

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, May 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

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Representative Lisa Poltrack.

“Lord, thank you for this time we can share with you to pray for our Board members and our entire city. Lord please give us the wisdom and the guidance to make sound decisions and wise decisions. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President of the Board Carmen Domonkos.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-seven members present and three absent-excused (Reps. Gaztambide, Skigen and O’Neill).

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

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Barbara Abate, William Bill Macklin and Richard D. Robinson from the 25th Board of Representatives; Monsignor Edward Halloran by Reps.

Loglisci, MacInnis and Giordano; Lillian E. Cronin, Wanda B. Toto and Martha Marro by Reps. Loglisci and Giordano; Barbara F. Mitchell, Veronica M. Negyesi, Josephine M. Whyko and Palmyra "Polly" Turcio by Rep. Loglisci; Marie F. Butler and Mary Alice May by Rep. Giordano; Joseph Duddi by Reps. Fedeli and Giordano; Angie Loffredo by Rep. Boccuzzi; Sister Jane Ellen O'Neill by Reps. Giordano, O'Neill and Loglisci; Frank Schwarz by Rep. Mellis; and Claire Exnicios by Reps. White and Lyons.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2001
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.

A motion to take the Urban Redevelopment Committee report out of order was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE** Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 2001
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Thursday, April 26, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Shapiro, Loglisci and MacInnis.

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| 1. UR25.004 | RESOLUTION; approving the Mill River Corridor Project Plan Providing for the Redevelopment of the Mill River Corridor, the Establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District with the Stamford Connecticut Urban Redevelopment Commission as Redevelopment Agency.
09/11/98 - Submitted by E. Steinberg, Executive Director, URC
04/07/01 - Resolution submitted by URC | REPORT
MADE |
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Secondary Committee: Land Use

Chair Shapiro said that the Committee looked at the latest plan, Version 8.7. The URC also produced a 20-year milestone plan for budgeting and actions on the Mill River Corridor, which has been provided to all committee members.

The Housing Authority, the Planning Board and the URC have all passed Version 8.7. Subsequent to that, the URC made changes to the plan, and if those entities deem the changes material in nature, it will have to be re-approved. The plan next goes to the Board of Finance,

and that has to be done before this Committee votes on it. There were some significant changes in this version, some of which were made at the request of the Committee and the Board as a whole. Changes include:

- Washington Boulevard no longer lies within the boundaries.
- Below market rate units have to be on site.
- The URC will collect the TIF funds.
- Significant changes to this plan in the future will need to go through a rigorous approval process.

Rep. Shapiro stated that the milestone plan does not take into consideration the Norelco building, when it would be bought, how much, etc. There is also no estimate on 26 Main Street and what would happen there. This is a HUD housing project, and the City has never had control over it.

Rep. Shapiro stated that the total price tag the URC has come up with is \$39 million (not including 1010 Washington Boulevard, 26 Main Street or the developments the URC will put up). This includes four URC housing projects.

Rep. Shapiro encouraged everyone to look at this plan, and relay any questions to him.

Rep. Loglisci stated he had asked that the City's 50% of the TIF funds be locked in and was advised that it was not possible. Rep. Loglisci stated money is being taken out before it ever gets to the general fund, and there a lot of added expenses that will be associated with a bigger city. The Mill River Corridor is going to keep the lion's share of future tax income.

Rep. DeLuca questioned if there would be space for a grocery store in the downtown area. Rep. Shapiro replied that he didn't think it would be possible.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Summerville, Mellis, Fortunato, Esposito, Blackwell, Morrow and Loglisci. Excused were Reps. Boccuzzi, Nanos and Mobilio. Also in attendance were Mayor Malloy and Fire Chief McGrath.

1. A25.181	<u>Personnel Commission</u> William Lasko (D) 40 Four Brooks Road Stamford, CT 06903 Term Expires: 12/01/03	Repl. Kapiloff (Term exp. 12/1/99)	FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (without prejudice)
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02/20/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/04/01 - Held in Committee
04/24/01 - Committee defeated 7-0-0

This was the second meeting Mr. Lasko could not attend, but because of time limitations, the Committee voted to reject his appointment, without prejudice.

Chair Esposito moved to accept the appointment of Mr. Lasko; said motion was seconded and defeated by unanimous voice vote.

2. A25.182 Parks & Recreation **APPROVED**
Thomas A. Lombardo (R) Repl. Morrow **ON CONSENT**
65 Hickory Road (*Term exp. 12/1/01*) **AGENDA**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/01
03/13/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0
3. A25.183 Patriotic & Special Events **APPROVED**
Martha M. Dombroski (R) Repl. Correa **ON CONSENT**
204 Cascade Road (*Term exp. 12/1/00*) **AGENDA**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/03
03/13/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0
4. A25.184 Stamford Golf Authority **APPROVED**
Richard T. Swatland (R) Repl. Roche **ON CONSENT**
178 Club Road (*Term exp. 1/1/01*) **AGENDA**
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 01/01/04
03/13/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0
5. A25.185 Water Pollution Control Authority **APPROVED**
Thomas E. Brewton (R) Repl. DiBella **ON CONSENT**
272 Mill Road (*Term exp. 1/1/00*) **AGENDA**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires 01/01/03
03/13/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0

6. A25.186 Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate **HELD BY**
Alfonso C. Sgritta (R) Repl. Morrow **UNANIMOUS**
103 Midland Avenue (*Term exp. 12/1/04*) **VOICE VOTE**
Stamford, CT 06906
Term Expires: 12/01/04
03/13/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/01 - Committee approved 6-1-0

Chair Esposito stated that the Committee voted 6-1 for Mr. Sgritta's approval; however, there are some open questions and it was decided in caucus to hold the item for one month. Chair Esposito moved to hold the appointment of Mr. Sgritta; said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. A25.187 Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare **APPROVED**
Benjamin Barnes **BY**
4819 Juanita Way South **UNANIMOUS**
St. Petersburg, FL 33705 **VOICE VOTE**
04/05/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/24/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Chair Esposito stated that Mr. Barnes has worked for the City of Hartford, CCM, the Town of Hamden, and the Committee voted 7-0. Chair Esposito moved the item; said motion was seconded. Chair Esposito also stated that Mr. Barnes would be moving to the Stamford area.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he would prefer the City had found a Stamford resident and someone with police or health administration background.

Rep. Loglisci stated that since we have enough confidence in the health, police and fire chiefs, that an individual with city planning experience would be an asset to Stamford. He indicated he would support this appointment.

Chair Esposito stated that the Committee discussed the fact that this position, as it currently exists, would require someone with a unique set of qualifications. It is his understanding that the Mayor feels that we have excellent people in charge of health, police and fire, and that they really don't need someone over them with similar skills. The Mayor's agenda for Mr. Barnes is to focus on affordable housing. He has housing experience, lobbying and planning experience, and while his technical responsibility will be for public safety, health and welfare, most of his time will be spent dealing with affordable housing. The Committee felt this was a good use for this position.

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

Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, April 23, 2001
8:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, April 23, 2001. Present at the April 23, 2001 meeting were Committee Member Reps. Martin, Owens, Poltrack, Giordano, Mellis, Loglisci, DeLuca and Lyons. Chair Martin stated that some of these matters were taken up in conjunction with the budget hearings on May 16 and May 18.

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| 1. F25.359 | REVIEW; of police department extra duty audit.
03/14/01 - Submitted by President Domonkos
04/23/01 - Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
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Chair Martin reported that the Committee reviewed the audit of the extra duty police department activity. This audit addresses whether we receive funds that cover the costs associated with these events. The audit shows that there is a slight deficit, but the administration is not proposing a change in the administrative fee. At this time, there are three things going forward: 1) there is a new contract with the firm that processes these bills; 2) there are questions regarding liabilities being imposed; and 3) the committee is asking they look carefully on bad debt.

The Committee will be reviewing this matter again after the information is obtained.

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| 2. F25.372 | RESOLUTION & <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> ; approving
the 2001 Neighborhood Assistance Act; public
hearing to be held May 21, 2001.
03/13/01 - Submitted by Sandra Dennies
04/23/01 - No action taken | NO ACTION
TAKEN |
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Chair Martin reported that this item will actually be discussed at the May meeting, and the Fiscal Committee will review the programs proposed to receive funding. No action was taken at this time.

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| 3. F25.373
\$790,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
Budget); Highways; Snow Removal; to cover deficit
in storm accounts due to severe winter weather.
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/23/01 - Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA |
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Secondary Committee: Operations

Waived

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

4. [F25.374](#) \$1,077,999.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Stamford Fire & Rescue; to fund salary, overtime and clothing allowance accounts as a result of firefighters' contract settlement.
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/23/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA**

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Concur

5. [F25.375](#) \$783,763.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Stamford Fire & Rescue; South End Fire Station; per sunset clause in Charter, funds removed from capital account.
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/23/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Concur

6. [F25.376](#) RESOLUTION; formerly Exhibit A; in connection with F25.375 above, South End Fire Station.
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/23/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA**

7. [F25.377](#) \$194,383.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Various Accounts; to fund MAA employees' contract settlement.
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/23/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA**

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Concur

8. [F25.378](#) \$13,857.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Turn of River Volunteer Fire Department; to repair two trucks that need repairs.
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA**

04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/23/01 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Concur

9. F25.379
\$2,531.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded Budget); Health Department; Cost Sharing Grant; to align account with approved State grant amount.

04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance

04/23/01 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3 - 9, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Martin reported that this Wednesday the caucuses are meeting at 6:45 for the budget meeting. On everyone's desk tonight is a report that shows the Board of Finance actions and the Fiscal Committee's actions. There is a small technical mistake, under Department Wide: the Mayor put funds for Cops in Schools budget, and since he has resubmitted the grant that was recently rejected, the Committee removed that item from the budget. It should have also been removed from the Grant Funded budget.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, April 30, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, April 30, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, MacInnis, Esposito, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Skigen, Zelinsky, Day, Fedeli and Sherer present. Excused was Rep. Spadow. Also present at the meeting were Reps. Loglisci and O'Neill; Andrew McDonald and Sybil Richards of the Law Department; the Deputy Director of the Carpenters' Local; and the Chair of the Commission on Aging.

1. LR25.133	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>; Amending Chapter 103 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Contractors ("Responsible Employer Ordinance"). 12/12/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/07/01 - Approved for republication 04/04/01 - Returned to Committee	APPROVED FOR REPUBLIC- ATION BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Gasparrini opposed; Rep. Sherer abstained)
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Chair Nakian reported that an amendment to the ordinance was proposed at committee and approved by a vote of 8-1. Chair Nakian moved to approve the ordinance; said motion was seconded.

Chair Nakian moved to amend the ordinance; said motion was seconded. The amendment reads: Section 103-9, Paragraph C: "**As may be required by state and federal law**, [t]he bidder or proposer and all subcontractors must maintain and participate in a bona fide ..."

Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

A second amendment was made and seconded, and the purpose of the amendment is to incorporate the Stamford Construction Jobs Agreement in the ordinance: Section 103-9; Paragraph A. "The bidder or proposer and all subcontractors under the bidder or proposer shall comply with the Stamford Construction Jobs Agreement as it currently exists and as it may, from time to time, be amended, **which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this ordinance.**"

Rep. Day stated he plans on proposing an amendment to delete this paragraph entirely.

Said amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Day moved to delete Paragraph A; said motion was seconded. Rep. Day explained that when this was first presented, it was represented that the purpose of the ordinance was not to extend the reach of any existing federal or state mandates, but rather to bring the remedy back to Stamford. Rep. Day stated that Paragraph A does in fact expand the

mandate. The Jobs Agreement, particularly Paragraph F, mandates that the contractor or subcontractor provide skills training under a State certified apprenticeship program. Further, Rep. Day stated that other provisions in the Jobs Agreement make it inappropriate to be included in an ordinance as it doesn't read like an ordinance. Rep. Day stated that deleting it from the ordinance doesn't preclude it from being included in any RFP and be made part of contractual arrangements when deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Department.

Chair Nakian stated that, speaking as an individual and not the chair of the Committee, she feels the City has an obligation in its contracts to provide for Stamford residents. If it is an advantage to Stamford residents to utilize the Construction Jobs Agreement, and if it can provide training for a minority or female worker they wouldn't otherwise get, she feels the City has an obligation. The Board has to look out for the contractors but it also has to look out for other people, and if the City doesn't take the lead in doing this, she questions who will. Rep. Nakian stated that she doesn't think the Board can turn its backs on people who need this training to get ahead.

Rep. Sherer stated that the only good thing about the Stamford Jobs Agreement is that it provides some security for Stamford residents. There is so much bad about it, that it is detrimental to many of the very people it is trying to help. It is trying to help small contractors compete with big contractors. It tries to help minority contractors compete with non-minority contractors. The training component alone won't accomplish this. Rep. Sherer stated that unless the Agreement can be removed from the ordinance, he recommends the entire ordinance be voted down.

Rep. Graber stated that it appears to him that minority contractors are not bound by this contract.

Rep. Day stated that Paragraph F was objectionable in that it puts small subcontractors at a disadvantage because small shops do not necessarily have apprenticeship programs, and he feels that it discriminates against small businesses.

Chair Nakian stated that what this requires is that if you are providing an apprenticeship program, you have to be providing a state-certified one. She added that there are many state-certified programs, and it doesn't have to be run by the contractor.

Rep. Sherer stated that anything that jeopardizes the welfare of an individual or a group of individuals is not good, and he is not favor of passing any ordinance that treats groups of people unequally.

Upon questioning by Rep. Summerville, Chair Nakian stated that the jobs agreement calls for a targeted percentage of 1/3 for minorities or women.

Rep. Owens stated that he works with large and small contractors, and this would allow a laborer to advance his knowledge and grow in a trade. There are many different apprenticeship programs, including those at colleges and trade schools. He added that his

only reservation was that the ordinance refers back to the jobs agreement, and the ordinance should have all the meat, with the jobs agreement referring back to the ordinance.

Rep. MacInnis stated that the ordinance sets as a goal that contractors and subcontractors must make every effort to provide training opportunities. It doesn't mandate them, but says you have to use your best effort. He also stated he was surprised that any representative would deny Stamford youth opportunities in the construction industry. The purpose of the entire agreement was to provide employment opportunities for people to participate in the construction industries. CTE, the Urban League, City of Stamford Mutual Housing, churches, the Stamford Enterprise Zone are the organizations that will recruit and refer these young people for training and opportunity. He will support the ordinance.

Rep. Lyons moved the question. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

President Domonkos stated that the Board will vote by machine. The motion to delete paragraph A failed by machine vote (20-13-4), a copy of said vote is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Chair Nakian moved to approve the ordinance for republication due to the substantive nature of the changes. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Gasparrini opposed; Rep. Sherer abstained).

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| 2 LR25.132 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication;</u>
regulating the location and utilization of modular news racks within the Downtown Special Services District.
11/15/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/07/01 - Held in Committee
03/26/01 - Held in Committee
04/30/01 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. LR25.138 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication;</u>
Repealing Chapter 6, Article III of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Commission on Aging.
03/07/01 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
03/26/01 - Held in Committee
04/30/01 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 4. LR25.139 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication;</u>
Amending Chapter 6, Article II of the Code of Ordinances to convey the powers and duties of the Commission on Aging to the Social Services Commission. | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

03/07/01 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
03/26/01 - Held in Committee
04/30/01 - Held in Committee

5. LR25.140 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication;** **RETURNED TO
COMMITTEE
(Reps. Loglisci,
Nakian, Day,
Fedeli, DeLuca
and White
opposed)**
amending Section 72-2 of the Code concerning the
sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor.
03/21/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/30/01 - Committee voted 9-1-0

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

Chair Nakian moved the item; said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin moved to return the item to Committee; said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin stated that he wanted to get more information regarding the court case associated with this ordinance. He stated that it seemed odd we would be treating beer different than other alcoholic beverages. The motion was approved by voice vote (Reps. Loglisci, Nakian, Day, Fedeli, DeLuca, and White opposed).

6. LR25.141 RESOLUTION; concerning a second Amendment to **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
the City's Tax Abatement Agreement with
Cornerstone/Bayview, Inc.
03/15/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/30/01 - Held in Committee

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Loglisci reported that the Personnel Committee met on May 2, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Cannady, Fedeli, Fortunato, Gasparrini, Loglisci, MacInnis, Skigen and Spandow. Excused was Mr. Boccuzzi.. Also in attendance were Board of Finance Members Bill Callion and Jerry Fox; Fred Manfredonia and William Stover of the Human Resources Department; Lou Calabrese, Michael Briscoe and Bill Buchanan, Trustees of the CERF Board; and Ed Faski, President of the Retirees Association.

At the meeting, Mr. Skigen asked Mr. Loglisci to chair the meeting as Mr. Skigen would not be able to attend the May 7, 2001 meeting.

1. P25.098 APPROVAL; of employment agreement between the **APPROVED**

City of Stamford and Lorraine Gilden, Clerk/Staff
Analyst for the Board of Finance.
03/09/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/28/01 - Held in Committee
05/02/01 - Committee approved consent

**ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

2. P25.100 APPROVAL; of a tentative agreement with AFSCME **APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE
(DeLuca
opposed)**
Local #465, Registered Nurses Contract.
04/05/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
05/02/01 - Committee approved consent

Vice Chair Loglisci reported that this item includes the school, public health and Smith House nurses, and it is a two year contract. There is a time constraint on voting on this matter because it is a labor contract. The total cost of this contract was \$132,597 and represents a 3% increase. Changes in the contract include longevity payout schedule changes, pension changes that address 42-week year nurses vs. 52-week year nurses; and an increase in the educational payment that is offset by the overtime changes.

Vice Chair Loglisci stated that the Committee went into executive session to ask questions regarding certain pension buyouts. Vice Chair Loglisci moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated he was concerned that the contract will establish a precedent with the fifteen-day military leave provision with full pay. In addition, he is against the reduction in the pension plan as well as the use of the pension funds for sick and vacation payouts upon retirement. Rep. DeLuca stated he would be voting against this contract.

The item was approved by voice vote (Rep. DeLuca opposed).

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE Herman Alswanger, Co-Chair
Patrick White, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Alswanger reported that the Land Use Committee met on Thursday, May 3, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Alswanger, O'Neill, White, Nakian, Spandow, Hunter and Loglisci.

1. LU25.051 APPROVAL; to rename 195 Hillandale Avenue **APPROVED BY**

“The William Pitt Child Development Center of
Stamford.”
03/31/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/03/01 - Committee Approved 7-0-0

**UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

Chair Alswanger moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Harry Day, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Thursday, April 26, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Owens, Morrow, Hunter and Zelinsky, and there was not a quorum. There was a public hearing and no one from the public attended. A second meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2001, and again there was no quorum. Present at this meeting were Reps. Owens, Morrow and Hunter. The public hearing was re-noticed again for this evening, and no one from the public was present.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. O25.044 was approved to be taken out of committee.

1. O25.044 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; PUBLIC HEARING; APPROVED BY
for Final Adoption; amending Chapter 227 **UNANIMOUS**
Concerning the Care of Trees and Shrubs Within the **VOICE VOTE**
Limit of any Public Road to remove the Director of
EPB as Tree Warden and appoint a licensed arborist
to fill the position.
02/28/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/22/01 - Committee approved 5-0-0**

Chair Owens reported that no one attended from the public. He added that the City has a licensed arborist on staff, and this will not increase this person's salary. Chair Owens moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. O25.046 was approved to be taken out of committee.

2. O25.046 **APPROVAL;** of contract with AFB Construction **APPROVED BY**
Management of Trumbull, Inc. for agreement for **UNANIMOUS**
management services for City Building Maintenance **VOICE VOTE**
Operations; amount of contract: \$120,000 per year.
03/08/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

04/04/01 - Returned to Committee
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Owens stated that AFB is presently under a two-three month contract that will expire this month. This is a one-year contract with a five-year renewal option. This does not include the Board of Education buildings; they are covered by a separate contract. Chair Owens moved the item; said motion was seconded. The item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Richard Lyons, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Fortunato reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, May 3, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Biancardi, DeLuca, Fortunato, Kernan, Lyons, MacInnis and O'Neill. Excused were Reps. DePina, Mobilio and Skigen.

At the meeting, the Committee discussed secondary items.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair

Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2001
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Thursday, May 3, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Sherer, Alswanger, Cannady, Graber, Lyons, O'Neill, Poltrack and White. Also present were Reps. Giordano and Morrow; Moira McNulty from the Operations Office; Cpt. Lagan from the Stamford Police Department and nine residents from the Soundview Avenue area.

1. PR25.056 RESOLUTION; **PUBLIC HEARING**; approving **FAILED BY**
Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendations **MACHINE**
for opening and closing times for city-owned parks. **VOTE (16-17)**
05/01/00 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
08/02/00 - Committee approved 6-4-0
02/27/01 - Held in Committee

Chair Fedeli stated that a public hearing was held and nine members, representing 52 homeowners of the Soundview Neighborhood Association, attended and spoke in favor of the resolution. They cited loud music and party-like conditions in the park at night. Rep. Morrow spoke regarding the public hearings that the Parks & Recreation Commission held (and of which he was a member). Also present at the meeting were residents of Cove Island who

submitted a petition with over 100 signatures from residents who were asking that the parks be closed at an earlier time. Cpt. Lagan spoke about the enforcement and the Police Department's preference for a uniform closing time. The Committee voted 6-0-2. Chair Fedeli moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he sympathizes with the residents in the area of the parks, however, these parks were established so that the residents of the City can enjoy the parks when they want to. Rep. Zelinsky stated that if loud music is the problem, then the noise problem should be addressed. Rep. Zelinsky stated he would prefer that the parks be open all the time, but realizes this may not be feasible. Rep. Zelinsky moved to amend the closing time from April 1 to October 31 to 11:00 p.m.

President Domonkos stated that this resolution has to be voted either up or down and that no amendments can be allowed. The Parks & Recreation must propose the recommended times.

Chair Fedeli stated that for city-sponsored events, such as softball games, these closing times would not apply.

Rep. Giordano stated that if the parks were closed at 10:00 p.m., the problem will not be solved, and new problems will be created. Rep. Giordano stated that it is unfair to tell some residents that they have to leave at 10:00 p.m., but groups such as baseball players and boat owners are allowed to stay. Rep. Giordano stated that Scalzi Park is in his district, and he has never received any calls complaining about noise. Rep. Giordano stated that everyone should be treated equally.

Rep. Morrow stated that on February 24, 2001, the Parks Commission held a public hearing, and he read part of a petition received by Cove Island residents: "Many people imagine leisurely walks in the moonlight, however that is not what happens at Cove Island mainland after dark. On the contrary, it becomes a rendezvous for drug traffickers, noisy hot rodders, blaring music, underage drinking, rowdy behavior with the use of profane language, illegal discharge of fireworks, reckless driving including driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and speed drag racing in both the parking lot, Cove Road and Weed Avenue. Add to this shouting, horn-honking, smashing bottles, throwing litter in the park and on residential lawns, and you have a clear picture of what really happens after dark at our City's Cove Island mainland. As taxpaying residents, we respectfully ask that our right to peaceful enjoyment of our homes after 10:00 p.m. be respected by reducing the mainland hours to 10:00 p.m. in the summer time."

Rep. Morrow also stated that the same thing was heard at the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting from about nine residents in the Cummings area. The Stamford Police Department has asked the Commission for this earlier closing time in order to clear the park and try to get some of the people out to end this behavior. The substations close at 11:00 p.m. and the final shift is somewhat under-manned.

Chair Fedeli stated that if this item is turned down, the closing times will revert to the current closing times of midnight.

Rep. Alswanger stated that if there needs to be more policing, that is the solution, not penalizing many people for a few that may be causing a disturbance. He added that the police should go after those individuals causing problems, and not penalize the entire City. He added that there are a lot of people who cannot afford air conditioners and who go down to the parks on hot summer nights, and he feels the City can do a better job solving this than passing this resolution.

Rep. Summerville stated that the City spent millions of dollars to have a vibrant downtown, and the bars close late – 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. People that live downtown in condominiums and rental apartments learn to live with the noise because that is where they live. Rep. Summerville stated the Police Department and authority figures should patrol the parks and have control of the crowds. Rep. Summerville stated that the Board should not have closing times for one part of town. She added that closing the parks at 10:00 means you don't even have a park, you have a country club area for a select group of people.

Reps. White and Lyons stated that they endorse Rep. Morrow's comments. Rep. Lyons added that he and Rep. White have worked with the neighborhood associations to solve these problems and he believes this is a fair compromise.

Rep. Sherer stated he had been against the hours for a long time, but he found the neighbors' comments at the public hearing compelling.

Rep. Martin stated the police know of the problems that are going on, and they don't do anything about it. He stated it was ridiculous that the neighbors have to come in and ask that the parks be closed to solve illegal activity going on that the police haven't done anything about. He added that this doesn't address whether 10:00 is or is not an appropriate time to close the beaches.

Rep. Owens stated that every part of the city has problems after 10:00. Rep. Owens stated that if there is a problem, then we should fix the problem and not penalize everyone else.

Rep. Green-Carter stated that she will not support the time change. She stated that those who live in the inner city need a place to go. She added that the city is growing, and because it is growing, there will be nuisances. Further, the City needs to find things for youth to do, and before we start removing things from them, we need to come up with new solutions.

Chair Fedeli stated that this item came before the Board not because residents complained, but was originally submitted by the President of the Board to get uniform times for opening and closing.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the youth have been acting irresponsibly, and they themselves are causing the parks to have to be closed earlier. He added that the parks are a low priority for the police department.

Rep. Esposito stated that if the parks are closed, the youth are not going to go home. The problems will be just spread out in various neighborhoods. The parks seem a logical place for teens to gather, and that is what parks are there for.

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was defeated by machine vote (16-17). A copy of the vote is attached hereto.

Rep. Alswanger asked that the Parks & Recreation Committee discuss with the Police Department the Board's concerns about having the parks properly policed so that we don't have these complaints and problems. Chair Alswanger stated the City has ambassadors, parks police and regular police.

Chair Domonkos asked for everyone's agreement that this item would be placed on next month's Steering Agenda, and everyone agreed.

Rep. Esposito stated he would also like the Committee to address the original issue of why the parks were being closed in the winter at 4:30 p.m. The President asked that all concerns be submitted to Mary Fedeli who will forward them to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Tuesday, May 1, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Mellis, Day, Giordano, Graber, Imbrogno and Poltrack. Excused were Reps. Green-Carter and Fedeli. Also in attendance were Lou Cassolo of the Engineering Department; John Chardavoyne of the Stamford Public Schools; and the principal of Northeast School.

1. E25.040 APPROVAL; of agreement with Fuller & D'Angelo, **APPROVED BY**
PC for architectural and engineering services for **UNANIMOUS**
Northeast Elementary School; amount of contract: **VOICE VOTE**
\$144,530.00.
02/28/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
05/01/01 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Chair Mellis advised that a report has been provided to all members. Chair Mellis 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
Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2001

6:30 p.m. - Conference Room #1

1. HCD25.44 RESOLUTION; approving Year 27 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding in the amount of \$1,291,000; the HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$505,000.
12/10/99 - Submitted by Tim Beeble, Director of
Community Development
01/04/00 - Report Made and Held in Committee
04/04/01 - Report Made and Held in Committee
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
2. HCD25.47 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;
enacting an ordinance providing a linkage between
commercial development and affordable housing.
04/04/01 - Submitted by Chair Mitchell **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Chair Mitchell indicated that the Committee has previously approved this item. Chair Mitchell moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Domonkos thanked Elaine and her Committee for the hard work on this item. Chair Mitchell also thanked her Committee, along with the Mayor's Office and Community Development staff.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 2001
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee did not meet this month.

1. T25.031 REVIEW; of need for parking meters near the former
Caldors on Summer Street **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
04/09/01 - Submitted by Rep. DeLuca

A motion to suspend the rules was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to take up a resolution regarding the Dial-A-Ride funding. Rep. DeLuca stated that John Wayne Fox had sent out a flyer that indicated the State is considering handing out approximately \$650,000 for the Dial-a-Ride program, to be split between Norwalk and Stamford.

A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. (The resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Chair
Thomas Hunter, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2001
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Hunter reported that the Administration & Technology Committee met on Tuesday, April 17, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Hunter, Kernan, Mitchell and Summerville. Chair DePina was excused, and Rep. Hunter chaired the meeting.

1. AT25.11 APPROVAL; of contract with Ceridian Corporation for payroll services. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Summerville opposed)**
04/03/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
04/11/01 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/17/01 - Committee approved 3-0-1

Vice Chair Hunter advised that Lisa Reynolds attended the Committee meeting for Mr. Hamilton. Vice Chair Hunter moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Summerville opposed).

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating the Stamford High Hockey Team on its state championship. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
03/14/01 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen.

President Domonkos will send a letter congratulating the Stamford High Hockey Team on its state championship.

MINUTES

1. April 4, 2001 Regular Meeting **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS**

VOICE VOTE

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos announced that on May 31, 2001, the WPCA will hold a presentation on the upgrade and expansion of the sewage treatment plant.
2. President Domonkos announced that on May 17, 2001, the Mayor's Office is holding an Affordable Housing Task Force Workshop at UCONN from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.
3. The Planning Board Mast Plan final presentation will be held on May 10, 2001. Reps. Nakian and Hunter agreed to attend on behalf of the Board.
4. President Domonkos noted that the capital projects report is available.
5. President Domonkos named the Special Committee on Reapportionment. Co-Chairs will be David Martin and Gabe DeLuca; other members are Reps. Boccuzzi, Loglisci, Shapiro, Fedeli and Summerville.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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