

***The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Wednesday, February 7, 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

**INVOCATION:** Given by Sadie Green-Carter

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

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-three members present and six members absent/excused. Attached is the attendance report. One vacancy existed.

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

**PAGES:**

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** For the late:  
Stanley Festa, by Reps. Boccuzzi, Fedeli and Loglisci; Charles J. Durham, Jr., Gerald E. Callahan, Jr. And Ralph S. Winn, by Rep. Loglisci; Jack Baer, by Reps. Loglisci and Sherer; Angelo P. Giordano, Theophilus A. Blackshear, Sr., and Paul M. Kachaluba, by the 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives; Joseph F. Fahey, Jr., by Rep. Zelinsky; Anna F. DeClemente, Jerry J. Uva, Anthony J. Ferri, Hugh W. Jones, Barbarann Caputo-Hoffman, Nora James, Barbara Ann Graham Pierce, Walter L. Goings, Sr., Evelyn Uzar and Michael J. Barron, by Rep.

Giordano; Albert Scher, by Reps. Mellis and Sherer; John E. A. Kelly, by Reps. Giordano and Domonkos; and Pasquale Nizzardo, by Rep. Mellis

**FILLING OF VACANCY:** Upon motion duly made by Rep. Loglisci and seconded; John Morrow was nominated to fill the vacancy created by Lucy Corelli's resignation. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. President Domonkos administered the oath of office.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 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, January 23, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, January 23, 2001.

1. A25.167	<u>Planning Board</u>		<b>APPROVED</b>
	Rose Marie Grosso (D)	Repl. Abbazia	<b>ON CONSENT</b>
	20 Bend of River Lane		<b>AGENDA</b>
	Stamford, CT 06902		
	Term Expires: 12/01/03		
	01/23/01 - Committee voted Consent		

**FISCAL COMMITTEE** David Martin, Chair  
*(Report)* Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, January 22, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Martin, Owens, DeLuca, Sherer, Loglisci, Mellis, Nanos and Lyons.

1. [F25.321](#)      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.  
\$175,000.00      11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/08/01 - Held in Committee  
01/22/01 - No action taken

**NO  
ACTION  
TAKEN**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

*Held*

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  
01/08/01 - Held in Committee  
01/22/01 - No action taken

**NO  
ACTION  
TAKEN**

Chair Martin stated that both of these items will be resubmitted this month.

3. [F25.323](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
\$2,402,700.00      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  
01/08/01 - Held in Committee  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee voted 9-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Operations*

*Concur*

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  
01/08/01 - Held in Committee  
01/22/01 - Committee voted 9-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

5. F25.325 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED**  
\$761,440.00 Land Use Bureau; Mill River Pedestrian and Bicycle **BY MACHINE**  
Route; construction of Phase I of Greenway to link **VOTE (27-5-2)**  
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  
01/08/01 - Held in Committee  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee approved 7-1-0

*Secondary Committee: Operations*

*Held*

Chair Martin reported that this funding is a state grant and will be used to construct both a pedestrian and bicycle route along the Mill River area. The 20% of city funds is coming from existing funds, and the Committee voted 7-1-0. Chair Martin moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Owens, Chair of Operations reported that the Operations committee voted to hold the item as it needed additional information.

Rep. Loglisci stated he voted against the item because we have no idea what this project will cost, although we know the limits to the state money. Further, Rep. Loglisci stated the path stops at West Broad Street and continues toward the Transportation Center, and he finds it incredulous that people will bicycle this particular route. Rep. Loglisci stated that this project was selected because the funds were set up so that it had to be tied into the Transportation Center, and no one knows that will be done with the Tresser Boulevard intersection. The idea of going underground was discussed, however, if we do, Rep. Loglisci thinks the funds are inadequate.

Rep. Loglisci stated that this is one of those items where we vote to accept the money just because the money is sitting there, and without a lot more study to see what we can do with this, he feels the Board will ultimately end up spending significantly more funds on this bicycle path along a short distance. Because the state offers money, we don't have to jump on it and take the money when we don't know where it is leading us to. Rep. Loglisci stated he will be voting against this item.

Rep. Zelinsky moved to hold Item No. F25.325; said motion was seconded. Rep. Zelinsky stated that members of the Operations Committee wanted more information on the whole Mill River Plan as opposed to pieces of it.

Rep. O'Neill stated he is opposed to holding the item in that he feels this would be a great improvement to have a walking area, and bringing families into the park with a safe bicycling and walking path should be encouraged without delay.

Chair Martin stated that there has been a strong commitment to the Mill River as a parkland area, and there have been numerous suggestions. This is one of them, and the City has gone into a competitive grant situation and said that it wants to build something that does certain things. However, all of the details have not been worked out and that is what the grant funds will pay for. We are not obligated to spend more money than what is in the grant. The City may be able to do a great deal with these funds, but turning down the grant will not address the details that have not yet been finalized. Essentially, Chair Martin does not think the item should be held to await the entire Mill River Plan. It is obvious that the City has been working on a Mill River Green Belt for over fifteen years, through the acquisition of properties, and has a substantial amount of investment in this already. The previous parks master plan called for a network of bicycle and walking paths, and this is a piece of this project. The State has offered 80% of the money, and to hold this to ask questions about the entire Mill River Park is misplaced, per Mr. Martin.

Chair Martin stated this is a very worthy project, and this is a very important area, and the State is willing to fund it, and it is a difficult project within high-traffic areas.

Chair Owens stated that he voted to hold the item in Operations because there are three different bridges Stamford is crossing with this pedestrian walkway. There are issues of under or over passes for this walkway to work. So, the questions is what the City is going to do at these three bridgeways that we are going to have to cross. None of these questions have been addressed, and he feels that they should be prior to voting on funds for the project. The Operations Committee is not saying to support the funds but to hold the funds and get administration to give a comprehensive plan for this corridor.

Chair Martin stated that Mr. Stein represented to the committee that there are issues as to how they could go over Tresser Boulevard. This is part of a planning effort, and this is an important detail that had yet to be worked out, and with part of the funds, this issue will be worked out. Chair Martin stated that he did not think the matter needed to be held until this detail was working out. Chair Martin stated it might be appropriate for Parks & Recreation or Operations to review the progress on this project and how they decide to specifically use these funds. But, in essence, holding it is asking them to design the thing with funds that they don't have.

Rep. Day stated that it is not that we didn't have all the details on this plan, but the Committee had no details. Rep. Day stated there is no clear idea of where the walkway is going or where it will end, and at the same time, the Board does not have any clear understanding of what will happen with this area in the context of the Mill River Plan.

Rep. Loglisci stated that they are talking about moving Mill River Street to the west, and if we start on this path now, will it be run along the current Mill River Street, and if so, what happens when they move Mill River Street? Also, Rep. Loglisci stated there is an island in the middle of Mill River Street where it is very narrow, and that has to be removed. Rep. Loglisci stated that the Cherry Blossom Trees are a concern, also. Rep. Loglisci stated that we are starting nowhere and goes nowhere and that is because of the

requirement of the grant, it has to be connected to the Transportation Center. This was not decided because the City decided this is where they wanted something to start, i.e., by the Transportation Center. Rep. Loglisci stated we have no idea what this will cost, it must be of a certain width to accommodate everything, and we don't know which side it will be along the Mill River. Rep. Loglisci stated we have the cart before the horse here, and as usual, because someone is dangling money in front of us, we are not worrying about the future. Rep. Loglisci stated that if we don't vote to hold it, he will vote against it.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that in the SWRPA correspondence, there is a reference to a Phase II development, with no costs associated with it. Rep. Zelinsky urged his colleagues to hold this matter for one month.

Rep. Martin stated that regarding Mill River Street, it might be moved 20 to 25 years from now, and to hold up this project right now until we get the Mill River Street decided, is not a relevant reason to even discuss this. The issue about the traffic island is an important issue, but it has almost no bearing on the particular location or design of this pathway. Further, the trees are not going to be destroyed, and the tentative plan is to make a hard pack walkway under the trees to protect the trees. Rep. Martin stated that there has been quite a bit of thought, and some of the questions that have been raised have been answered adequately. What we have here is what the State has offered. The reality is that there are a number of engineering and cost questions that have to be resolved. The State has allocated this much money and the City is not going to spend more than this amount of money, but this is all that we can get, and they are going to try to make this work all the way from UCONN to the Transportation Center, but they recognize that they have some tough engineering problems, i.e., can they go underneath or over Tresser Boulevard.

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

The motion to hold failed by a machine vote of 14-19-1 (see attached vote record).

Chair Martin restated the main motion.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he will be voting no on the item. Rep. Zelinsky stated he does not see how this particular pedestrian and bicycle route is going to vote the majority of Stamford residents. Rep. Zelinsky stated he cannot see people living in North Stamford, the South End, East Side, West Side and Shippan driving their vehicles to the UCONN parking lot, bringing their bikes in the car, parking and either bicycling or walking down this path to the Transportation Center and then turning around and coming back. The City has beautiful parks and beaches that citizens can enjoy. Rep. Zelinsky stated that this will mostly benefit people who work in Stamford and commute to Stamford but do not pay \$1 in taxes. They will use this path to walk to a corporate headquarters or those who work in the area will walk on this during lunch hours. Rep. Zelinsky does not think this will benefit the taxpayers, who will have to pay the 20%.

Rep. O'Neill stated that there are plenty of families on the West Side who believe that there are improvements at Mill River Park, and we should look at the total Parks Master Plan. This park has been neglected for many years, and would be a valuable improvement and would make the park more usable for West Side families.

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

President Domonkos stated the main motion would require a 2/3 vote, or 23 members. The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 27-5-1 (Reps. Day, Fedeli, Imbrogno, Loglisci and Morrow opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining and Rep. Biancardi not voting).

A motion to take item No. F25.326 out of committee was made and seconded; said motion was approved by voice vote (Rep. Loglisci opposed).

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| 6. <a href="#">F25.326</a> | 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.<br>11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/08/01 - Held in Committee<br>01/22/01 - Committee held 5-4-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY VOICE<br/>VOTE (Reps.<br/>Morrow, Fedeli,<br/>Loglisci,<br/>Imbrogno and<br/>Day opposed;<br/>Rep. Zelinsky<br/>abstaining)</b> |
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Chair Martin stated that during the Fiscal Committee, a debate ensued as to whether this resolution would be required. Everyone should have received a memo from Mr. Hamilton that resulted from a considerable amount of time that Mr. Martin spent with Mr. Hamilton, bond counsel and Dena Diorio. This resolution provides for the temporary bonds that provide the funds for this project until such time as the State reimburses us. This is our standard resolution and does not allow the City to permanently bond this money as we must receive the funds back from the State.

Chair Martin moved to approve item No. F25.326; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Reps. Morrow, Fedeli, Loglisci, Imbrogno and Day opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining).

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| 7. <a href="#">F25.327</a><br>\$19,600.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Environmental Inspection Services; Overtime; to supplement overtime costs for West Nile Virus project.<br>11/15/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/08/01 - Held in Committee<br>01/22/01 - Committee voted 9-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

*Concur*

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| 8. <a href="#">F25.330</a><br>\$402,955.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded Budget); COPS in Schools grant; will fund 7 school resource police officers in 7 elementary schools.<br>11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/08/01 - Held in Committee<br>01/22/01 - Held in Committee | <b>HELD IN<br/>COMMITTEE</b> |
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*Secondary Committee: Education*

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| 9. <a href="#">F25.331</a><br>\$17,955.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Administration; Other Grants; COPS in Schools grant; city match to F25.330 above.<br>11/30/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/08/01 - Held in Committee<br>01/22/01 - Held in Committee | <b>HELD IN<br/>COMMITTEE</b> |
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*Secondary Committee: Education*

Chair Martin reported that Item Nos. 8 and 9 will be taken up next month.

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| 10. <a href="#">F25.332</a><br>\$3,471.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Technology; Salaries; to fund GIS Coordinator and GIS Analyst hours from 35 to 37.5 hours per week; effective date 2/5/01.<br>12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/22/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 11. <a href="#">F25.333</a><br>\$3,150.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Zoning; Salaries; to increase Zoning Inspector and Land Use Inspector hours from 35 to 37.5 per week; effective date of 2/5/01.<br>12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance<br>01/22/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 12. <a href="#">F25.334</a><br>\$1,807.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Environmental Protection; Salaries; to | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT</b> |
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increase Environmental Planner's hours from 35 to 37.5 hours per week; effective date: 2/5/01.  
12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0

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13. [F25.335](#)  
\$7,842.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); STD/VD Clinic; various accounts; state increased grant amount; funds to purchase medical, office and computer supplies.  
12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

*Concur*

14. [F25.336](#)  
\$20,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Social Services Administration; Moving and Storage; to meet ongoing needs of state-mandated program to relocate displaced residents.  
12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

*Concur*

15. [F25.337](#)  
\$80,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Social Services Administration; Relocation; to meet ongoing needs of state-mandated program to relocate displaced residents.  
12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED  
ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

*Concur*

16. [F25.338](#)  
\$75,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Law Department; Professional Consultants; funds to cover outside counsel and other professional consultants' expenses.  
12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance

**APPROVED  
BY VOICE  
VOTE (Rep.  
Graber  
abstaining)**

*Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules*

*Concur*

Chair Martin reported that the Law Department, from time to time, needs outside counsel for cases that involve specific expertise or cases where conflict of interest comes in. Chair Martin stated that in this situation, there are two cases that are generating substantial fees that were not anticipated at budget time and are well above the normal levels one might anticipate. Chair Martin stated he does not have the legal case titles, but essentially, the City of Stamford has been sued by an organization seeking to put more billboards along the I-95 Corridor and is seeking to strike down certain aspects of the Stamford zoning laws as it pertains to the placement of outdoor signs. This organization has basically targeted Stamford as a test case for all of Connecticut. They have deep pockets, they are using constitutional issues.

The business purpose of this organization is to find towns that might have a few loopholes in their zoning laws, sue them, then have all the zoning laws thrown out, and then in a short time period when there are no zoning laws in place, get lots of permits for billboards and then sell those billboard locations to outdoor advertising firms. Clearly, Chair Martin stated, this is not something that we want to happen in Stamford, and unfortunately, over the 20 years that our zoning was put in place, we are now finding ourselves in a high stakes court game in very specialized areas of the law. Obviously, we are using outside counsel who are experts in this, and in fact, there is one attorney we are using who has been successful in defeating the cases brought forth by this organization. This is an expensive and unanticipated expense.

Chair Martin reported that the second case, which is unanticipated, has to do with the decision by the administration and the corporation counsel's office to defend the constables in actions taken against them. Chair Martin reported that elected members of the Board of Finance have taken the City to court arguing that the City should not pay those legal expenses. In this particular court case, Corporation Counsel, which made the ruling, is trying to defend some city officials while other city officials are suing and can no longer serve as an unbiased counsel. Therefore, the City is hiring outside attorneys to defend the City in defense of this situation. It is interesting to note, per Chair Martin, that the legal costs for this action to date are running significantly above the legal costs in defending the constables.

Chair Martin stated these two items constitute the unusual and extraordinary expenses associated with this request. Chair Martin moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he has no problem with the City hiring outside counsel for the billboard situation, however, he stated that he does strongly object to the City using these funds to defend two individuals who are not city employees, are private contractors and are not employed by the City to do whatever business they normally do; i.e., serve legal papers and not to be hired by private individuals to hold people captive in a restaurant in another city. Rep. Zelinsky stated that it distresses him that the City of Stamford is going

to waste taxpayer money defending these two individuals. He believes it is unfair and should not be done. He is shocked and disappointed that the Corporation Counsel would agree to defend them. Rep. Zelinsky added that if the judge rules in favor of the plaintiffs, the City could be held liable for millions of dollars. Rep. Zelinsky stated we are opening up a Pandora's Box to say that the City will defend non city employees for whatever reason. Rep. Zelinsky stated he can only speculate what would motivate the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel to do this.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that members of the Board of Representatives, in fairness to our taxpayers, should not allow this to go forward. Rep. Zelinsky stated that insurance does not cover this, the first \$100,000 will have to be paid by the taxpayers. Rep. Zelinsky urged his colleagues to think about this matter and not approve the funds that would cost the city possibly millions of dollars.

Rep. Loglisci stated he reluctantly voted in favor, but he did so because he was told by Corporation Counsel that it would be a conflict of interest if the Law Department represented the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel. Rep. Loglisci wants everyone to remember that the suit is a taxpayer suit, it is not brought by members who happen to sit on the Board of Finance. The suit is not against the City but rather against two individuals. Rep. Loglisci stated that this matter was discussed at length in caucus, and the City has had to hire outside counsel in certain tax items due to certain people working for the City. Rep. Loglisci stated we are spending a lot of money, and he knows the Mayor said it will be a tight budget this year. Rep. Loglisci hopes the Board becomes more careful with the taxpayer's money.

Rep. Martin thanked Mr. Loglisci for his correction and confirmed that the issue is not that the members of the Board of Finance sued the administration; the issue is that the Corporation Counsel has been sued, and the Corporation Counsel should not defend themselves, nor can they ask their employees to defend them. That is the conflict of interest situation that results.

The item was approved by voice vote. Rep. Graber abstained.

17. <a href="#">F25.339</a> \$84,368.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Emergency Communications Center; Salaries; to cover FY 2000/01 cost of hourly work week increase for dispatchers from 35 hours per week to 40 hours per week; increase to be effective 2/1/2001. 12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance 01/22/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0	<b>APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

*Concur*

18. <a href="#">F25.340</a>	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating	<b>APPROVED</b>
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\$50,000.00 Budget); E. G. Brennan Golf Course; Land Supplies; to purchase and install an in-ground, self-contained toilet facility. **ON CONSENT AGENDA**  
12/27/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/22/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0

*Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation*

*Concur*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3-4, 7, 10-15, 17 and 18, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Martin stated that next month, the Fiscal Committee will be handling two held items on the Fiscal Agenda, specifically Item Nos. 8 and 9, the school grants. Because the desire to have both the Police Chief and the Superintendent of Schools here, the meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

Rep. Martin stated that the Superintendent of Schools has a number of people he wishes to invite, and the Chief of Police also wishes to attend.

Rep. Boccuzzi suggested to the Chair that he try to get principals of the schools that are involved to the meeting. Chair Martin stated that Dr. Mazzullo indicated he would get some principals there. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that there should be a representation of principals so that the negative side could be heard along with the positive side and urged Chair Martin to get all principals, if possible, to attend the meeting.

President Domonkos stated that we would send a notice to each principal inviting him/her.

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that the item was held because we need to hear from people, and those people may not be who the superintendent chooses to send. Rep. Summerville stated that she believes the intent was to have principals of the schools there so that we can talk to them on behalf of constituents. Rep. Summerville stated we have heard from the Superintendent of Schools and the Police Department, and she supports Mr. Boccuzzi's request. Rep. Summerville stated she does not know all of the school rules, but questions if there is one saying that the principals are not allowed to come before a public Board.

Chair Martin stated that part of the reason the meeting was canceled was because he feared we would not get enough principals there if we held it during school vacation week.

Rep. Loglisci stated that parents should also be invited.

Rep. White stated that in-house security should also be invited.

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE** Maria Nakian, Chair  
William MacInnis, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, January 29, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, January 29, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, Esposito, Gasparrini, Spandow and Zelinsky. Reps. MacInnis, Mitchell, Skigen and Day were excused. Also present were Andrew McDonald, Esq., Corporation Counsel; Thomas Hamilton, Director of Administration; Jim Lehr of the Carpenters' Union; Sandra Goldstein of the DSSD and two representatives of the Stamford Advocate. Since there was no quorum at the meeting, a meeting was called for Monday, February 5, 2001. Due to the weather, that meeting was canceled, and the meeting was held Wednesday, February 7, 2001 with Reps. Nakian, Gasparrini, Skigen, Mitchell, Spandow, Day and Fedeli present, which constituted a quorum.

1. LR25.131      **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;**      **HELD IN**  
concerning designation of the Purchasing Agent as the      **COMMITTEE**  
city's Contracts Administrator  
12/8/00 - Submitted by James Rubino  
02/07/01 - Held in Committee 7-0-0

Chair Nakian reported that Item No. 1 was held by a vote of 7-0-0 pending information and a recommendation from the Subcommittee formed to deal with this.

2. LR25.132      **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;**      **HELD IN**  
regulating the location and utilization of modular news      **COMMITTEE**  
racks within the Downtown Special Services District.  
11/15/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/07/01 - Held in Committee 7-0-0

Chair Nakian reported that the Committee voted 7-0-0 to hold the item pending answers to concerns that were raised at the first discussion meeting.

3. LR25.133      **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;**      **APPROVED**  
Amending Chapter 103 of the Code of Ordinances      **ON CONSENT**  
Concerning Contractors ("Responsible Employer      **AGEND**  
Ordinance").  
12/12/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/07/01 - Committee voted 6-0-1

4. LR25.135      **REVIEW;** of fiscal analysis of actions regarding      **REPORT**  
amendments to Senior Citizen Tax Abatement      **MADE**  
Ordinance.  
01/11/01 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen

02/07/01 - Committee voted 6-0-1

Chair Nakian reported that everyone has received a report on this item, which should be part of the record.

5. LR25.006     REVIEW; City of Stamford's existing Code of Ordinances to determine if any additions, deletions or changes are necessary.     **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
01/20/99 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos (D-18)  
02/2/99 - Held in Committee  
04/14/99 - Placed on Pending Agenda  
02/07/01 - Held in Committee

Chair Nakian stated this item will be held as she is working on it.

6. LR25.129     PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;     **HELD IN COMMITTEE**  
providing for a tax abatement for property owned by     **(to be removed at Steering)**  
Neighborhood Housing Services and located at 31 Mission Street/28-30 Taylor Street.  
11/06/00 - Submitted by Madison Smith  
12/13/00 - Placed on Pending Agenda  
02/07/01 - Held in Committee

Chair Nakian reported that Item No. 6 should not be on the agenda and will be removed from the agenda at the next Steering Committee Meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**     Randall Skigen, Chair  
   Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair  
   Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2001  
   7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that he was unable to attend the Committee Meeting, however Vice Chair Loglisci chaired the meeting. Vice Chair Loglisci reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, January 31, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Loglisci, Fedeli, Boccuzzi, Gasparrini and Fortunato. Also present were Andrew McDonald, Corporation Counsel; Acting Director of Human Resources Bill Stover; I.S. Supervisor John Lindquist; Martin Levine, Ed Mathews, Anthony Mazzullo and John Chardavoyne of the Board of Education along with other representatives.

1. P25.093     REVIEW; of City of Stamford's telecommuting     **REPORT**

policy.  
12/12/00 - Submitted by Rep. DeLuca  
01/31/01 - Report Made

**MADE**

Vice Chair Loglisci reported that a report was provided to all representatives.

A motion to suspend the rules to take up the Stamford Administrators Unit Contract was made; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Skigen stated that matter does not appear to be properly before the Board at this time. Pursuant to the Charter, Section C6-20-7, when collective bargaining agreements have been finalized and signed, the Board of Finance shall render an advisory opinion to the Board of Representatives of the total cost and long term tax burden of the agreement. The Board of Finance was not presented with this contract, and therefore has not rendered an advisory opinion and will render it tomorrow evening. Rep. Skigen added that this may require a special meeting.

Rep. Skigen stated that another Section of C6-20-7 provides that before the Board of Education completes its final negotiations, the Board of Finance shall render an advisory opinion to the Board of Education. Rep. Skigen states that he does not believe this has been done, either. Rep. Skigen suggested that the Board not suspend its rules, not take the matter up at this time and schedule a special meeting the night of Steering, if necessary. Rep. Skigen moved to hold the matter.

Rep. Martin stated that an item cannot be held that is not on the Agenda. The proper motion was to bring it before the Board and the Board can fail to suspend its rules or if it does not fail to suspend its rules, then a motion to hold can be voted on.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the Charter says "shall" in both sections regarding the advisory report of the Board of Finance, and it does not say "may." Rep. Boccuzzi stated he believes Mr. Skigen is right, and he does not feel this is properly before us.

Rep. Martin stated that the President can call a special meeting at any time for any purpose.

Rep. Loglisci withdrew his motion to suspend the rules; the seconder also withdrew his motion.

Rep. Sherer stated that if the Committee acted to suspend its rules and take a matter up, he believes the Board is obliged to act in accordance with the Committee's request to suspend its rules. The Chair must represent the Committee's wishes.

Vice Chair Loglisci moved to take up the matter of the contract of the Stamford Administrative Unit; said motion was not seconded and the rules were not suspended.



Rep. Zelinsky stated he finds it ironic that one of the participants of the program is the Acting Director of Human Resources. Rep. Zelinsky further stated that he finds it interesting that the individual who is going to benefit from this is the one who is the author of the policy. Rep. Zelinsky further stated that something that affects all city employees, and especially the managers, should be brought to the Board of Representatives. Rep. Zelinsky thinks we could be opening up Pandora's Box by stating that managers now can request that they only have to come to City Hall and work four days a week, and the fifth day they can work out of their homes. Rep. Zelinsky stated that he thinks that the taxpayers of the City expect its employees, especially managers, to be accountable and to be required to come into City Hall to do their work. Rep. Zelinsky stated we are hiring people at large salaries, especially managers, to work out of their homes. Rep. Zelinsky stated he hopes the Board keeps this item on its agenda for next month to see if there is any way possible to see if the Board of Representatives can have more of an oversight on this policy. Rep. Zelinsky stated this matter could get out of hand and we could end up with a lot of people working out of their homes and not coming into City Hall.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE** Herman Alswanger, Co-Chair  
Patrick White, Co-Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2001  
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room  
(with Urban Redevelopment Committee)

Co-Chair White reported that the Land Use Committee met on Wednesday, January 24, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. White, Boccuzzi, Hunter, Nakian, Shapiro, Loglisci and O'Neill. Excused were Reps. Spandow and Alswanger. Other representatives present were Reps. Day, Summerville and Gasparri.

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| 1. LU25.050 | APPROVAL; of sales agreement and declaration of restrictive covenants for the City's conveyance of 153 Franklin Street to Stamford Affordable Homes, Inc. (subsidiary of New Neighborhoods, Inc.)<br>01/12/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>01/30/01 - Approved by Planning Board<br>02/08/01 - To be considered by Board of Finance<br>01/24/01 - Held in Committee | <b>HELD IN<br/>COMMITTEE</b> |
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Co-Chair White reported that because the Board of Finance had not approved Item No. 1, the matter was held.

Co-Chair White also reported that in a joint meeting with the Urban Redevelopment Committee to discuss various issues concerning the Mill River Project, the Land Use Committee is on record stating, "[W]e, the Committee, need to review the number of units to be developed for housing as well as a need to review the final overall plan that the URC is proposing before we can vote to approve any other aspects of the Mill River Project."

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Bobby E. Owens, Chair  
Harry Day, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Thursday, January 25, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Owens, Nanos, Day, Imbrogno and Zelinsky. Also present were Director of Operations Tim Curtin; Stamford's Traffic Engineer Mani Poola; OPM Manager Dena Diorio; Supervisor of Solid Waste Lou David and Tobin Coleman of the Advocate.

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| 1. O25.038 | RESOLUTION; regarding the Signal System Hardware Upgrade Projects public information meeting.<br>11/30/00 - Submitted by Mani Poola, Operations Department<br>12/27/00 - Committee voted to hold 4-0-1<br>01/08/01 - Held in Committee<br>01/25/01 - Committee voted consent | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>VOICE VOTE<br/>(Reps.<br/>Summerville,<br/>Graber, Green-<br/>Carter, Mitchell,<br/>DePina, Blackwell<br/>&amp; Cannady<br/>opposed; Rep.<br/>Shapiro<br/>abstaining)<br/>Waived</b> |
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*Secondary Committee: Fiscal*

Chair Owens reported that the Committee voted Consent on Item No. 1.

Fiscal Committee Chair Rep. Martin stated he spoke with Mr. Poola and ascertained that this is a matter not typically taken up by the Fiscal Committee. The Fiscal Committee took no action, and upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the secondary committee report was waived.

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

Rep. Summerville stated that she wants the record to show her displeasure with the proposed 27 cameras at \$12,500 each that will be purchased. This would create 32 additional cameras. Rep. Summerville stated she is not against the signalization system that is before us, but she is against the priority being cameras. As a downtown representative, where most of the cameras are located, she has not seen any statistics that show how the cameras do anything. Rep. Summerville stated she would like to learn more about how the decision that cameras are the solution to traffic problems came about. From a layman's position, and not being a traffic engineer, Rep. Summerville stated she has not seen any improvement in traffic with the existing cameras, nor has she

seen any back up material showing how the use of cameras will improve traffic in the future.

Rep. Summerville asked whether there could be other uses for the funds. Further, Rep. Summerville was told that the cameras are in a room and no one actually monitors them. There is also a concern about whether the cameras are being used for their intended purposes. Rep. Summerville cannot support the purchase of cameras with no documentation as to the use of the cameras or their benefit. Rep. Summerville is also concerned about privacy of citizens, and does not want Stamford to become camera city. Rep. Summerville stated that she would welcome additional information, but at this point in time, it seems to be an excessive amount of money to fund these cameras in the congested downtown area. Rep. Summerville would like to see taxpayer money be spent where it is needed.

Rep. Owens stated that because the downtown area is congested, the cameras would provide a significant live feedback to the office of the changing traffic conditions, allowing the staff to fine tune the system to improve traffic flow. The field of view provides the operating conditions of a much larger area for improving the flow with appropriate modifications, whereas as a field visit by the staff has limitations to the feedback as the operation field is limited. Also the cameras cut down on the operating cost, as the signal system could be managed with increased efficiency with the existing staff of the traffic and engineering division. Cameras could be utilized to get automatic traffic counts whenever necessary. Cameras are not monitored 24/7. Rep. Owens stated that this is what they are using the cameras for at this point in time.

Rep. Owens stated that the cost is just shy of \$300,000, but that is what was presented to the Committee.

Rep. Spandow stated she intends to vote for this item, but she would like to see some kind of report that gives an indication that the cameras are working and where the traffic has been eased, and if it does have the capability of giving counts of traffic during rush hours, it may be helpful to know that.

President Domonkos stated a letter requesting this information would be sent.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the item passed. Reps. Summerville, Graber, Green-Carter, Mitchell, DePina, Blackwell and Cannady opposed; Rep. Shapiro abstained.

2. O25.039	<b>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u>;</b> Amending Ordinance No. 848 Supplemental regarding Tipping Fees. 12/12/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/25/01 - Committee approved 5-0-0 (as amended)	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE *(as amended)</b>
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Chair Owens reported that the Committee voted 5-0-0, as amended, in favor of Item No. O25.039. Said motion was seconded. Chair Owens moved to amend the fees as follows: \$65.75 to \$66; \$67.50 to \$68.00 and \$69.25 to \$70.00; said amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote. The main motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 3. O25.040 | REVIEW; of status of privatization of facilities management operations.<br>01/14/01 - Submitted by President Domonkos<br>01/25/01 - Report Made | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b> |
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Chair Owens reported that the Committee was advised that there would not be any increased privatization of the Operations Department. The Committee received a final organizational chart for the 2001-2002 budget year, and there was a decrease of one employee on that organizational chart. After much discussion, the Committee agreed with the changes.

President Domonkos asked that Chair Owens provide a copy of the chart so all representatives could see it. President Domonkos also emphasized that all committee chairs provide copies of material handed out at committee meetings to the Board Office so that it could be distributed.

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HEALTH COMMITTEE</b>	Alice Fortunato, Chair Richard Lyons, Vice Chair Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2001 6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
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Chair Fortunato reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Wednesday, January 31, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Biancardi, DeLuca, Fortunato, Kernan, Lyons and O'Neill. Excused were Reps. DePina, Mobilio, MacInnis and Skigen. Also, Dr. Anthony Iton, Director of Public Health and Social Services and Ellen Bromley, Social Services Coordinator, were present.

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| 1. PS25.042 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <b><u>PUBLIC HEARING;</u></b><br><b><u>for final adoption;</u></b> amending Ordinance No. 930<br>Supplemental concerning affordable housing units<br>subject to the multiple dwelling license fee.<br>11/28/00 - Submitted by President Domonkos<br>01/08/01 - Approved for publication<br>01/31/01 - Committee voted 4-0-2 | <b>APPROVED<br/>BY MACHINE<br/>VOTE (30-0-10)</b> |
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Chair Fortunato stated that no one appeared to speak at the public hearing. Chair Fortunato stated that Ellen Bromley and Dr. Iton spoke on the ordinance, explaining that in May 2000 the fee was increased from \$2 per unit per year to \$50 per unit per year. The ordinance, which was written by Ellen Bromley, is an effort to assist the low cost housing effort. The ordinance was instituted by correspondence from owners and managers of the legally restricted buildings, directed toward the Board of Representatives' President, asking that the ordinance

be returned to the original fee of \$2 per unit. The ordinance affects apartments and buildings which have forty or more dwelling units. Initial occupancy is restricted to those earning 60% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI). If the income is in excess of 60% of the AMI, the license fee shall be \$50. There are 2,137 potentially eligible units.

Chair Fortunato reported there was discussion which concerned the loss of revenue and its impact on the City. The intent of this ordinance is to bring relief to the 2,137 units. Eight hundred and fifteen are elderly units, and 1,222 are family units. Chair Fortunato moved Item No. PS25.042 adding that the Committee approved the item for final adoption by a vote of 4-0-2; said motion was seconded.

President Domonkos noted that Mr. Owens left the floor.

The motion was approved by machine vote of 30-0-10 (Reps. Biancardi, Owens, Shapiro and Summerville not voting).

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair  
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair  
Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room  
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee)

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met in conjunction with the Fiscal Committee on Monday, January 22, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Sherer, Poltrack, Lyons, Cannady, Graber and O'Neill. The committee was secondary on the E. Gaynor Brennan additional appropriation, and the Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of the appropriation.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Ellen Mellis, Chair  
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

No report.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE** Jim Shapiro, Chair  
Joseph Gasparini, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2001  
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room  
(with Land Use Committee)

Chair Gasparini reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, January 24, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Day, Shapiro, Gasparini, Summerville, Loglisci, MacInnis and Nakian.

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  
01/24/01 - No action taken
- NO ACTION  
TAKEN**

*Secondary Committee: Land Use*

Vice Chair Gasparini reported no action was taken on Item No. 1 because the Committee is still waiting on a revised Mill River Plan from the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

2. UR25.008      PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **PUBLIC HEARING;** **APPROVED BY**  
**for final adoption;** approving purchase, sales and **UNANIMOUS**  
exchange agreement for One Main Street and 10 **VOICE VOTE**  
Lipton Place.  
11/02/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
12/05/00 - Approved by Board of Finance  
01/08/01 - Approved for publication  
01/24/01 - Committee voted 5-0-0

Vice Chair Gasparini reported that a public hearing was held on Item No. 2 above. This item is a real estate contract which is an exchange between the City and Alexander Koproski. Specifically, the contract calls for Mr. Koproski to convey property located at One Main Street to the City, and for the City to convey property located at 10 Lipton Place to Mr. Koproski and pay him an additional \$144,000. No members of the public attended the public hearing. The Committee approved the contract by a vote of 5-0-0. Rep. Nakian did not vote on the issue because she arrived after the vote. Vice Chair Gasparini moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair  
Lisa Poltrack, Vice Chair  
Public Hearing: Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001  
5:30 p.m. - Legislative Chambers  
- and -  
Tuesday, January 23, 2001  
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 and on Tuesday, January 30, 2001. Present for the January 23, 2001 meeting were Committee Member Reps. Blackwell, Cannady, Gaztambide, Mellis, Mitchell and Poltrack; Rep. Giordano was excused. Also in attendance were Reps. Esposito; Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief; Tom Cassone, Acting Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; and Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development.

The January 30, 2001 meeting was attended by Committee Member Reps. Cannady, Gaztambide, Giordano, Mellis, Mitchell, Poltrack and Spandow. Also present were Sandy Dennies, Grants Director; Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development; and representatives from various agencies (that are listed on the attached report).

1. HCD25.44 PUBLIC HEARING; Year 27 Annual Action Plan **REPORT**  
for the use of Community Development Block Grant **MADE**  
(CDBG) Funding and the HOME Investment  
Partnership Program.  
01/08/01 - Submitted by Rep. Mitchell  
01/30/01 - Report Made

Chair Mitchell reported that approximately 25 agencies presented their requests for the Year 27 funding. The subcommittee will meet Saturday, February 10 to discuss these requests.

2. HCD25.45 REVIEW; matter of development of affordable **REPORT**  
housing units including oversight responsibility **MADE**  
and how tenant selection, verification and  
occupancy will be managed.  
01/12/01 - Submitted by Reps. Esposito &  
Mitchell  
01/30/01 - Report Made

Chair Mitchell reported that during the Committee meeting, it was determined that there is a need to establish who will be responsible for the following items:

- for interviewing of potential tenants, the City contracts out to an agency, e.g., the Housing Authority, who is currently responsible for the Section 8 program, Mutual Housing or New Neighborhoods;
- who will collect the data and who will be the clearing house; it was suggested that this should be done by the City internally, and it is undetermined if additional staff will be necessary;
- who will assure that the units are being occupied by the tenants they were created for; it was suggested that the Zoning Board, or the Board of Representatives as an oversight committee.

Chair Mitchell reported that these are some of the issues that will be discussed with the consultant. Tom Cassone will arrange a meeting with the Committee to talk about this item further.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Gabe DeLuca, Chair  
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, February 1, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Nanos, Giordano and Zelinsky. Also present were President Domonkos, Tom Hamilton, Frank Kirwin, and Diane Anderson.

1. T25.030      REVIEW; policy regarding collection of personal      **REPORT**  
property tax for vehicles registered out-of-state.      **MADE**  
01/11/01 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen  
02/01/01 - Report Made

Chair DeLuca reported that this policy has been in effect for approximately ten years and is governed by State Statute 12-43, which states that any vehicle that is garaged in Stamford for a period of three months will receive a pro-rated tax bill. The tax assessors are made aware of this via a release signed when people apply for parking permits. These statements are forwarded to the taxation department. When the tax bill is sent out, a letter is enclosed with it stating why the individual is being taxed. If the person can prove that the vehicle is not garaged in Stamford for a period of three months, the bill will be canceled. For the past ten years ago, the City has been averaging approximately \$50,000 per year, from approximately 500 release statements per year.

Chair DeLuca stated that while the City is now issuing beach stickers as early as February 1, those who apply will be taxed from February 1.

Rep. Skigen thanked Rep. DeLuca for addressing his question as he was unable to attend the meeting. Rep. Skigen stated that some of the answers the Committee received were less than accurate, and he plans on taking this up with Mr. Hamilton and/or Mr. Kirwin to receive more accurate information. Rep. Skigen stated that, for example, the Tax Department indicated they have always relied on a certain General Statute, however, they have sent letters to taxpayers citing a different section of the General Statute.

**ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** Gloria DePina, Chair  
Thomas Hunter, Vice Chair



No report.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE** Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## **MINUTES**

1. [January 8, 2001 Regular Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. President Domonkos thanked Majority Leader Boccuzzi for filling in for her as President at last month's meeting.
2. President Domonkos thanked the Committee Chairs for the excellent written committee reports this month.
3. President Domonkos stated that there have been some problems with achieving quorums in committees. She will review committee attendance and discuss with committee chairs possible solutions to this problem.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Rep. Lyons reported that in a recent court case a ruling was issued that stated that e-mails from elected council members were subject to public review under the FOI laws.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

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