 2001. The information should then be available to the Board of Representatives in mid-February.

The URC also advised the Committee that as a result of their public hearings, revisions to the plan will be made, including boundary changes. The Board of Representatives will also receive a copy of the new plan after it is presented to the URC.

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| 2. UR25.008 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u>;
approving purchase, sales and exchange agreement
for One Main Street and 10 Lipton Place.
11/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/05/00- Approved by Board of Finance
12/12/00 - Approved by Planning Board
01/08/01 - Committee voted approval | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
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Secondary Committee: Land Use

Waived

Chair Shapiro reported that the City will be purchasing One Main Street, which is right along the river, for a purchase price of \$175,000. The City will be selling to Mr. Koproski, the owner of One Main Street, property at Ten Lipton Place, for the amount of \$29,000. That would reduce the cost to \$145,000. A few months back, this Board approved a state grant in the amount of \$95,000 to go toward this purchase, leaving the City's bill for this property in the area of \$45,000. The Committee approved this item 7-0, and the Committee felt that regardless of what happens with the Mill River Corridor Plan, this is land right next to the river which the City wants regardless of what happens with the Plan. The time is right, the cost is right, and the site is prime, and now is the time to take it. The landowner can sell and/or redevelop this property if he wants to. Chair Shapiro moved the item; said motion was seconded.

A motion to waive the secondary committee report was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The main motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Elaine Mitchell, Chair Lisa Poltrack, Vice Chair
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No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair

No report.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Chair
Thomas Hunter, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, December 28, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Mitchell reported that the Administration & Technology Committee met on Thursday, December 28, 2000. Present were Reps. DePina, Mitchell, Hunter and Kernan. Also present were Deputy Chief Priolo and Cpt. Frank Lagan of the Stamford Police Department; and Mike Robles of the Stamford Fire Department.

1. [AT25.009](#) REVIEW; of Police Department computer systems and training of personnel on use thereof; review of new 911 computer system. **REPORT MADE**
10/02/00 - Submitted by Full Board
11/29/00 - No quorum

Rep. Mitchell stated that a detailed report was provided to each representative.

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION honoring Ruth Powers for her years of public service. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
12/04/00 - Submitted by 25th Board

MINUTES

1. [December 4, 2000 Regular Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clerk of the Board Summerville read the letter from Howard Graber, resigning from the Environmental Protection Board

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minority Leader Loglisci read a statement of the Republican Caucus expressing its disappointment in the removal of Donald B. Sherer as co-chair of the Land Use Committee.

“The Republican Caucus is protesting the unwarranted removal of Donald Sherer of co-chair of the Land Use Committee. We also regret the headline in the Advocate which is particularly offensive and inflammatory using words such as ‘stripped’ and ‘conflict of interest.’ This move by the President unfairly removed Mr. Sherer whose knowledge and expertise in the field of land use has been invaluable both to the Land Use Committee and to the Board of Representatives as a whole. Moreover, this leaves just only one Republican on this important committee of nine members. We believe the president succumbed to pressure from well-placed individuals within appointed city boards in response to a recent decision to reverse the zoning vote. Since the Land Use Committee of this Board does not create land use policy, there seems no valid rationale for this – allowing an attorney to serve on this committee. Indeed, the prior co-chair of Land Use, was a prominent practicing land use attorney. Therefore, the Republican Caucus respectfully requests the President to carefully review her decision and that she give serious consideration to restoring Mr. Sherer as co-chair of the Land Use Committee. Submitted by the Republican Caucus, this day. Thank you.”

Clerk Summerville stated, as Clerk of the Board and a part of leadership of this Board, her sentiments go out toward to the Chair of the Minority Caucus. She stated she does feel it is something that leadership should discuss, and stated that she is not questioning the President’s discretion. Clerk Summerville stated the President clearly has the authority to make this change. Clerk Summerville stated she would like the record to show that Mr. Sherer has served the Board very well as Chairman, and she takes offense to some of the statements made in the paper. Clerk Summerville stated that as a member of leadership of the Board, she has no idea how these statements got into the paper, and added that she had no part regarding those statements.

Clerk Summerville thanked Mr. Sherer for all his help, and added that everyone serves on the Board on a volunteer basis, and she would not want a similar situation to occur to her. She wanted to let Mr. Sherer know that she sympathizes with the manner in which this was publicized in the paper. Clerk Summerville stated she appreciates the fine job Mr. Sherer did as chair of the Land Use Committee.

Acting President Boccuzzi stated that he would relay the concerns of the Republican Caucus to President Domonkos upon her return.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

*The proceedings are available on audio tape at the
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