The Regular Meeting of the 26th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, January 7, 2002 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 9:07 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Sanchia Spandow.

“Please bow your heads. Dear Lord we thank you for this meeting and the opportunity to continue to serve our City. We ask your guidance as we discuss and make decisions that affect the lives of the citizens of Stamford. We ask you to give us cool heads, reasonable thinking, the ability to listen and the willingness to compromise. We ask these blessings in your name. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President David Martin.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-six members present and four members absent: Reps. Shapiro, Imbrogno, DePina and Hunter.

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

PAGES:

Rep. Zelinsky moved to take an item out of order; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION; congratulating Louis DeCarlo on his nomination as Police Chief.
   
   12/03/01 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

   Rep. Zelinsky presented the resolution to Chief DeCarlo. Chief DeCarlo thanked the Board for the resolution.

   STANDING COMMITTEES

   STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2001
   (Report) 9:00 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
   Gloria G. DePina, Vice Chair

   No Report.

   FISCAL COMMITTEE: Randall Skigen, Chair
   Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
   (Report)

   Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2002
   7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

   Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Thursday, January 3, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Cannady, DeLuca, Fedeli, Giordano, Figueroa, Loglisci, Lyons and Owens. Reps. Hunter and Sherer were excused. Also present were Director of Administrator Tom Hamilton, Grants Director Sandra Dennies, Deputy Police Chief Richie Priola, Officer John Arnone and Tax Assessor Frank Kirwin.

   1. F26.008 RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file application and to enter into agreement with the State of CT for a grant in the amount of $2 million to facilitate improvements to the Bartlett Arboretum.
   11/09/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   01/03/02 – Held in Committee
Chair Skigen stated that a lengthy review of this item was undertaken, and the Committee will be taking the matter up at a future meeting.

3. **F26.012** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); VD Clinic Grant; to increase grant appropriation to amount appropriated by the State.  
   $742.00  
   12/03/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   12/13/01 – Approved by Board of Finance  
   01/03/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0

4. **F26.013** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Fire Department; Overtime; funds required due to increase in number of retirements and long term sick and injury leave.  
   $628,604.00  
   12/03/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   12/13/01 – Held by Board of Finance  
   01/03/02 – Held in Committee

**Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health**

Chair Skigen reported that the Board of Finance has not acted, so the Committee held the item.

5. **F26.014** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Social Services Department; Relocation; to fund state-mandated relocation of three families with lead-poisoned children.  
   $40,000.00  
   12/03/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   12/13/01 – Held by Board of Finance  
   01/03/02 – Held in Committee

**Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health**

Chair Skigen reported that the Board of Finance has not acted, so the Committee held the item.
$350,000.00 Budget; Non-City Cultural & Environmental Activities; Bartlett Arboretum; to fund operating account from funds held in contingency; fund to contribute to maintenance of facility.
12/03/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/13/01 – Held by Board of Finance
01/03/02 – Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

Chair Skigen reported that the Board of Finance has not acted, so the Committee held the item.

7. F26.002 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Office of Administration; Property Revaluation; to fund remaining balance owed to Moran & Associates for additional parcels reviewed.
$95,000.00
10/30/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/01 – Approved by Planning Board
11/08/01 – Approved by Board of Finance
01/03/02 – Committee approved 8-0-1

10/30/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/03/02 – Committee approved 8-0-1

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3, 7 and 8, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: Maria C. Nakian, Chair
Jim Shapiro, Vice Chair
(Report)

Meeting: Monday, December 17, 2001
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

The Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, December 17, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, Fahan, Spandow, Benyus, DeLeo and Greenberg. Reps. Shapiro, Esposito, Mitchell and Zelinsky were excused. President Martin was also present.

1. LR26.001 REVIEW; of possible modifications to the Rules of the 26th Board of Representatives.
12/04/01 – Submitted by President Martin
Chair Nakian reported that everybody has the rules of order. Additional changes as made by the Committee were sent out with the Committee Report. Chair Nakian stated she would go through the rules and describe those changes.

Chair Nakian moved the proposed changes to the Rules of the Board in a rolling motion format. Said changes are as follows:

1. Section II.A.8. “The President may designate one or more members of the Board of Representatives as Sergeant at Arms …”.

2. Section II.B.5: “The Clerk shall provide that the voting machine be tested on the day of any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board prior to the meeting and shall state the result for the record.”

3. Section III.B.3.: “The Steering Committee shall prepare the Agenda for all Regular Meetings of the Board. The President shall establish a deadline for submission of items for the Steering Committee of at least 3 business days before the day of the Steering Committee. Items submitted before the deadline day shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting to be placed on the Agenda. Items submitted after the deadline day shall require a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting to be placed on the Agenda.”

4. Section V.C.1.: “When a motion is made, it shall be stated to the Board by the President, if requested by a board member, before any debate …”.

Chair Nakian moved the changes; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci moved to delete Change No. 2 (which would eliminate voting machine testing during the meeting). Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Sherer moved to amend the rule changes by re-instating the last sentence in Section III.B.3., which would read: “Emergency and time sensitive items submitted after the deadline day shall require a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting to be placed on the Agenda.”

Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Loglisci moved to amend the rules to acknowledge dissenting and abstaining votes. Said motion was seconded.


Rep. Lyons moved to hold the rules in committee; said motion was seconded.
Rep. O’Neill moved the question; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The motion to hold the rules was approved by a machine vote (20-16-0) (Reps. Blackwell, Cannady, Crowley, DeLuca, Fahan, Kernan, Martin, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Nakian, O’Neill, Owens, Sherer, Skigen and Summerville opposed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Co-Chair
Sanchia Spandow, Co-Chair
(Report)
Meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2002
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, January 2, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Cannady, Spandow, DeLeo, Figueroa, Greenberg, Loglisci, McCullen and Skigen. Also present were Rep. Coppola; Director of Human Resources Bill Stover; Peter Lucia representing the MAA; Fire Chief Robert McGrath; Marilyn Dussault, E. Gaynor Brennan, Jr. and J. Ralph Murray of the Fire Commission; Corporation Counsel Andrew McDonald and Tobin Coleman of the Advocate.

1. P26.004 REJECTION APPROVAL; of a tentative agreement with AFSCME Local 2657, Municipal Administrators Association
12/06/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/13/01 – Advisory Opinion issued - Board of Finance
01/02/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Chair Fedeli moved Item No. 1; said motion was seconded. Chair Fedeli reported that the contract covers from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2005. It provides for wage increases of 3% per year, an increase to the training fund of $35,000 per year and a 2% reduction in the employee pension contribution. The contract also allows employees to roll over a portion of their accrued time toward additional pension credit as opposed to a lump sum payout. Other changes include the changing of some employees’ status from non-exempt to exempt, and this will reduce the number of employees eligible to receive overtime. This will result in a cost savings to the City. There is also a change to the employees’ contribution to the health insurance, and it will increase by 2.5% in Year 3 and an additional 2.5% in Year 4 of the contract. There is also a section added to provide for domestic partners insurance coverage. Chair Fedeli stated a cost analysis was provided to the Board. The Committee approved the item 8-0-0.

President Martin stated that the correct motion is to reject the contract. Chair Fedeli moved that the Board reject the contract; said motion was seconded.
Rep. O’Neill stated that these are tough fiscal times with increasing taxes and layoffs. He finds it difficult to support to increase salary increases at this time, and he will oppose approval of this contract.

The motion failed by a machine vote of 31-5-0; Reps. Kernan, McCullen, Mitchell, O’Neill and Summerville opposed).

2. **P26.005** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning residency points for the 2002 entry level firefighter written examination.  
12/07/01 – Submitted by Fire Chief Robert McGrath  
01/02/02 – Committee approved 7-1-1  
APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

Co-Chair Fedeli moved Item No. 2; said motion was seconded. Chair Fedeli stated that a new fire personnel candidate test will be held in March 2002. The Fire Department wants to attract local people to take the exam, the main one being that local residents can respond more quickly to emergencies. The current contract provides that employees of the Fire Department must live within a 30 mile radius of Stamford. Also, the Fire Department wants to attract employees that reflect the population of Stamford. Corporation Counsel rendered an opinion that was neither in favor nor against, and spoke to case law. Marilyn Dussault, an attorney who serves on the Fire Commission, wrote a response that was provided to everyone along with Mr. McDonald’s opinion.

Co-Chair Fedeli stated that according to the Commission, many Connecticut cities and towns award extra points for veteran status and residency status. The City of New York also has a residency requirement. Co-Chair Fedeli stated that this ordinance is only valid for the March 2002 exam.

Rep. Skigen stated he voted in opposition to this item in that he questions the legality of it. Mr. Skigen also stated that due to the validity of civil service exams, there is no good reason to give points merely for living in the town in which the exam is given. If this was an ordinance that was designed to have firefighters live in town, he would be agreeable to it. He would also be agreeable to giving bonus points to volunteers who have served in the Big Five. Rep. Skigen stated that it is counter-productive to civil service to give points to someone who is living in his/her parents’ home, and who is likely to move once they attain a paying job.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he also would like to see the Big Five volunteers also receive bonus points, but in any case, any Big Five volunteer can take the test. Rep. Loglisci also added that the local economy gains when those that work in the City live in the City. Rep. Loglisci also felt that as residents, employees would care more about the cost of labor contracts. Rep. Loglisci stated he would support this ordinance.

Rep. Lyons stated that comments made regarding persons living in their parents’ home and then moving out are mere speculation and hypothecation that could apply to maybe one
scenario. Further, veterans already receive merit points, and no one has been opposed to this. Mr. Lyons stated he considers the residency points a benefit from a public safety standpoint.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated he was in favor of this item. He heard that of the last 30-40 firefighters hired, about 8 to 10 were from Stamford. Also, today, 13-15 firefighters called in sick, probably due to the weather. All those that called in sick were from out of town.

Clerk of the Board Summerville stated that Mr. Browne had left and there are now 35 members present.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the ordinance was approved for publication by voice vote.

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
(Report)

Harry Day, Co-Chair
Patrick J. White, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001
7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair White reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Thursday, December 20, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. White, Benyus, Biancardi, Boccuzzi, Day, Loglisci and Spandow. Excused were Reps. Mitchell, Nakian, Shapiro and Summerville. Others present were Rep. O’Neill; Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief and Rick Redniss of Redniss & Mead.

1. LU26.001 Resolution RESOLUTION; of road acceptances for West Rock Trail, West Knobloch Lane and Knobloch Lane. 11/26/01 – Re-submitted by Redniss & Mead 12/20/01 – Committee approved 5-1-1

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Co-Chair White reported that the Committee discussed the City’s interest in accepting these three private streets as city streets. Initially there were questions regarding storm sewer construction on adjacent streets, and these projects are separate projects and not part of the street acceptance.

Co-Chair White said the second issue was the naming and numbering of the streets. Originally, before the subdivision, these two streets were intended to be one street. They are connected by an unusable right-of-way. The Committee determined that these two streets should have different names to avoid confusion. Engineering, Environmental and GIS have all approved the project and have recommended acceptance. Chair White moved Item No. 1; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:  
Bobby E. Owens, Chair  
Anthony Imbrogno, Vice Chair  
Meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2001  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, December 19, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Owens, Imbrogno, Biancardi, Day, Hunter, McDermott, Sherer and Zelinsky.  

1. **O26.001** RESOLUTION; regarding the expansion of the School Building Committee.  
   12/19/01 – Held in Committee  

*Secondary Committee: Education Committee*  

Chair Owens reported that this item has been on the agenda for several months. The Committee received a memo from the Mayor the night of the Committee meeting, and the Committee decided, in respect of the office, that it would hold this item for another month.  

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:  
Alice C. Fortunato, Chair  
Richard Lyons II, Vice Chair  
*Report*  
Meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2002  
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room  

Vice Chair Lyons reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Wednesday, January 2, 2002. Present were Committee member Reps. Lyons, Biancardi, DeLeo, DeLuca, Kernan, Mirkin, O’Neill and Imbrogno. Excused were Reps. Crowley and Fortunato; absent were Reps. DePina and Blackwell.  

1. **PS26.001** REVIEW; of salary structure for school crossing guards.  
   11/01/01 – Submitted by Rep. Imbrogno  
   01/02/02 – Report Made  

Vice Chair Lyons stated that a report was provided to everyone, and this issue may be revisited after receipt of a report from Cpt. Tomlin.  

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:  
Philip J. Giordano, Co-Chair  
Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair  
Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001  
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
Chair Sherer reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Thursday, December 27, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. Sherer, Giordano, Fortunato, Coppola, Lyons, Fedeli, Imbrogno, McDermott, McCullen, Cannady and Hunter. Also in attendance were Reps. Boccuzzi and DeLuca.

1. PR26.001 Resolution
   RESOLUTION; approving 2002 marina fees.
   11/20/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   12/04/01 – Approved by Parks & Rec Commission
   12/27/01 – Committee approved as amended

Co-Chair Sherer stated that while the Agenda stated these are the 2002 marina fees, the Parks & Recreation Commission had approved five years of fees. The Committee assumed that since it was approving the fees as presented by the Parks & Recreation Commission, it took the five years of fees under consideration. The Committee rejected the five-year approval of the fees by a vote of 1-10-1.

Co-Chair Sherer stated that the Committee voted on one year, and after discussion, it amended the proposed fees as follows: the proposed fees were 19% across-the-board for all three marinas, and the Committee voted 19% for all marinas except Cummings will be 12%. The Committee approved this 8-3-0. Co-Chair Sherer moved the fees; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLeo stated that he was opposed to the fee increase at this time. This administration appears to be using marina funds for capital projects that are not directly related to the City’s marinas. These fees have somehow disappeared into the City’s general fund. Rep. DeLeo stated that the user pay model is fine, but until the administration shows that it will start putting money into the marinas, he will not support the increases.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that there will be a different arrangement in the future with the fees collected from the marinas being separated from the general fund.

Co-Chair Sherer confirmed this, stating that the administration intends on having the marinas self-sustaining, commencing in the July budget. The administration intends on expensing all marina items and require that those expenses be balanced by revenues. The revenues will come from boat ramp fees, the marina fees and the lease from Halloween Yacht Club. Co-Chair Sherer stated that he has seen some evidence of trying to pass operating expenses off as marina expenses, causing a substantial increase in marina fees. The Committee has been discussing this with the Office of Administration and the Parks Department regarding this.

The fees, as amended by the Committee, were approved by voice vote.
2. **PR26.002 Resolution**
   RESOLUTION; approving a lease between the City of Stamford and Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc.
   10/10/01 – Approved by Board of Finance
   11/27/01 – Re-submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   12/27/01 – Held in Committee
   HELD IN COMMITTEE

3. **PR26.003 Resolution & PUBLIC HEARING**
   RESOLUTION & PUBLIC HEARING; approving the acquisition of the Bartlett Arboretum property from the State of Connecticut.
   11/27/01 – Re-submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   12/27/01 – Held in Committee
   HELD IN COMMITTEE

   Co-Chair Sherer stated that these items were held because the Committee feels that it would not take up the Bartlett Arboretum lease if the City does not own the property.

4. **PR26.004 Resolution**
   RESOLUTION; approving E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course fees for 2002.
   11/27/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   11/19/01 – Approved by Golf Commission
   12/27/01 – Committee approved 10-0-1
   APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

   Co-Chair Sherer stated that everyone was given a listing of amended fees. The Golf Commission has proposed $10 per round for residents, and the Committee raised it to $11. The Golf Commission has proposed $10 for twilight fees, and the Committee raised it to $11. The Commission proposed raising the fees to $6 for seniors with a pass, and the Committee reduced it to $5. The Commission proposed weekday rates for non residents of $22 for twilight rounds, and the Committee changed it to $24 a round.

5. **PR26.005 Resolution**
   REVIEW; of Terry Conners Ice Rink Discount Coupon Program.
   12/06/01 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
   12/27/01 – Report Made
   REPORT MADE

   Co-Chair Sherer stated that it came to the attention that Terry Conners was handing out coupons as part of a marketing program to increase use. The Director admitted that he shouldn’t have done it, and that if he wants to do more marketing, he needs to come back before the Board for approval.

   Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 4, was approved by unanimous voice vote.
Co-Chair O’Neill reported that the Education Committee met on Tuesday, December 18, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. O’Neill, Benyus, Crowley, Day, Hunter, and Imbrogno. Also present was Rep. Zelinsky; and members of the Board of Education.

1. **RESOLUTION; approving the name of Scofield Magnet Middle School**
   - Re-submitted by Dr. Mazzullo
   - Committee approved 6-0-0
   - **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Skigen abstained)**

Co-Chair O’Neill moved Item No. 1; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Vice Chair Morrow reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on Wednesday, December 19, 2001.

1. **REVIEW; of current economic indicators and current near-term projections.**
   - Submitted by Rep. Shapiro
   - Report Made
   - **REPORT MADE**

Vice Chair Morrow reported that Mr. Shapiro will be filing a written report.

Clerk of the Board Summerville reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 18, 2001. Present were all committee members except the Chair, Elaine Mitchell. Ms. Summerville stated that as an officer of the Board, she chaired the meeting due to a death in Ms. Mitchell’s family. Also present at the meeting was Tim Beeble and Nicole Crowley.

1. **APPROVAL; of budget schedule for the Year 28**
   - **NO ACTION**
(2002-2003) Community Development Block Grant. TAKEN
12/06/01 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
12/18/01 – Approved by Committee

Ms. Summerville stated that the Committee approved the schedule, and no action is required of the Board.

2. HCD26.02 APPROVAL; of a request by Yerwood Center to reassign previously allocated funds to provide heating and air conditioning for the gym and pool area. NO ACTION TAKEN
12/06/01 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
12/18/01 – Approved by Committee

Ms. Summerville stated that this item was approved by the Board, and no action is required of the full Board.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair
Meeting: Thursday, December 20, 2001
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, December 20, 2001. Present were Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Giordano, Mirkin, Kernan and Blackwell. Also present were Reps. O’Neill, Fahan, Biancardi and Moira McNulty and Dan Colleluori of the Department of Operations.

1. T26.001 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 231-8 of the Code of Ordinances regarding towing of vehicles. APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (24-9)
(Reps. Cannady, Figueroa, Kernan, McCullen, Mitchell, Owens, Skigen, Summerville and White opposed)
12/05/01 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
12/20/01 – Committee approved 4-1-0

Chair DeLuca moved Item No. 1. Said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 24-9 (Reps. Cannady, Figueroa, Kernan, McCullen, Mitchell, Owens, Skigen, Summerville and White opposed).
MINUTES

1. December 10, 2001 Regular Board Meeting
   APPROVED BY
   UNANIMOUS
   VOICE VOTE

2. December 3, 2001 Organizational Meeting
   APPROVED BY
   UNANIMOUS
   VOICE VOTE

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Martin announced that John Zelinsky will be the Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee.

2. President Martin announced that Harry Day will serve as the Board’s representative on the Open Space Committee.

3. President Martin announced that Steering will be held on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The deadline for submissions to Steering will be Thursday, January 10, 2002 first thing in the morning.

4. President Martin encouraged all representatives to attend committee meetings where items are being discussed that the representative wants to comment on.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

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