

*The Regular Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Wednesday, November 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.*

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# Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Given by Rep. Summerville

“Dear Lord, cleanse our hearts of all malice, of all hatred, of all jealousy that might linger here tonight. Let us approach our duties with an open mind and a friendliness toward all our fellow workers. Let us not forget that our fellow citizens have placed us on this Board, which has grown and developed through sacrifice and the labor of many faithful who have gone before us. Let us quickly recognize that our greatest contribution to public service is honesty, integrity and the application of the principles of thy golden rule. We ask you to bless our nation, our president and all the leaders throughout the world. And let there be peace on earth and good will toward men. We ask all these blessings in your name and for your righteousness. Amen.”

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President of the Board Carmen L. Domokos.

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-seven members present and three absent/excused: Reps. Gaztambide, Mobilio and Nanos.

A motion to take an item not appearing on the agenda was approved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. RESOLUTION; honoring Carmen L. Domokos for her many years of service to the City of Stamford.  
11/07/01 – Submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> Board

**APPROVED BY  
UNANIMOUS  
VOICE VOTE**



Majority Leader Boccuzzi and Minority Leader Loglisci thanked President Carmen Domonkos and Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville for their hard work on the part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that as majority leader and a member of the Board, it has been a pleasure working with her during her term as president. Mr. Loglisci thanked Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville for her service over the past years. President Domonkos thanked everyone, and stated she has loved every minute of it. She has enjoyed working for the citizens and thanked everyone for their support in putting her in the responsible position of president. President Domonkos said the Board is a very capable group that has accomplished many things, and she is certain it will continue this work in the future.

Clerk of the Board Summerville presented President Domonkos with a cake. Mr. David Martin, Ms. Maria Nakian and Mr. Robert “Gabe” DeLuca presented President Domonkos with the resolution. Mr. Loglisci read the resolution.

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

**PAGES:**

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE:** To be recorded in the minutes.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**STEERING COMMITTEE:** Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 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.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE** Paul A. Esposito, Chair  
*(Report)* Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2001  
6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito stated that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, October 23, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Summerville, Blackwell, DePina, Nanos, Mellis and Morrow. Also present were The Rev. Hill, Adelle Gordon, Michael Berkoff and the Chair of the Police Commission, Mark Denham on Item No.4.

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| 1. <a href="#">A25.204</a> | <u>Greater Fairfield Tourism District</u><br>Sharon Blume<br>39 Scofieldtown Road<br>Stamford, CT 06903<br>Term Expires: 06/30/05<br>07/19/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>09/04/01 – Held in Committee<br>10/01/01 – Defeated without prejudice<br>10/05/01 – Resubmitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/23/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 2. <a href="#">A25.209</a> | <u>Social Services Commission</u><br>Theresa Dell (R)<br>125 Hardesty Road<br>Stamford, CT 06903<br>Term Expires: 12/01/03<br>09/18/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/23/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0<br>10/23/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0  | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 3. <a href="#">A25.210</a> | <u>School Building Committee</u><br>Nancy Ormsby-Flynn<br>Operations Program Specialist II<br>c/o City of Stamford<br>888 Washington Blvd.<br>Stamford, CT 06904-2152<br>10/05/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/23/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0  | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 4. <a href="#">A25.211</a> | REVIEW; of Police Commission’s role in oversight<br>of department spending and overtime.<br>10/10/01 – Submitted by President Domonkos<br>10/23/01 – Report Made  | <b>REPORT<br/>MADE</b>                    |

Chair Esposito stated that the Committee invited the members of the Police Commission. The Commission members stated that the Commission has no charter requirements nor responsibilities to deal with the overtime budget. They do not receive the budget, nor do they approve it. They don’t set policy regarding the budget or overtime, and essentially they have no control over the budget.

Chair Esposito moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 3 above; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Esposito thanked the members of his Committee for their hard work. Chair Esposito specifically thanked Vice Chair Summerville who helped him during the four years and who filled in when he was unavailable. Chair Esposito also thanked his partner from District 4 [Lisa Poltrack], whom he has served with for the last five years, adding that she will be missed.

**FISCAL COMMITTEE**  
*(Report)*

David Martin, Chair  
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, October 22, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, October 22, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Martin, Owens, Giordano, Mellis, Loglisci, DeLuca, Sherer, Nanos, Lyons and Poltrack. Rep. Hunter was also in attendance.

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| 1. <a href="#">F25.427</a> | RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to file application and to enter into agreement with the State of Connecticut for a grant in the amount of \$2 million to facilitate improvements to the Bartlett Arboretum.<br>07/30/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>09/04/01 – Held in Committee<br>10/22/01 – Held in Committee | <b>HELD IN<br/>COMMITTEE</b> |
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Chair Martin reported that this item was held at the request of the administration.

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| 2. <a href="#">F25.438</a> | APPROVAL; of agreement for actuarial and consulting services with Buck Consultants, Inc. re: pension plans; term of contract: 7/1/01 – 6/30/05; amount of contract: for annual valuations on 4 pension plans - from \$17,000 to \$42,000 per year; from \$155 to \$450 per hour for consulting services.<br>10/01/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 10-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 3. <a href="#">F25.439</a> | REJECTION; of capital project closeouts totaling \$1,018,885.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>10/23/01 – Approved by Planning Board<br>10/22/01 – No action taken   | <b>NO ACTION<br/>TAKEN</b>                |

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| 4. <a href="#">F25.441</a><br>\$47,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br>Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Government<br>Security; to update security system at Government<br>Center.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>10/09/01 – Approved by Planning Board<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 10-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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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.

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| 5. <a href="#">F25.447</a> | RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) in connection<br>with F25.441 above.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 10-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 6. <a href="#">F25.440</a> | RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file an<br>application and execute a grant agreement with the<br>Department of the Interior – National Park Service for<br>the Multi-Use Trail at Kosciuszko Park.<br>09/26/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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| 7. <a href="#">F25.442</a><br>\$116,900.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br>Public Services; Kosciuszko Park Trail; for multi-use<br>trail improvements in Kosciuszko Park.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>10/09/01 – Approved by Planning Board<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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***Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation***

***Waived***

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

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| 8. <a href="#">F25.448</a> | RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) in connection<br>with F25.442 above.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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10/22/01 – Committee approved 7-0-0

9. [F25.443](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED**  
\$419,250.00 Land Use; Open Space Acquisition; to purchase 60 **BY VOICE**  
and 70 Main Streets to be used as open space; source **VOTE (Rep.**  
of funds: grant **DeLuca opposed)**  
09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance  
10/09/01 – Approved by Planning Board  
10/22/01 – Committee approved 6-1-0

*Secondary Committee: Urban Redevelopment*

*Waived*

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

Chair Martin stated that the opposition vote reflected a concern that the City is paying too much money for the property. Chair Martin moved, the item; said motion was seconded.

President Domonkos stated that this vote required a two-thirds vote. The motion was approved by voice vote (Rep. DeLuca opposed).

10. [F25.449](#) RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) in connection **APPROVED**  
with F25.443 above. **BY VOICE**  
09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **VOTE (Rep.**  
10/22/01 – Committee approved 6-1-0 **DeLuca opposed)**

Chair Martin moved Item No.F25.449; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. DeLuca opposed).

11. [F25.444](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED**  
\$325,000.00 Land Use; Open Space Acquisition; to purchase 205 **ON CONSENT**  
Magee Avenue for use as open space; source of funds: **AGENDA**  
grant.  
09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance  
10/09/01 – Approved by Planning Board  
10/22/01 – Committee approved 8-0-0

*Secondary Committee: Land Use*

*Waived*

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

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| 12. <a href="#">F25.450</a>               | RESOLUTION; (formerly Exhibit A) in connection with F25.444 above.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 8-0-0   | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
| 13 <a href="#">F25.445</a><br>\$43,587.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded); Connecting with KYDS; second of three year grant program for drug and alcohol prevention programs.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>10/22/01 – Committee approved 7-0-0 | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |

**Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health**

**Waived**

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 4-8 and 11-13, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Martin thanked his Committee. He added that over four years, there was only one time that he had to hunt around to get people to attend the meeting. Chair Martin stated he will miss Ellen Mellis, Peter Nanos and Sadie Green-Carter. He thanked Mr. Lyons, Phil Giordano and especially Mr. Owens, the Vice Chair. Chair Martin also thanked Messrs. Loglisci and DeLuca.

**LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE**  
*(Report)*

Maria Nakian, Chair  
William MacInnis, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, October 29, 2001  
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, October 29, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, MacInnis, Esposito, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Skigen, Spandow, Zelinsky, Day, Fedeli and Sherer present. Also present was Ben Barnes, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare.

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| 1. LR25.142 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <b><u>for Final Adoption &amp; PUBLIC HEARING</u></b> ; regarding the City's purchase of land.<br>08/06/01 - Submitted by President Domonkos<br>09/04/01 – No action taken<br>10/01/01 – Approved for Publication | <b>APPROVED<br/>ON CONSENT<br/>AGENDA</b> |
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10/29/01 – Committee approved 7-0-0

2. LR25.146      **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for Final Adoption;**      **APPROVED BY**  
concerning an Urban Rehabilitation Homeownership      **UNANIMOUS**  
Program with Tax Deferral.      **VOICE VOTE**  
10/05/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy      **(and to waive**  
10/29/01 – Committee approved 10-0-1 (and to      **publication)**  
waive publication 10-1-0)

Chair Nakian reported that this program was initiated by the State as a two-year pilot program, targeted to certain communities. It provides that any city employee or board of education employee, who purchases a home within a certain price range in one of the selected target blocks, are available for a fixed rate mortgage, and a \$25,000 second loan, interest free, for rehabilitation on the house. Along with this is a deferral of any assessment as a result of the rehabilitation, for a period of five years, which represents the City's contribution to the program. Chair Nakian added that this information has been provided to all representatives.

There is also a component where corporations in Stamford can contribute \$2,500 per employee, and their employees would be eligible for the program. Mr. Barnes felt that he would like to have the program in effect immediately so that he could work with the corporations so that more people in Stamford could avail themselves of the program.

The Committee felt that because this program is so important, a delay due to the new Board coming on would be detrimental. The Committee voted 10-1-0 to waive publication. The Committee approved the item for final adoption by a vote of 10-0-1.

Chair Nakian moved to waive publication of the ordinance; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Nakian moved the item for final adoption; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Chair Nakian thanked the Legislative & Rules Committee. She said that in four years, there was only one meeting without a quorum. She said that the Committee has taken up a lot of weighty matters, revised the Code of Ordinances and put in place many programs that will be a legacy to this Board. Chair Nakian stated she would like to particularly thank her Vice Chair, Mr. MacInnis, adding that she will miss his presence on the Board and the Committee.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** Randall Skigen, Chair  
 (Report) Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair  
 Meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2001  
 7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, November 1, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Loglisci, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Fedeli, Gasparrini, MacInnis and Spadow. Rep. Fortunato was excused. Also present were Bill Stover, Director of Human Resources; Tom Hamilton, Director of Administration; Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer; Superintendent Mazzullo and Assistant Superintendent John Chardavoyne; members of the Board of Education Chiquita Stephenson, Tom Hickey, Gail Okun, Alex Martinez and Martin Levine; Theresa Magistro of the SEA; Mary Levine of the CEA; Joe Tarzia of the Board of Finance, and Reps. Mellis, Day, O’Neill, Giordano, White and Sherer. There were also approximately 80 members of the public in attendance. Copies of the attendees’ comments from the audience are available in the Board Office.

- 1. P25.103 REVIEW; of status of implementation of Kronos time **REPORT**  
 keeping system. **MADE**  
 06/28/01 - Submitted by Chair Skigen  
 10/01/01 – Report Made  
 11/01/01 – Report Made

Chair Skigen stated that everyone has received a report regarding this matter.

- 2. P25.109 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for Final Adoption & PUBLIC HEARING**; concerning the creation and **APPROVED**  
 designation of the position of Project Manager – **ON CONSENT**  
 Urban Transitway Project. **AGENDA**  
 09/12/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.Malloy  
 09/25/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0 to publish  
 10/01/01 – Approved for Publication on Consent  
 11/01/01 – Committee approved 8-0-0

- 3. P25.110 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for for Final Adoption & PUBLIC HEARING**; concerning the creation and **APPROVED**  
 designation of the position of Project Coordinator – **ON CONSENT**  
 Urban Transitway Project. **AGENDA**  
 09/12/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.Malloy  
 09/25/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0 to publish  
 10/01/01 – Approved for Publication on Consent  
 11/01/01 – Committee approved 8-0-0

- 4. P25.111 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for for Final Adoption & PUBLIC HEARING**; concerning the creation and **APPROVED**  
**ON CONSENT**

designation of the position of Assistant Project  
Coordinator – Urban Transitway Project.  
09/12/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P.Malloy  
09/25/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0 to publish  
10/01/01 – Approved for Publication on Consent  
11/01/01 – Committee approved 8-0-0

**AGENDA**

5. P25.112 REVIEW; of status of teacher retention by Stamford  
Board of Education.  
10/10/01 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen  
11/01/01 – Report Made

**REPORT  
MADE**

6. P25.113 REJECTION; of collective bargaining agreement  
between Stamford Public Schools and the Stamford  
Education Association.  
10/17/01 – Submitted by Steering Committee  
11/01/01 – Committee defeated 1-6-1

**FAILED BY  
MACHINE  
VOTE (4-31-2)  
(Reps. Blackwell,  
Boccuzzi, DeLuca  
and Green-Carter  
in favor)**

Chair Skigen stated that Items No. 5 and 6 will be taken together. Rep. White left the floor at this time.

Chair Skigen stated that Superintendent Mazzullo spoke on the subject of teacher retention. He said the loss of teachers has placed a severe drain on the system. More than 260 teachers resigned between July 1, 2000 and August 2001. The Board of Ed feels there are a number of reasons teachers are leaving – low pay, travel time, cost of living and lack of appreciation for teachers. The only factors that the Board of Education can address are pay and appreciation, which they have attempted to do over the past two years.

Chair Skigen added that Ms. Magistro and Ms. Levine said that the majority of teachers have left for other Connecticut areas and Westchester County. The reason most often cited was salary. Superintendent Mazzullo stated that approximately 75% of teachers leaving the system indicated they were leaving for higher pay for districts within the area.

Chair Skigen stated that regarding the contract (Item No. 6), Superintendent Mazzullo and Ms. Levine spoke to the contract. The Board of Finance had given an advisory opinion that indicated it could not support the contract unless the Board of Education could commit that the overall budget would not increase more than 5.5%. The Superintendent noted that the cost of the wage increase alone would be approximately 4%; therefore, he could not commit to submitting a budget that contained a 5 or 5.5% increase. He did indicate, however, that he would work with other city boards to minimize the increase and maintain what he believes are central programs and positions in the budget. He further indicated that he would work within whatever budget was granted to him by city boards. It is his belief that an overall 5% increase would lead to teacher layoffs.

Chair Skigen stated that Mr. Mazzullo indicated that the primary purpose of the negotiations was to retain teachers, but the Board also wanted teachers to begin to contribute to insurance benefits. The teachers will contribute 2.5% the first year, and a 4% contribution the second year. This concession will cost teachers approximately \$1.4 million over the two years of the contract. Mr. Hamilton stated that he was not in attendance to recommend either approval or rejection of the contract, but did want to indicate the general concerns that the City faces regarding next year's budget. A memo from Mr. Hamilton to this effect has been distributed to the entire Board. Mr. Hamilton indicated that the City faces a severe budget crunch due to the economic slowdown, and this contract will add 2.3% to the overall city budget, assuming no other increases and no decrease in revenue. He said that both of these assumptions are highly unlikely.

The total cost of the contract is approximately \$6.2 million in Year 1, and \$6.7 million in Year 2. Chair Skigen stated that after extensive discussion, a motion was made to reject the contract. The Committee voted to 1-6-1 to reject the contract. Mr. Skigen moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Mr. Zelinsky stated that he received input from constituents asking him to approve the contract. Mr. Zelinsky stated he has volunteered as teacher for the day for four years, and has witnessed what teachers go through every day. Mr. Zelinsky thanked Ms. Magistro for the information she provided.

Mr. Zelinsky stated that the teachers deserve the increase in pay, and the children are our future and they need and require the best teachers to educate them. Mr. Zelinsky supports the contract and urges his colleagues to do the same.

Rep. O'Neill stated that residents in the City value our children, and he hopes that the teachers understand fully the cost to the citizens in additional taxes. He stated it is his sincere wish that the teachers will work with the Boards in the future to find efficiencies in the school system.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he realizes his opinion is unpopular, and it does not reflect anything against teachers. He stated their jobs take a lot out of them, but as a representative of the city as a whole and for his 5,000 residents in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, he has to look out for them as well as the teachers. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that Mr. Mazzullo admitted that if he has to come in with a 5 or 5.5% increase, it will be at the expense of layoffs of teachers. Regarding the cost of living issue, current residents are going to have to pay the taxes to support the increase, while approximately 50% of the teachers don't live in Stamford. Mr. Boccuzzi stated that he cannot in good conscience vote in support of this contract due to the burden it will place on the taxpayers. He reiterated that his position is not a reflection on the teachers themselves or on the education system, but a tax increase at this time while people are losing their jobs, is unacceptable.

Rep. Loglisci stated that today the Board has to bite the bullet and pay the competitive salaries required to educate our children with the best teachers. Rep. Loglisci stated the City will have to prioritize, and keeping dollars in the classroom is a good start.

Rep. Biancardi stated that it is not often that he strays from the majority leader, but tonight he will and support the contract. He added that it is a shame that somehow we have been beaten out in teachers' salaries by Bridgeport. He added that it seems that teachers take their own funds to pay for supplies for students. Teachers go over and above what is expected of them, they deserve the increase and they should get it tonight.

Ms. Green-Carter stated that she is going to make an unpopular decision tonight, but she will reluctantly vote to reject the contract. Rep. Green-Carter spoke in support of a pay for performance structure for teacher compensation.

Rep. Esposito stated that this is a very expensive contract, but the Board is charged with making hard decisions. The teachers need cheaper housing and more money, and the Board has the power to provide more money. Rep. Esposito stated there will be consequences for the Board, and many will be here next May looking at a very large increase in the Board of Education budget, much of which is uncontrollable. Other cost savings should be looked at; e.g., he does not see a crisis in administrators leaving. Rep. Esposito stated he would support the contract.

Rep. DeLuca stated that he wanted to echo Rep. Boccuzzi and Green-Carter's comments. This is a contract that the City cannot afford. This contract equals an 8.2% annual raise. He stated that while it is said that it is difficult for teachers to live in Stamford, he finds this a poor concept in that the seniors on fixed incomes and low income people struggle to live in Stamford, but yet they find a way to do it on \$30,000 or less.

Rep. Day commended Rep. Green-Carter's comments and added that she philosophically stated where he is at and where the Board should look toward the future. He strongly favors the contract for two reasons. First, it is the right and necessary thing to do right now. Second, this contract could present a turning point in the way we look at priorities in the education system.

Rep. Mellis stated that over the last four years, as Chair of the Education Committee, everyone has dealt with poor bus service, buildings in disrepair and so forth. She stated that tonight is imperative to address teacher needs, namely, salaries. While the contract is expensive, the Board needs to show its pride in the teachers and accept the contract, with the caveat that the budget going forward should be scrutinized carefully.

Rep. Skigen stated that he doesn't want to minimize the fact that we are going to see a tax increase as a result of this contract, and this tax increase will have a serious impact on many people, including those with fixed incomes and seniors. However, the school system is in crisis. There is a second tier pay system, and if we continue with a second tier pay system, we will end up with a second class school system. Rep. Skigen stated that if everything else was stable, we would see a 2.3% increase. This is unlikely. The 2.3% tax increase would mean that those who are paying \$5,000 in taxes now would see a \$115, or \$9.50 a month tax increase. While not minimizing this, \$9.50 a month on a house that has a \$5,000 annual tax bill is not an exceptional amount, and it is an amount that is being well spent to try and keep

our system one of the best performing systems for a city of this size. Teachers from 1993 through 2002 have been averaging a 2% pay increase. Most of the contracts that the Personnel Committee has approved over the last six years have ranged between 2.5 and 3.5%, yet the teachers have fallen behind.

Rep. Skigen added that we have also fell behind other communities – not just New Canaan, Darien and Greenwich – but also Naugatuck and Bridgeport, and it is a shame that our system has fallen to where it has.

Addressing the concern that this contract will cause the other eight or nine contracts that are under negotiation to call for similar increases, Rep. Skigen stated that there will not be a contract negotiated by this administration that will call for increases of this magnitude because those unions don't face the crisis that the City faces in keeping and attracting teachers. Rep. Skigen stated that when Mr. DeLuca referred to the 8.5% increase, that includes step increases, and at no other point has the Committee taken the step increases into account. Rep. Skigen stated that the teachers are paying into the health benefits, and it is time that the Board address the needs of the City. There are three things that determine how a city will go in the future, education, crime and taxes. We have done a terrific job holding down crime, we have done a very good job of holding down taxes, and we can't fall down on education.

Rep. Owens stated that he has mixed feelings about this contract, but referring to Rep. Green-Carter's comments concerning performance standards, he feels we should be rewarding those teachers that do a fantastic job. Mr. Owens stated he does not understand, with the amount of money spent on schools, why teachers have to take their own personal funds to buy supplies for the classroom. He added that this question has been asked during the budget process.

Rep. Owens added that the low salaries for teachers has been going on for ten years or more and is not an immediate crisis. The contract must be passed, but he wants the Board of Education, teachers and administrators to listen to what the Board is saying tonight –it is asking is that the school system be accountable for the money that it receives.

Rep. Alswanger stated that he is in favor of the teachers' contract. As a retired teacher (he does not personally benefit from this monetarily), he benefits on behalf of his grandchildren and the youth of this community. Rep. Alswanger stated he visited some of the schools and was shocked at how many excellent teachers left the system for better salaries at schools closer to their homes. He added that a poor school system will affect property values dramatically.

Rep. Morrow stated that Stamford must remain competitive with other school systems, and he will support the contract.

Mr. Boccuzzi stated that a lot of the comments made this evening have a lot of value. Referring to Bridgeport paying its teachers more, he is certain Bridgeport receives considerably more state funding than Stamford does. He also stated that \$9.50 per month is a lot of money for many people. Further, other city employees may be sacrificed and lose their jobs as a result of the teachers' contract. He stated that this contract is too expensive, it will

reflect on the rest of the budget, affect the services to residents and affect the quality of life in Stamford.

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Skigen moved Item No. P25.113; said motion was seconded. After lengthy discussion, a motion to move the question was made and approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion to reject failed by a machine vote of 4-31-2 (Reps. Blackwell, Boccuzzi, DeLuca and Green-Carter in favor of rejection).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 through 4, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Skigen thanked the members of his Committee for their work over the past four years. He particularly thanked Mr. Loglisci, his vice chair. He also thanked Mr. Gasparrini and Mr. MacInnis along with President Domonkos for giving him the chairmanship.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE** Herman Alswanger, Co-Chair  
Patrick White, Co-Chair  
No Meeting

Chair White stated there was no meeting, but thanked his Committee for its hard work, the majority and minority leader as well as the President of the Board for all their help over the past four years.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** Bobby E. Owens, Chair  
*(Report)* Harry Day, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, October 31, 2001  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, October 31, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nanos, Day, Hunter, Imbrogno, Sherer and Owens. Also present were Reps. Giordano and Mellis; Martin Levine of the Board of Education and John Chardavoyne; and Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer.

1. O25.052	RESOLUTION; regarding the expansion of the School Building Committee. 08/14/01 - Submitted by President Domonkos 09/19/01 – Held in Committee 10/31/01 – Held in Committee	<b>HELD IN COMMITTEE</b>
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*Secondary Committee: Education Committee*

*Held*

Chair Owens stated that this item will have to be resubmitted to the next Board.

- 2 [O25.054](#) APPROVAL; of amendment to agreement for design and construction management services with DMJM – Harris for the Stamford Urban Transitway Project; original contracted dated: 10/19/00; amount of contract: not to exceed \$154,870.  
09/26/01 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance  
10/31/01 – Committee approved 6-0-0
- APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

Chair Owens stated that the Committee approved this item 6-0-0; Chair Owens moved the item. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Owens thanked his Committee, especially Tom Hunter who has been instrumental in providing expertise in engineering. He also thanked his Vice Chair, Harry Day.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE** Alice Fortunato, Chair  
Richard Lyons, Vice Chair  
No meeting

Chair Fortunato stated the committee did not meet. Chair Fortunato expressed her gratitude to her Committee and noted that the Committee took up some very important items over the past four years. She added that she is proud of the work the Board did, she has gained insight into areas, made new friends and is very pleased to be a member of this Board.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair  
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that there was no meeting, but she thanked her Committee, including Mr. Alswanger and Mr. Sherer for being co-chairs and everyone else that served on the Committee.

1. PR25.076 RESOLUTION; approving a lease between the City of Stamford and Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. for Bartlett Arboretum property; term of lease: fifty years; amount of lease: \$1 per year.  
09/07/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
10/01/01 – Held in Committee  
10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance
- NO ACTION TAKEN**



2. PR25.079 RESOLUTION; approving the acquisition of the Bartlett Arboretum property from the State of Connecticut. **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
10/17/01 – Submitted by Steering Committee

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Ellen Mellis, Chair  
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, October 30, 2001  
6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room  
(in conjunction with Operations Committee)

Chair Mellis reported that the Education Committee met with the Operations Committee on Wednesday, October 30, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Day, Imbrogno and Mellis. Reps. Poltrack and Giordano were excused. The resolution was held.

Chair Mellis thanked her Committee, and Phil Giordano, the Vice Chair, for all their work. She further thanked President Domonkos for her mentoring along with the rest of the Board members. Chair Mellis stated that her 12 years on the Board has been a wonderful adventure.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** Jim Shapiro, Chair  
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Monday, October 29, 2001  
8:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Monday, October 29, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Shapiro, Gasparrini, Loglisci, Day, Nakian, Summerville, MacInnis and Martin. Mr. Shapiro thanked each member personally, starting with Mr. Gasparrini, the Vice Chair. Chair Shapiro also thanked President Domonkos for her countless hours of work over the years.

1. [UR25.004](#) RESOLUTION; **for Final Adoption**; 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. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 32-5-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Imbrogno, Loglisci and Morrow opposed)**  
09/11/98 - Submitted by E. Steinberg, Executive Director, URC  
04/07/01 - Resolution submitted by URC  
07/31/01 – Committee Approved 6-0-1

09/04/01 – Approved for publication  
09/12/01 – Approved by Board of Finance  
09/12/01 – Held in Committee

*Secondary Committee: Land Use*

*Waive*

Chair Shapiro stated the Committee approved the item, which is now Version 8.8, which includes all the changes that the Committee asked for. He advised there is a typographical error in Section 9.05(c), the word “of” should be changed to “and.” The Committee also approved the resolution.

Chair Shapiro stated that this Plan is why we do this job, and affords a unique opportunity to change the face of the City. Everyone worked together – Democrats and Republicans, citizen groups, business groups – working together. Everyone agrees that this is a good plan. It provides for downtown parkland, innovative affordable housing and new public-private partnerships, and completely avoiding traps that have happened with other URC projects.

Chair Shapiro stated that this Plan is very much the Board’s Plan. When it was handed to the Board, it did not have an emphasis on affordable housing; it didn’t have the boundaries that it has now; we locked down the ability to modify the Plan so that all major things are subject to the approval of this Board and future boards. This Plan further protects the seniors at 26 Main Street. The Board expressed the desire that it not be just a development plan but a park plan, and the administration has already taken steps to provide more parkland than previously considered.

Chair Shapiro stated that by the very nature of TIF financing, if additional revenues are there, the City can spend them, but if the revenue doesn’t appear, no funds will be spent. Chair Shapiro stated that while the river doesn’t look like much, this is no time to cast doubts on America’s ingenuity, this is the time to see what is possible.

Chair Shapiro moved Item No. UR25.004; said motion was seconded. President Domonkos clarified that this vote would be on the Mill River Plan – not on the resolution.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that everyone has received correspondence from Attorney John Wayne Fox pertaining to 1010 Washington Boulevard.

Rep. Shapiro responded that Attorney Fox has asked that the Board not include 1010 Washington Boulevard in the Plan, but this Board has already ruled on this matter when it approved the Master Plan change that designated this parcel as parkland. This building is integral to the planning of the Mill River Project as a whole. There is currently no plan to purchase this property, it is envisioned into the future when it is fiscally prudent.

Rep. Loglisci stated that this is a giant building program that is being sold to the public as an open land and park project.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the resolution should be looked at in three parts. The first part is to create the Mill River corridor. The second part is establishing a TIF financing district. The third part of the resolution is that we are using the URC as the development agency.

Rep. Loglisci added that he does not see the need for urgency right now, especially in light of the budget considerations. He would like to see this project returned to Committee so further questions can be asked.

Rep. Loglisci moved to return the item to committee; said motion was seconded.

Parliamentarian Martin stated that a better motion would be to table the item to the next Board. Parliamentarian stated that since the Board's business concludes tonight, if it is not taken up tonight, the matter ceases to exist and needs to be reconstituted to the next Board.

President Domonkos stated that the motion is to table the item, and if approved, the item would cease to exist.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated he is against the motion to table as the Committee has worked hard on the matter and held several public hearings. He has seen no outcry from the public against this project; in fact there was strong public sentiment in favor of the project.

Rep. Alswanger agreed with Mr. Boccuzzi, and stated he would vote against the motion to table.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the timing is wrong at this point to approve the Plan.

A motion to move the question (i.e. to table) was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The motion to table failed by a machine vote of 8-29-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Graber, Imbrogno, Loglisci, Morrow, O'Neill and Sherer in favor).

After discussion, a motion to move the question (i.e., approval of the plan) was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Mill River Plan was approved by a machine vote of 31-6-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Graber, Imbrogno, Loglisci and Morrow opposed).

Chair Shapiro moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-5-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Imbrogno, Loglisci and Morrow opposed).

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

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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair  
Lisa Poltrack, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Tuesday, October 30, 2001  
6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 30, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Mitchell, Blackwell, Cannady, Giordano, Morrow, Poltrack, Spandow and Mellis. Also in attendance was Ben Barnes, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, representatives from CTE and the Domus Foundation; and representatives from the Stamford Police Department.

1. HCD25.47      **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for Final Adoption & PUBLIC HEARING**; enacting an ordinance providing a linkage between commercial development and affordable housing.      **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**  
04/04/01 - Submitted by Chair Mitchell  
05/07/01 - Held in Steering Committee  
08/06/01 - Held in Committee  
09/04/01 – Held in Committee  
10/01/01 – Approved for Publication  
10/30/01 – Committee approved 7-0-1 as amended

Chair Mitchell stated that a minor amendment to the ordinance was previously sent to all representatives. The Committee approved the amendment 6-0-1. Chair Mitchell moved the ordinances, as amended; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. HCD25.58      **APPROVAL**; of a request by Domus House to utilize \$10,800 for carpeting, ovens and flagstone step repairs.      **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
09/07/01 – Submitted by Tim Beeble  
10/01/01 – Held in Committee  
10/30/01 – Committee approved 8-0-1
3. HCD25.059      **APPROVAL**; of a request by the Stamford Police Department to have the Mighty Mights Basketball Program be administered by CTE, Inc. in cooperation with the Chester Addison Community Center.      **NO ACTION TAKEN**  
10/12/01 - Submitted by Tim Beeble  
10/30/01 – Committee approved 8-0-1

Chair Mitchell stated that the Committee approved both Item Nos. 2 and 3, but no action is necessary on the part of the entire Board.

President Domonkos stated that this Committee has passed some significant legislation, and she thanked Ms. Mitchell for her leadership. Rep. Mitchell thanked her committee members for their support and hard work. The Committee had some really tough issues, and she appreciates their working with her and standing by her.

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

Chair DeLuca reported that no meeting was held. He thanked his Committee for their hard work over the last four years. He added he would miss Mr. Nanos, who was an asset to the Committee.

**ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** Gloria DePina, Chair  
Thomas Hunter, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2001  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Hunter moved to take Item No. AT25.015 out of committee; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 1. <a href="#">AT25.015</a> | APPROVAL; of agreement with Vision Appraisal Technology for a Software Maintenance Agreement and a Software License Agreement.<br>09/28/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy<br>10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance<br>10/22/01 – Approved by Fiscal Committee | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
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Vice Chair Hunter moved Item No. AT25.015; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Hunter thanked Gloria DePina for her mentoring and assisting him in learning the process.

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

President Domonkos thanked Ms. Summerville and Mr. DeLuca for their work on the House Committee.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**MINUTES**

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| 1. | <u>September 4, 2001 Regular Meeting</u> | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 2. | <u>October 1, 2001 Regular Meeting</u>   | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |
| 3. | <u>October 30, 2001 Special Meeting</u>  | <b>APPROVED BY<br/>UNANIMOUS<br/>VOICE VOTE</b> |

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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