The Regular Meeting of the 26th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, March 4, 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 9:40 p.m. by President David Martin.


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

ROLL CALL: Led by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-seven members present; three absent/excused. Absent/excused were Reps.: Biancardi, Coppola and Morrow.


STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2002
(Report) 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) Gloria G. DePina, Vice Chair  
(Votes) Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2002  
(Attendance) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on February 26, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Summerville, DePina, Esposito, Boccuzzi, Fahan, Morrow, Kernan, Clear and Mirkin. Rep. Coppola was excused. Also in attendance was Rep. McDermott.

1. **A26.006**  
   **Board of Ethics**  
   Amy J. LiVolsi (D)  
   Reappointment  
   70 Robin Hood Road  
   **Term Exp.** 6/30/01  
   Stamford, CT 06905  
   Term Expires: 06/30/06  
   01/03/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   01/22/02 – No action taken  
   02/26/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0  

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2. **A26.007**  
   **Economic Development Commission**  
   Joanna Gwozdzowski (D) Reappointment  
   15 Stamford Avenue  
   **Term Exp.** 12/01/01  
   Stamford, CT 06902  
   Term Expires: 12/01/04  
   01/03/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   01/22/02 – No action taken  
   02/26/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0  

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3. **A26.008** Economic Development Commission  
   Francine Pastore (D)  
   Reappointment  
   135 Alpine Street  
   Term Exp.  
   12/01/01  
   Stamford, CT  06905  
   Term Expires:  12/01/04  
   01/03/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   01/22/02 – No action taken  
   02/26/02 – Committee rejected 10-0-0 (without prejudice)  

Chair Esposito reported that Ms. Pastore was unable to attend the meeting for two months. Due to time restrictions, the Committee recommended that this appointment be rejected without prejudice so that the name could be re-submitted to the Board. Chair Esposito moved Item No. A26.008; said motion was seconded and rejected by unanimous voice vote (without prejudice).

4. **A26.009** Economic Development Commission  
   Joel P. Selden (D)  
   Reappointment  
   165 Echo Hill Drive  
   Term Exp. 12/01/01  
   Stamford, CT  06903  
   Term Expires:  12/01/04  
   01/03/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
   01/22/02 – No action taken  
   02/26/02 – Committee rejected 10-0-0 (without prejudice)  

Chair Esposito reported that Mr. Selden was unable to attend the meeting for two months. Due to time restrictions, the Committee recommended that this appointment be rejected without prejudice so that the name could be re-submitted to the Board. Chair Esposito moved Item No. A26.009; said motion was seconded and rejected by unanimous voice vote (without prejudice).

5. **A26.012** Health Commission  
   Bert Ballin (D)  
   Reappointment  
   50 Stone Hill Drive  
   Term Exp. 12/01/01  
   Stamford, CT  06903  
   Term Expires:  12/01/04  

Chair Esposito reported that Mr. Ballin was unable to attend the meeting for two months. Due to time restrictions, the Committee recommended that this appointment be rejected without prejudice so that the name could be re-submitted to the Board. Chair Esposito moved Item No. A26.012; said motion was seconded and rejected by unanimous voice vote (without prejudice).
Chair Esposito reported that Ms. Sadowsky was unable to attend the meeting for two months. Due to time restrictions, the Committee recommended that this appointment be rejected without prejudice so that the name could be re-submitted to the Board. Chair Esposito moved Item No. A26.014; said motion was seconded and rejected by unanimous voice vote (without prejudice).
Chair Esposito moved Item No.A26.030; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Mirkin stated that he voted against Mr. Fox’s appointment, and referenced a letter regarding Mr. Fox that was distributed to everyone. Rep. Mirkin stated that being a good listener and understanding what the public is saying are essential qualifications for serving the public, whether elected or serving on a commission.

Rep. Mirkin added that during the committee meeting, he asked Mr. Fox to discuss instances where there might have been strong public opinion and how that may have affected his thinking. He immediately raised the subject of Havemeyer Road and went
on to say there were essentially three issues: traffic, noise and density. Mr. Fox described the application as a “not in my backyard” situation. Mr. Fox also said that the opposition to density was really more on the Greenwich side, not on the Stamford side. Mr. Fox stated he also felt that the Stamford residents were opposed to the affordable housing part, although they never stated that.

Rep. Mirkin stated that the facts are as follows: the Stamford residents secured over 700 signatures opposing the density of that plan and associated problems. The residents wanted ¼ acre housing, which would have been consistent with Old Greenwich and Stamford. The residents were not opposed to affordable housing, but the concern had to do with economics. If the development were to fail, then the developer would have to bring in people who might not be as financially stable. It was unfortunate that Mr. Parsons, another member of the Board, chose to accuse a neighbor of using “racial scare tactics” by making that statement.

Rep. Mirkin stated that in his opinion Mr. Fox did not demonstrate that he was listening and really understanding what the residents had said at many public hearings and in various letters over the last eleven months.

Rep. Mirkin stated that regarding appeals to the Board of Representatives, while Mr. Fox was not as adamant in his opposition as other people who have come before the Appointments Committee, he nonetheless felt that it should go to the courts and that they might be more objective than the Board of Representatives. Rep. Mirkin stated he once again reminded Mr. Fox that the Board of Representatives is elected by the people.

Rep. Mirkin stated he would like everyone to consider, when looking at the Zoning Board, that the last two decisions made by the Zoning Board have resulted in three lawsuits – two on Target and one on Havemeyer Road. Rep. Mirkin stated he would be voting no tonight.

Rep. Day stated that he has been involved with the residents in the Westover Park area and Westhill and Palmer’s Hill for a year now. There have been very, very few development proposals in the last several years that have aroused as much controversy as the Havemeyer Lane development. Petitions were repeatedly put together, representing hundreds, close to a thousand, residents in unified and virtually unanimous opposition to that development. The residents wanted somebody to take a look at where that land fit in the context of the neighborhood and community and what the land was originally zoned as (which was ¼ acre). What has ended up there is a proposal that was designed, in a lot of people’s opinion, to bail out a multi-million dollar owner who has been indicted for tax fraud as opposed to a plan of development that makes sense to the City as a whole.

Rep. Day stated he has nothing personally against Mr. Fox, adding that he is a man of distinguished credentials and is grateful that he has been willing to serve the City, but the actions of the Zoning Board in this particular case do not bring credit, in his judgment, to the Zoning Board and have not been in the best interests of the City. For these reasons, Rep. Day stated he feels obligated to vote against Mr. Fox, not because he is personally
unqualified but in this particular case Mr. Fox was not responsive to legitimate concerns of a huge number of our citizens.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he concurs with some of Rep. Mirkin’s concerns. Rep. Zelinsky stated he does not know Mr. Fox, but as the representatives serve constituents, he believes members of the Planning and Zoning Boards should listen very carefully to the residents of Stamford when it comes to issues that come before them, and in this most recent situation, where the majority of the residents of that particular neighborhood had some legitimate concerns, members of the Zoning Board have to take that into account along with other merits of the project.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he feels uncomfortable voting to reappoint an individual, based on what he has heard and what he has read.

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

The motion to appoint Mr. Fox as an Alternate on the Zoning Board was approved by machine vote (27-9-0); Reps. Browne, Crowley, Day, DeLuca, Greenberg, Mirkin, Sherer, White and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Hunter not voting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6-9, 10 and 12, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Skigen moved to take two items out of order was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
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<td><strong>Lease Resolution</strong> and public hearing: approving a lease between the City of Stamford and Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc.</td>
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<td><strong>Deed Resolution</strong> and public hearing: approving the acquisition of the Bartlett Arboretum property from the State of Connecticut.</td>
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Co-Chair Sherer stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on February 27, 2002. Present was Co-Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Clear, Coppola, McCullen, McDermott, White, Giordano, Greenberg and Crowley. Excused were Reps. Fedeli, Lyons and Imbrogno. Also present was Rep. Mirkin.

The Committee held a public hearing on the two items. The second item is a quit claim deed with a right of reversion to the State of the property should it not be used for the purposes intended. The Committee discussed the item and approved it by a vote of 8-0-0. Co-Chair Sherer moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Co-Chair Sherer moved to Item No. 1, which is the resolution approving a lease between the City and Bartlett. That item was discussed in full after a public hearing but held because the Board of Finance had not taken it up. The Committee met again tonight, and everyone was present. The Committee voted 9-0 to approve the lease. Co-Chair Sherer moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee met on February 25, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Cannady, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Hunter, Loglisci, Sherer and Owens. Rep. Lyons was excused. Also present were Reps. Coppola and Mirkin as well as Director of Administration Tom Hamilton, Budget Director Dena Diorio, Assistant Fire Chief Peter Brown, Grants Director Sandra Dennies, Peter Lyons and Jack Dillon from the Bartlett Arboretum, Director of Legal Affairs Andrew McDonald, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Ben Barnes, and Antonio Iadarola and two members of the
Engineering Department, Captain Tomlin of the Police Department, Barbara Yantorno of Social Services and Chief Mayonis and Chief DeLeo of the Big Five Companies.

1. **F26.008**
   - **GRANT 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**
   - **01/07/02 – Held in Committee**
   - **02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0**

   **Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation**
   - **Concur**

2. **F26.015**
   - **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION** (Operating Budget): $350,000.00 for 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**
   - **01/07/02 – Held in Committee**
   - **02/28/02 – $340,000 approved by Board of Finance**

   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Secondary Committee Report was waived.

3. **F26.046**  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ($200,000.00) (Capital Budget); Bureau of Engineering – Operations; Sewers Section 17-1; for settlement of litigation related to easement procurement (Lampke and Sonoro Realty Partners) for project at Long Ridge, McLean and Terrace Avenues.

   01/31/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
   02/19/02 – Approved by Planning Board
   02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

*Secondary Committee: Operations Waived*

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

4. **F26.048**  FUNDING RESOLUTION (formerly Exhibit A); in
AGENDA

5. **F26.026**

   GRANT RESOLUTION;
   authorizing the Mayor to submit application and to enter into agreement with the State of CT to support a program made available through the Long Island Sound License Plate Program; amount of grant: $25,000.

   01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

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6. **F26.038**

   GRANT RESOLUTION;
   authorizing the Mayor to file applications and execute contracts with the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation; Dial-a-Ride Program.

   01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

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7. **F26.027**

   GRANT RESOLUTION;

   APPROVED ON
authorizing a contract for a Community Employment Incentive Program; amount of grant: $47,774.
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 9-0-0

8. F26.028  GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing application under the Social Services Block Grant for a program of Counseling Services to the Elderly; amount of grant: $54,888.
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

9. F26.029  GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the State of CT Dept. of Social Services for a Community Health Care Program Grant; amount of grant: $172,169.
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

10. F26.030  GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements

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with the State of Connecticut for funding assistance regarding operation of the Stamford Day Care Program; amount of grant: $1,730,930.

01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

11. F26.032 GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Education regarding a Quality Enhancement Program; amount of grant: $123,692.

01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

12. F26.033 GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file an application and enter into an agreement with the State Dept. of Health Services for providing a program of Health Education/Risk Reduction for Stamford residents; amount of grant: $21,894.

01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0
13. GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of CT to receive maximum state funding for the purpose of increasing the capacity and quality of School Readiness and Child Day Care; amount of grant: $2,663,537. 
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

14. GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of CT for a program of Senior Health Services; amount of grant: $40,790. 
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

15. GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2002/03 AIDS Risk Reduction Program grant; amount of grant: $576,505. 
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

16. GRANT APPROVED
RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the State of CT Dept. of Public Health for the 2002/03 Women, Infants’, and Children’s (WIC) Nutrition Program; amount of grant: $170,000. 01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the State for funding of Youth Services Bureau; amount of grant: $60,232. 01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Social Services Department; Relocation; to fund state-mandated relocation of three families with lead-poisoned children. 12/03/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 01/07/02 – Held in Committee 02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance 02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0
Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
Concur

19. F26.042
$15,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);
Social Services Administration; Moving and Storage; to cover expenses due to an unusually high number of relocations.
01/31/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
Concur

20. F26.031
GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Local Law Enforcement Program; amount of grant: $76,868.
01/25/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

21. F26.023
FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing the police extra duty fee from 12% to 14%.
01/28/02 – Submitted by Fiscal Committee
APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (31-5-0)
Chair Skigen stated that there was a public hearing on this item, and no one from the public appeared. The Committee approved the item 9-1-0. Chair Skigen moved Item No. F26.023 above; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated there was an uncollected amount of money on the books, and if you take that money out, the 12% has covered the administrative costs. Rep. Loglisci stated that there is no reason to penalize people who use the police by charging them for those that do not pay. Rep. DeLuca stated that a bad debt should be considered a cost that is part of administrative fees. Still, if there is a bad debt, the taxpayers should not have to subsidize it. A 2% increase will allow the City to just about break even, and the 2% increase will not cost the police any extra duty jobs.

The item was approved by machine vote (31-5-0); Reps. Day, Imbrogno, Loglisci, Lyons and McDermott opposed; Rep. Hunter not voting).

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**Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health**

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Study; to update study.
01/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/02 – Approved by Planning Board
02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/25/02 – Committee defeated 1-8-1

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
Concur

24. F26.020 FUNDING RESOLUTION (formerly Exhibit A); in connection with F26.018 above – Citywide Fire Study. 01/02/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 02/25/02 – Committee defeated 1-8-1

Chair Skigen reported that the Committee voted to approve Item Nos. 23 and 24. However, the administration has since sent a letter asking that these two items be withdrawn. Chair Skigen moved to hold both items; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

25. 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. 12/03/01 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
01/07/02 – Held in Committee
02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance - $350,000
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
Concur

26. F26.044 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Big 5 Volunteer Fire Dept; Turn of River; to cover anticipated shortfall in overtime account.
01/31/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health
Concur

27. F26.045 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Big 5 Volunteer Fire Dept; Glenbrook; to cover anticipated shortfall in overtime account.
01/31/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0
Chair Skigen stated the committee discussed this matter, and the City has issued an RFP looking for a single provider for the 350 cell phone users in city employ. In terms of a city-wide cellphone policy, Mr. Hamilton is under the impression that the City’s technology policy would apply to cellphones, however the RFP committee is looking at cellphone policies from other communities and considering proposing one and bringing it to our Board.

The Committee asked for a list of the 350 users and their job titles.

Chair Skigen stated that Mr. Hamilton informed the Committee that the recent bond refunding did not happen. The market has moved so that market conditions are such that we will not achieve a level of savings that had been set as a goal in order to go forward with the bond refunding. The Committee voted to hold the item 10-0.
amendment to agreement with Fairfield County Communications, Inc. for telecommunications maintenance and consulting services; amount of contract: not to exceed $45,000. 01/31/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 02/11/02 – Approved by Board of Finance 02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

31. **F26.022** FEE RESOLUTION; increasing the Assessor’s aerial map fee from $5 to $15; field card request fee from $1 to $3; and return check fee from $15 to $50. 01/28/02 – Submitted by Fiscal Committee 02/25/02 – Committee approved 10-0-0

32. **F26.049** GRANT RESOLUTION; the mayor to enter into an application with the State of CT for school construction grants; projects include roof replacement at KT Murphy, Dolan and Roxbury; technology infrastructure at Turn of River; and asbestos abatement at Cloonan.

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APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
Chair Skigen stated that Roxbury and the technology infrastructure at Turn of River is no longer part of this grant resolution. Those changes were made before the Committee voted.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-20, 22, 25-27 and 30-32, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: Maria C. Nakian, Chair
(Report) Jim Shapiro, Vice Chair
(Votes) Meeting: Monday, February 25, 2002
(Attendance) 7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, February 25, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, Shapiro, Esposito, Fahan, Zelinsky, Browne and DeLeo. Reps. Mitchell, Spandow and Benyus were excused. Also present were Corporation Counsel Andrew McDonald and Dena Dioro, OPM Director.

1. LR26.005 REVIEW; of tax abatement request by the Landmark Baptist Church for property located on Crescent Street.
   02/01/02 – Submitted by Dr. Vince J. Massa
   02/25/02 – Held in Committee
   HELD IN COMMITTEE

2. LR26.006 RESOLUTION-ORDINANCE; for publication;
   authorizing a phase out of the personal property tax district extension.
   01/28/02 – Submitted by Fiscal Committee
   02/25/02 – Committee changed item to ordinance and approved for publication 7-0-0
   APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Chair Nakian moved to suspend the rules to change Item No. LR26.006 from a resolution to an ordinance; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Nakian stated that this is an ordinance amending Chapter 180 to provide for a new personal property mill rate reduction schedule. Basically, this will change the phase-in of the citywide rate for personal property from a three-year phase-in to a six-year phase-in. Chair Nakian moved Item No.LR26.006; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
Chair Nakian moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda. Chair Nakian stated that this is an amendment of Chapter 9 of the Code concerning the acquisition of real property by the City. At the request of Corporation Counsel, the Board is making a change to the ordinance. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. LR26.007 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication and for final adoption; amending Chapter 9, Sections 7.3 of the Code of Ordinances concerning the acquisition of real property by the City.
02/25/02 – Submitted by Leg & Rules Committee
02/25/02 – Approved for publication 7-0 and for final adoption 6-1

Chair Nakian stated the 25th Board was concerned because while there was a procedure in place for the sale or lease of property by the City, there was no procedure in place for the acquisition or lease of property by the City. At the end of the last Board an ordinance was enacted to put in place this procedure. In the process of doing so, the Board required that not only the purchase of property but property acquired by any other means would fall under this procedure. At the time, the City had just purchased Treetops, which was not a straight purchase of property but an acquisition of the easement rights of the property that was in the Stamford portion of the property.

The Board specifically put into the ordinance the acquisition by easement rights. Mr. McDonald called last week because it had been pointed out that the City, in beginning a new sewer project, the easements that are granted by a sewer extension would fall under the provisions of this ordinance as it was written. Because it not only includes approval of this Board but by the Planning Board and Board of Finance, it provided a cumbersome procedure and was holding up the whole sewer project. Mr. McDonald asked the Committee to consider amending the ordinance to delete the reference to easements. He pointed out to the Committee that it is not only the sewer easements but also the EPB grants easements, easements involved in the laying out of roads, and typically in any year, the City does 250-300 of this type of easement.

Chair Nakian stated the Committee voted to approve publication of this ordinance; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Browne stated that the Committee accepted Mr. McDonald’s comments. For clarification, the Board should do as little changing to the original ordinance as possible. Rep. Browne stated that in the first line, “the acquisition of real property interests, exclusive of …” add “the acquisition of sewer, environmental and road easements.” This would make it clear that that those very minor easements will not go to the full procedure. The remaining language, which addresses other permanent conveyances or purchase of permanent easements, would remain. Rep. Browne moved this amendment; said motion was seconded.
Chair Nakian stated she questioned Mr. McDonald about this, and he answered that to differentiate between different kinds of easements was really very difficult. Chair Nakian stated that she noticed that the quit claim deed from the State regarding Bartlett Arboretum contains a conservation easement. Mr. McDonald felt it would take pages of explanation to adequately cover the differentiation between all the various kinds of easements, and the fact that the City does in the hundreds of ordinary easements every year, and in her experience on the Board, there has only been one major acquisition of land which involved easement rights, she doesn’t think that this is something that happens very often. Mr. McDonald also pointed out to the Committee that no mayor would acquire a property as major as Treetops without coming to the Board. Thus, there is really no danger that something could be slipped through by not differentiating easements at all.

Chair Nakian stated that the majority of the Committee voted 6-1 for publication and 6-1 for waiving publication.

Rep. Browne stated that one of the things he disagrees with in the proposed amendment is it also addresses the conveyance of easements, which is a very large right, and it would take out of the more structured procedure the ability to convey easements over public property owned by the City. Rep. Browne stated that he does not think that was contemplated in Committee. Rep. Browne, while he understands Ms. Nakian’s comments, stated his proposal is a very limited one, and would attain the objectives trying to be reached tonight – to allow sewer projects to go forward and that if the Board wanted to look at this in Committee in more detail, the Committee could do that and draft it more artfully. He stated that his limited amendment to the ordinance would be sufficient at this time.

The motion to amend the item was made as follows: Section 9-7.3 (A), after the words “exclusive of,” insert: the acquisition of sewer, environmental and road.” Said motion was seconded and failed by a machine vote of 18-19 (Reps. Benyus, Browne, Crowley, Day, DeLeo, DeLuca, Fedeli, Giordano, Greenberg, Imbrogno, Loglisci, McDermott, Mirkin, O’Neill, Shapiro, Sherer, Skigen and Zelinsky in favor).

Chair Nakian moved for publication of Item No. LR26.007; said motion was seconded.

Chair Nakian moved to publish the ordinance; said motion was approved by a machine vote of 29-8 (Reps. Browne, Crowley, DeLeo, DeLuca, Greenberg, Mirkin, Shapiro and Sherer opposed).

Chair Nakian moved to waive publication; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he voted for final adoption because there is pending work and the contractor cannot go forward. This could result in an emergency situation for the residents on this sewer project. Rep. Zelinsky urged his colleagues to vote to waive publication.

Rep. Loglisci stated that after there was such a close vote on an amendment that publication should not be waived so that the Board can look at this again. He stated he would vote against waiving publication.
Rep. Sherer stated that he agreed with Mr. Loglisci. First, there was a very close vote and secondly there was confusion in the Committee, with a lot of questions and an opinion from Corporation Counsel. Rep. Sherer stated that another month is necessary to review the item. If, as Mr. Browne pointed out, there is a real problem if you don’t exclude certain types of simple easements, this problem will be compounded by forcing this ordinance on the people that need it most, and this would be detrimental if they could not carry out their intended purpose. Rep. Sherer stated it would be in the best interests of the City for the Board to publish in accordance with its normal procedures, recognizing that his amendment was a friendly amendment.

Rep. Zelinsky reiterated his point that there could be an emergency situation for the residents of Club Road if the work cannot begin for another month.


PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Co-Chair
Sanchia Spandow, Co-Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2002
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
- and –
Monday, March 4, 2002
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Spandow reported that the Personnel Committee met on February 20, 2002 and again this evening, March 4, 2002 to discuss the early retirement plan.

   01/07/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/28/02 – Approved by Board of Finance
   03/04/02 – Committee approved 7 contracts
   MOTION TO REJECT
   FAILED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Co-Chair Spandow stated there were seven contracts that were reviewed and all passed on consent 9-0-0. The contracts were for the Teamsters Union, Local 145; Assistant Corporation Counsels Union, Local 1303-191; Public Health Dental Hygienists Union, Local 1303-272; Registered Nurses Union, Local 465; Municipal Supervisory Employees Union, Local 2657; Smith House New England Care Employees Union and the United Auto Workers Union. Co-Chair Spandow moved to reject the item; said motion was seconded and failed by unanimous voice vote.
Chair Day reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Thursday, February 21, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Day, Benyus, Boccuzzi, Loglisci, Mitchell, Nakian and Spandow. Co-Chair White and Rep. Summerville were excused. Also present were Director of Administration Tom Hamilton, Joyce Sun from OPM, Robin Stein from Land Use and David Emerson from EPB.

Co-Chair Day reported that a public hearing was held on a number of agenda items, LU26.002, LU26.003, LU26.004, LU26.005 and LU26.007. No one attended from the public.

1. **LU26.002**
   FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing Planning fees; subdivisions (2-3 lots) from $60 to $200, 3+ lots from $110 to $275 (each add’l. lot from $100 to $200); master plan change applications from $100 to $250; books, maps and master plan copies from $15 to $30; agenda subscriptions from $25 to $60. 01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 02/21/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0

   **HELD IN COMMITTEE BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

   Co-Chair Day stated that notwithstanding the committee vote, he moved to hold the item in committee in that the committee did not have adequate time to review the administration’s determination that this item should be done by ordinance. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. **LU26.003**
   FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing Zoning Enforcement fees; new residences (1-3 family) from $100 to $140 (each add’l. unit

   **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
Co-Chair Day reported that the Committee approved LU26.003 with two minor amendments, that relate to additional unit fees having to do with new residences and additions/renovations/alterations in each case of three families or more. The proposals for those increases had been from $25 to $100, and from $15 to $75, and the Committee amended those proposals so that those increases would be limited to $50.

3. FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing Zoning Department fees; coastal site plan review and site plan approval application from $60 to $135; special exception, zoning regulations change and zoning map change applications from $110 to $275; site plan pre-application review from $50 to $125,

01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/21/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0 (as amended)
Co-Chair Day stated that notwithstanding the committee vote, he moved to hold the item in committee in that the committee did not have adequate time to review the administration’s determination that this item should be done by ordinance. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing Zoning Board of Appeals fees; 1-3 family variance from $85 to $135; 4+ family variance from $135 to $215; all other variances, special exception, appeal of zoning enforcement officer’s decision and motor vehicle from $160 to $300; time request extension from $50 to $125.

01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/21/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0

Held in Committee by unanimous voice vote.

5. FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; of increased fees for Environmental Protection Board functions; application and plan review from $125 to $200; SFR Property per lot/subdivision from $75 to $120; SFR property (no subdivision) (per lot) from $25 to $40; commercial property (per acre) from $100 to $160; hearing fee from $350 to $560; maps from $10 to $20 and conservation signs from $5 to $10.

01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Report made
Co-Chair Day stated that these fees are increased only pursuant to regulations adopted by the EPB, pursuant to the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourse statutes and thus are not properly before the Board.

6. **FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing GIS fees, zoning and ortho (large) maps from $15 to $25; ortho (small) maps from $10 to $15; tax map and shipping map tube from $5 to $10; digital data on CD from $35 to $50 and CD shipping from $2 to $5.**
   - 01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 02/21/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0
   - **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

7. **RESOLUTION; approving a sanitary sewer easement with Eric S. and Andrea N. Bass, 356 Club Road.**
   - 01/29/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 02/11/02 – Withdrawn by Engineering Dept.
   - 02/21/02 – No action taken
   - **NO ACTION TAKEN**

8. **RESOLUTION; approving lease agreement between the City of Stamford and the Domus Foundation for property at 17 Forest Street; term of lease: three years; monthly rental: $1,000 in year 1, $1,060 in year 2 and $1,123.60 in year 3.**
   - 02/04/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   - 02/21/02 – No action taken
   - **NO ACTION TAKEN**
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2 and 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:  Bobby E. Owens, Chair  
(Report)  
(Vote)  
(Attendance)  
Anthony Imbrogno, Vice Chair  
Meeting:  Wednesday, February 20, 2002  
7:00 p.m.  – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Coppola, Hunter, McDermott, Sherer, Zelinsky and Owens. Also present were Deputy Chief Priolo, Dena Diorio from OPM, Ed Gentile from Engineering and Jim Ricci and Lou David from Operations.

1. O26.005  
FEE RESOLUTION; of proposed fees for Engineering functions, including street opening permit, street use permit, and new and renewal of traffic control training.  
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/23/02 – Held in Committee 5-3-0  
02/20/02 – No action taken  

2. O26.006  
REVIEW; of capital projects tracking system.  
01/10/02 – Submitted by Rep. O’Neill  
01/23/02 – Report Made  
02/20/02 – Report Made  

Chair Owens reported that the Committee needs additional information from the Engineering Department, and this matter is an on-going item.

3. O26.007  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning an increase in the  

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
haulaway costs for the disposition of solid waste from $66 per ton to $85 per ton.
01/23/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/20/02 – Committee approved 5-0-1 ($75 at 4/1/2)

Chair Owens reported that the Committee voted 5-0-1 to change this fee to $75 effective April 1, 2002. The fee will also be changed to include the haulaway fee plus $10 on July 15.

4. O26.008 FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; establishing a fee of $15.00 for the disposal of appliances that contain freon.
01/23/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/20/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0 ($12)

Chair Owens reported that the Committee approved a fee of $12.

5. O26.009 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 214, Article II of the Code of Ordinances to increase fee for street opening permits from $50 to $250.
01/23/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/20/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0 (as amended)
Chair Owens reported that the Committee has not received the changes it made to this ordinance, so the matter is being held. Chair Owens moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. O26.010 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 214, Article II of the Code of Ordinances to increase fee for Street Use Permits from $30 to $100.
   01/23/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/20/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0

7. O26.011 FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; amending Chapter 214 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the fees for new Traffic Control Training from $50 to $65 and for renewal of Traffic Control Training from $20 to $65.
   01/23/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/20/02 – Committee approved 7-0-0

8. O26.012 APPROVAL; of contract with Burns International Security for security services at Government Center; term of contract: 2/27/99 – 6/30/05; amount of contract:
   $371,000 in FY 00-02;
   $382,130 in FY 02-03;
   $397,415 in FY 03-04;
   $413,311 in FY 04-05.

   APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

Richard Lyons II, Chair  
Meeting: Wed., February 13, 2002  
7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Lyons reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Lyons, Biancardi, Clear, DeLuca, DePina, Crowley, Kernan, O’Neill and Mirkin. Rep. Coppola was also present. Excused was Rep. DeLeo and absent was Rep. Blackwell.

1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; proposed fee increases for false alarm fines (from $50 to $100); and establishing new fees for alarm registration ($30 for residential and $100 for commercial) and late payment penalties (25% after 30 days).  
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/04/02 – Report Made  
02/13/02 – Committee approved 8-0-1 (as amended)

Chair Lyons reported that the Committee approved this item, however, due to nobody’s fault, the exact language of the ordinance needs to be perfected. Chair Lyons moved to hold the item; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Linda Cannady, Co-Chair

Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair

Public Hearing: Tue., Feb. 19, 2002
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
- and –

Public Hearing & Meeting:
Wednesday, February 27, 2002
7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room
- and –

Monday, March 4, 2002
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Sherer reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, Clear, Coppola, Fedeli, Giordano, McCullen, McDermott, Mirkin, Sherer, Summerville and Loglisci; excused was Rep. Imbrogno.

Co-Chair Sherer reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps.

Co-Chair Sherer thanked his committee for the hard work this month. Co-Chair Sherer explained that the Mayor’s Office proposed fees that went to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Commission jointly participated in both the public
hearing and the Committee meeting. The Parks & Recreation Commission met on February 26, 2002, and the next day their proposed fees were submitted. The Committee then went through all of the fees line by line.

1. **RESOLUTION and public hearing; 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
   01/07/02 – Held in Committee
   01/28/02 – Approved and amended by Board of Finance
   02/27/02 – Held in Committee
   03/04/02 - Committee approved 8-0-0

2. **RESOLUTION and 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
   01/07/02 – Held in Committee
   02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0
   02/28/02 – Approved by Board of Finance

3. **FEE RESOLUTION**

   **APPROVED**
and public hearing; proposed fee and policy changes for picnic and park permit fees including: weekday and weekend picnic permits; weekend and weekday picnic permits at Cove Island; for profit park use and non-profit park use.
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)

Chair Sherer stated that the Committee approved all fees as approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission for Item PR26.006.

4. FEE RESOLUTION
and public hearing;
proposed fee and policy changes for miscellaneous fines and fees including: bandwagon use; solicitor permit; vendor, 1-day vendor and park vending permits; film/video permit; special events charges and rental fees; shellfish and senior shellfish licenses.
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)
Co-Chair Sherer moved to hold Item No. PR26.007; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

(At this time, Reps. DePina and Hunter left the meeting. The attendance stands at 35 present and five absent/excused.)

5. PR26.008 FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; proposed fee and policy changes for beach pass fees, beach parking fees and establishing a 1 day vehicle access permit and a non-resident Cummings Beach permit.  
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)  
APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (26-9)  
(as amended)

Co-Chair Sherer stated that the administration asked that the Committee hold the non-resident Cummings Beach Permit. The Committee approved this resolution as follows: the resident registered car permit was approved for $15; the resident non-registered car was approved at $50; the senior pass was approved at $5; senior non-registered car was approved at $25; summer resident was approved at $100; the one day bus pass local was approved at $100 and the one day bus pass non-local was approved at $250. The one-day pass went from $15 to $20; the one-day weekday picnic parking went from $5 to $15 for fifty permits. Co-Chair Sherer moved Item No. PR26.008; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky moved to amend the $15 recommended beach pass fee back to the current fee of $10; said motion was seconded. Rep. Zelinsky stated that the residents pay hefty taxes and he noted that Norwalk does not charge its residents any fee to use its beaches.

Rep. Shapiro stated that he agrees with Mr. Zelinsky’s position, and he believes it applies to a number of fees. Over the past four years, the Board and administration has looked at its citizens as valued customers, and no company would increase the costs to its customers without adding additional services or improving existing services. This not the goal here, this is just a revenue-generating mechanism. Rep. Shapiro stated it is time to tighten our belt, not expand our reach. This would be a more appropriate response to this. Rep. Shapiro stated that there is a budget shortfall, and it should not be made at the peoples’ expense.

Co-Chair Sherer stated that he has been vocal in his opposition to many of the user fees, and recognizes that the administration’s proposals for increased fees are in many
instances for revenue generation. In this particular case, the annual volume estimated on the parking permit is $15,800, and the extra $5 would bring in around $75,000. However, the car permit fees have not gone up for years, and while he was opposed to a huge jump, from $10 to $30, he felt that the $15 fee, a $5 jump, was really incremental in that it had not been raised in years.

Rep. White stated that he voted to support the $15 fee in committee, because there was no support in committee to go any lower. However, since it is on the floor, he supports the $10 fee. Rep. White stated that we are a waterfront community, and the parks and the beaches are enjoyed by all people, and for many people, this is the only real social outlet they have in the summer. Rep. White stated that this is one fee he is willing to subsidize.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he is against lowering the fee. First of all, while Norwalk was referenced, Darien, Greenwich and New Canaan were not mentioned. This year’s budget and next year’s budget will be very tight, and we have to increase revenues. If we do not increase revenues, taxes will go up or people will lose their jobs. Further, when you start laying off workers, those that are at the bottom of the work scale are those that are laid off first. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the economic times are real tough, we have a revenue shortfall and we should try to close the budget gap with an increase in fees.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the fees that are being increased are typically only being raised enough to cover the expenses related to providing that services.

Rep. Esposito stated he is in favor of Mr. Zelinsky’s motion although he is in agreement with Mr. Boccuzzi’s statements. Rep. Esposito stated that this fee is different from all the other fees. All the other fees involve special users – boat owners, street opening permits, building permits – all these require extra services from the city. This fee, however, affects everybody – men, women, children, rich, poor, south – every citizen of Stamford will be affected by this, and this is a service that should be provided to them as citizens. It is bad enough we do charge the $10, and he believes it would be criminal to charge more than that. Rep. Esposito stated he will support Mr. Zelinsky.

Rep. Lyons moved the question; said motion was seconded; said motion failed by a machine vote of 17-17 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Clear, DeLuca, Esposito, Fahan, Fedeli, Giordano, Lyons II, Martin, Mirkin, Nakian, O’Neill, Shapiro, Sherer, Spandow and White in favor; Rep. McCullen not voting).

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he doesn’t want a large tax increase. Rep. Zelinsky attempted to find out what the tax increase would be if the Board approved every single fee increase. He was unable to find that out. Rep. Zelinsky stated that we may raise fees, may still have a 10% tax increase and still may have layoffs – there is no guarantee and the Board has not received this information. Pertaining to this one particular fee, Rep. Zelinsky stated that the increased revenue would be a mere $75,000. This is not going to result in huge layoffs or large tax increases. Rep. Zelinsky stated that our residents are worth $75,000.
Rep. Loglisci stated that the beach fee issue is a rallying point for the public; we are increasing fees across the board, and we should give Stamford citizens a small victory by what should be their legal right – access to the waterfront. Rep. Loglisci stated that the increased revenue is small enough to allow the pass to remain at $10.

Rep. DeLeo stated that he is supportive of Rep. Boccuzzi’s comments. Rep. DeLeo stated that there is a fundamental flaw in referring to residents of the City of Stamford. Rep. DeLeo added that the property owners pay a lot of taxes in Stamford, and the property owners will bear the burden of a tax increase while some residents – a lot of residents – are not property owners and do not pay property taxes. So basically if you don’t raise this fee, the renters and those that don’t own and who are not paying a lot of taxes, won’t bear the burden in property tax increases. Rep. DeLeo stated he is not throwing stones at anybody, but this Board should be mindful of the fact that not all residents own property here.

Rep. Mirkin stated that the fees, if all were increased, will be $3.6 million. This information was presented at the committee meeting by the administration. People have eloquently stated what will happen if fees don’t go up, and services may have to be reduced. Rep. Mirkin felt that a $5 increase is not onerous on the citizens of the City.

Rep. Mitchell stated that while some people do not own homes in Stamford, they do own cars that are taxed, if they work in Stamford, they pay state taxes that are returned to Stamford. Rep. Mitchell stated that the entire fee-raising process has been rushed and the Board has not had a chance to reasonably look at everything and to examine cost analyses. Rep. Mitchell stated this one item should remain at $10.

Rep. Owens stated that he supports the $10 fee. Rep. Owens stated, in response to the comment that there are some people that do not own property in the City of Stamford, it is obvious the speaker never rented property before. Any renter knows that if there is an increase in your taxes, it is the renters that pay – not the owners.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that in response to the remark that this only brings in $75,000, this could equal one or two people’s jobs. Rep. Boccuzzi added that the State is also decreasing monies it is sending to the cities. Rep. Boccuzzi also stated that if each fee is considered alone, none are a significant source of funds, but added all together, it comes to a considerable amount of revenue.


Rep. Skigen asked what the difference between a local and an out of town bus was. Rep. Sherer explained that if the organization using the bus was based in Stamford, it was obvious, it would be out of town.
The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 26-9 (Reps. Blackwell, Esposito, Greenberg, McCullen, Mitchell, Owens, Shapiro, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed.

6. **PR26.009**  
FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; proposed fee and policy changes for a marina fee for non-resident slip rental (after June 1).  
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
02/27/02 – Committee approved 6-2-0 (as amended)

Co-Chair Sherer stated that this item should read “After April 1”. The Committee approved the item 6-2. This item is related to fees only, not the policy. Chair Sherer moved Item No. PR26.009; said motion was seconded.

Co-Chair Sherer stated that there are only a few empty slips in the marinas. The deadline for marina slip rental is this Friday, and then the waiting list is brought into play. It then takes two weeks to figure out if anyone wants to come on from the waiting list. At that time, there may be 6-12 slips citywide that are not rented. This new policy would go toward utilizing those empty slips and allow non-residents an opportunity to rent them.

Co-Chair Sherer added that the fee amount was arrived at by taking the resident fees and multiplying it by 2.5 times.

Rep. White stated he is opposed to philosophically renting our boat slips to out-of-towners. He believes it is a bad precedent to send out, and it doesn’t benefit us by generating significant money. Also, Rep. White feels that April 1 is too early for Stamford residents who may purchase a boat later in the season.

Co-Chair Sherer stated that anyone with a boat and who does not have a boat slip by June 1 is not going to find one. To encourage the use of the empty boat slips, you have to open it up early enough in the season so that people can consider these slips as an option.

Rep. Bocuzzi stated that all the fees generated from the marinas are kept in a separate account for improving the marinas. Rep. Sherer confirmed that starting this fiscal year this will happen.

The item was approved by a machine vote of 32-3 (Reps. McDermott, Shapiro and White opposed).
7. **PR26.010**

FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; proposed fee and policy changes for recreation program fees.
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

8. **PR26.011**

FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; proposed fee and policy changes for self-sustaining program fees for parks & recreation programs.
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)

Co-Chair Sherer stated that these are programs that pay for themselves. The fees are based on competitiveness with other programs, and also keeping it self-sustaining economically. The Committee agreed with the Parks & Recreation Program, except for the blade runners, which the Committee approved at $30.

Co-Chair Sherer moved Item No. PR26.011; said motion was seconded and approved by **machine vote** of 32-2 (Reps. O’Neill and Shapiro opposed; Rep. Mitchell not voting).

9. **PR26.012**

FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; proposed fees for various uses at Terry Connors Ice Rink.
01/10/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0 (as amended)

**APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
Co-Chair Sherer reported that the resident prime time per hour was approved by committee at $250; the spring/summer non-resident prime time per hour was approved for $275; the non-resident prime time per hour was approved at $350. A number of the other items were changed to reduce the need to have change. All the items that were $8.75 or $8.25 were changed to $8; the resident walk on session of $10.75 was changed to $10, and the non-resident walk-on session was changed to $22. The public session resident adult was changed to $6; and the public session non-resident adult was $10.

Co-Chair Sherer stated that one of the rink administrators was present, and advised the Committee that based on the competition, they wanted to be slightly under the Twin Rinks or the Darien Rink. If the Board has approved the Parks & Recreation Commission amounts, we would have been in jeopardy of being higher than or non-competitive with these other rinks.

For example, the non-resident prime time hour, that is a camp that is run, and if we charged as much as the other rinks, we could lose that business –where they rent the whole place for the summer.

10. PR26.013 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Chapter 175, Section 175-8 regarding water skiing restrictions.
   01/10/02 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons
   02/27/02 – Held in Committee

11. PR26.014 RESOLUTION; establishing a non-resident beach sticker policy (replaces corporate beach sticker policy); to provide for Monday through Friday access for non-residents who purchase a sticker.
   02/01/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   01/29/02 – Approved by Parks & Rec. Commission
   02/27/02 – Held in Committee
Committee

12. RESOLUTION;  
   PR26.015  
   establishing dates that  
   beach stickers are  
   required; from  
   Memorial Day through  
   Labor Day.  
   02/01/02 – Submitted  
   by Mayor Dannel P.  
   Malloy  
   01/29/02 – Approved by  
   Parks & Rec.  
   Commission  
   02/27/02 – Committee  
   approved 8-0-0

   APPROVED  
   ON CONSENT  
   AGENDA

   Co-Chair Sherer stated that this cleans up the policy regarding the day the beaches open  
   and the day they close.

13. RESOLUTION;  
   PR26.016  
   regarding rental of  
   marina slips by non-  
   residents; provides that  
   slips available after  
   April 1 at Cummings or  
   Czescik may be rented  
   for the balance of the  
   season to non-residents.  
   02/01/02 – Submitted  
   by Mayor Dannel P.  
   Malloy  
   01/29/02 – Approved by  
   Parks & Rec.  
   Commission  
   02/27/02 – Committee  
   approved 8-0-0 (as  
   amended)

   APPROVED  
   BY  
   MACHINE  
   VOTE (30-3)

   Chair Sherer stated that this is the policy regarding the fees previously approved, allowing  
   non-residents to rent slips at Stamford Marinas after April 1st.

   Chair Sherer moved Item No. PR26.016; said motion was seconded and approved by a  
   machine vote of 30-3 (Reps. McDermott, Shapiro and White opposed; Reps. Lyons II and  
   Owens not voting).
Chair Sherer moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda; Chair Sherer reported that the Committee suspended its rules to take up the item by a vote of 6-0-0. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

14. **PR26.017** RESOLUTION; establishing criteria for eligibility for senior rates for parks and recreation activities. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
   
   02/27/02 – Submitted Parks & Recreation Committee
   02/27/02 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3, 7, 9 and 12, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Thomas Hunter, Co-Chair
Brian O’Neill, Co-Chair

No report.

**STATE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE:** Jim Shapiro, Chair
(Report) John Morrow, Vice Chair
(Attendance)

Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2002
7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on February 28, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Esposito, Greenberg, Nakian and Shapiro. Also in attendance were State Representative John Wayne Fox and Sandra Dennies, Grants Director.

1. **SC26.002** REVIEW; of the effects of the 2002 State Budget on Stamford Services, including without limitation Education, Social Services, Transportation and the Environment. REPORT MADE
   
   01/07/02 – Submitted by Rep. Shapiro
   02/04/02 – No action
   02/28/02 – Report Made
Chair Shapiro stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the causes and effects of the State budget deficit to see how that would affect the City of Stamford, especially during the budget process.

Chair Shapiro reported that the causes of the State budget deficit are similar to what happened at the national level – essentially a revenue shortfall, not a big increase in spending. Tax receipts were down due to vanishing capital gains, and some of the individual returns had generated significant tax revenues. Also, sales tax revenues are down. The inheritance tax is in the process of being phased out. Rep. Fox stated that the State is missing out on some corporate taxes that the State has foregone due to certain state deals, such as UBS Warburg. In that case, the State is having them taxed at $40 million on a property that is really worth about $200 million. Chair Shapiro stated that this issue is debatable vis-à-vis the jobs that it brings to town, increased homeowner property values, but nevertheless it is contributing to revenue shortfalls. The same goes for the Purdue Pharma property, which used to be GTE and International Paper.

Chair Shapiro stated that one thing that may happen at the State level is that they may review the Enterprise Zone statute, and that could affect us here. One of the things that the corporate development people in Stamford said was that they really wanted to expand the Enterprise Zone.

Chair Shapiro stated that the effects of the budget deficit will include detrimental effects for us. Stamford should be able to hold its own, but there will be areas where we are going to feel the State’s pain. There will be no new programs across the state. Affordable housing may be one of the areas of greatest concern, and this is because Stamford has the most subsidized housing in the entire state. Sandra Dennies mentioned that between tax abatements to certain properties and the PILOT housing (payments in lieu of taxes) which tend to go to universities, charitable organizations and churches, in the first year, we could be out almost $900,000 in subsidies and in Year 2, almost $1.4 million. If the State is not reimbursing those taxes, those landlords have to pick it up and that tends to flow down to tenants. Chair Shapiro stated that our delegation is lobbying pretty hard against this cut, and it may not happen although it is currently slated to happen.

In the Education area, Chair Shapiro reported that the educational cost-sharing (ECS) is a formula whereby cities are reimbursed by the State on a complex formula that Stamford always loses out on. Stamford always loses because we have high property values and a large and diverse population with great needs. So under that formula we will lose another $262,000 in this next budget. Chair Shapiro stated that the word is we should not look for a lot of relief in this area. Essentially, the rest of the towns in the State don’t want to change the formula, and we are an anomaly.

Significantly, we also don’t have the special education numbers and there is some evidence we will have some cutbacks in special education in general. In particular, we looked at some cutbacks for specific areas: a couple of hundred thousand dollars for programs for the blind, among the belt-tightening.
On the bright side, the grants for the Hillandale preschool should remain intact, and that is about $2.5 million. That provides all young children with preschool.

There will not be any state reimbursements for any parking fee increases we do here, or for any costs that we pass on for mass transit. The State had a goal proposed by the Governor five years ago to reduce traffic on our highways by 5% by January 1 of 2002. Instead of being cut by 5%, on I-95 it went up 1.8% and on the Merritt it went up 8.7%.

We will be retaining our $240,000 Safe Neighborhoods program, which gets us 12 part-time police officers.

Dr. Iton went to Hartford when it looked like we might lose a program called CCHI, which provides prenatal care to low income mothers. Mothers without this care tend to have low birth weight children, and the children end up with a host of health-related issues that other children don’t have. Those costs will be borne by our social services in Stamford, so if that doesn’t get restored, we may have to pick up some of those costs.

Chair Shapiro reported that action items for this Board, is 1) Chair Shapiro urged anyone who cares about any of the issues to call his/her state representative and have constituents contact them. This is our opportunity to influence state policy. With respect to transportation, there will be public hearings on the state plan, which does not adequately address lower Fairfield County and Stamford in particular. Chair Shapiro stated he would be talking with members of his Committee and try to attend some of those public hearings. Very few people go to public hearings. Finally, the Committee will do a review of the local enterprise zones, to see what we are giving away, to see how compliant the corporations are, and how much we are gaining and losing from this program.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Elaine Mitchell, Chair Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2002 6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee did not meet this month, but held a public hearing. A second public hearing will be held on March 19, 2002.

1. HCD26.03 APPROVAL; of allocation for the Year 28 (2002-2003) Community Development Block Grant. 12/06/01 – Submitted by Tim Beeble 02/04/02 – Report Made 02/19/02 – Report Made
Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on February 21, 2002. Present were Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Mirkin, Giordano, Blackwell, Kernan and Zelinsky. Also present were Rep. McDermott, Sandy Goldstein and John Rutolo of the DSSD, Moira McNulty and Herb Kohn of the Operations Department; Dena Dioro and staff from OPM, Donna Porshner of the Advocate and members of the general public.

1. **T26.005** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; amending Chapter 231, Section 7, Subsection C of the Code to provide for fines for delinquent parking citations; after 15 days from $15 to $20; after 30 days, $20.

01/24/02 – Submitted by Transportation Committee
01/24/02 – Committee approved 5-0-0
02/21/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair DeLuca moved Item No. T26.005; said motion was seconded. Chair DeLuca moved to amend the item by changing the last sentence to read: “If the original fine and the penalty assessed after fifteen days is not paid or appealed within thirty days from the first penalty, an additional twenty dollars ($20) shall be added.” Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 27-4 (Reps. Browne, Mitchell, O’Neill and Shapiro opposed; Reps. Cannady, Esposito, Lyons II and Hunter not voting)

2. **T26.006** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; amending Chapter 231, Section 43 of...
the Code of Ordinances to provide for new residential parking permit fees; from $2 to $5.
01/24/02 – Submitted by Transportation Committee
01/24/02 – Committee approved 5-0-0
02/21/02 – Committee approved 6-0-0

3. **T26.007** FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing and/or revising parking garage fees; 0-1 hours from $.80 to $1.50; 1-2 hours from $1.10 to $2.10; 2-3 hours from $2.15 to $3; 3-4 hours from $3.20 to $4.75; 4-5 hours from $3.25 to $5; 5-8 hours from $5.30 to $8.25; 8 hours to close from $8.50 to $10; after 6 p.m. from $3 to $4; monthly from $48 to $65; group monthly from $41 to $60; eliminate $.50 fee for YMCA; Saturn of Stamford to remain at $4,000.
01/24/02 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/24/02 – Committee approved 5-0-0
02/21/02 – Committee approved 4-2-0 (as amended) and 6-0-0 on YMCA item

Chair DeLuca moved Item No. T26.007; said motion was seconded. Chair DeLuca reviewed the fees as reported out by committee: 0-1 hours, $.80; 1-2 hours, $1.60; 2-3 hours, $2.40; 3-4 hours, $3.20; 4-5 hours, $4; 5-8 hours, $8.25; 8 hours to close, $10; after 6 p.m., $3.50; monthly from $48 to $55; group monthly from $41 to $50; eliminate $.50 fee for YMCA; Saturn of Stamford to remain at $4,000. A motion to amend the fees as reported out by committee to the fees proposed by the administration was made by
Rep. Zelinsky; said motion was seconded. Rep. Zelinsky stated that in conversations with Dena Diorio, the Committee’s recommendations would decrease income by $100,000. Chair DeLuca stated that Ms. Diorio advised him that she was comfortable with the changes the Committee made to the fees, and urged the Board to approve the amended fees.

Rep. Mirkin stated that unlike the beach pass fee increases, these fees bring revenue downtown, and he believes that the Committee’s recommendations make more sense. He felt Ms. Diorio was satisfied with the changes.

Rep. Lyons stated that he values the work of the Committee tremendously and that Mr. DeLuca does an excellent job as chairman; however, he stated that he disagrees with $.80 as a fee in that having that amount of change is inconvenient. He thinks that $1.00 or $1.50 – a more even amount would be easier for people.


The main motion was approved by machine vote (22-10) (Reps. Cannady, Clear, Figueroa, Lyons II, McCullen, Mitchell, Owens, Shapiro, Summerville and White opposed; Reps. Blackwell and DeLuca not voting.

4. T26.008 FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing metered parking fees; from $.50 to $1.00 per hour. 01/24/02 – Submitted by Transportation Committee 02/21/02 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0 (as amended)

Chair DeLuca moved Item No. T26.008; said motion was seconded. Chair DeLuca stated that the Committee reported out the following fees: $.25 per 20 minutes, or $.75 per hour. Said motion was approved by machine vote 28-5 (Reps. Mitchell, O’Neill, Shapiro, Summerville and White opposed; Rep. Sherer and Esposito not voting).

5. T26.009 FEE RESOLUTION and public hearing; increasing train station parking permits; from $31.80 to $60 resident permit; from $42.40 to $90 for non-resident permit; from $2 to $5 for daily metered parking. APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (21-12) (as amended)
Chair DeLuca moved Item No. T26.009; said motion was seconded. Chair DeLuca stated that the Committee had voted to approve a fee of $45 for residents, a fee of $125 for non-residents, and a fee of $5 for daily metered parking. Chair DeLuca moved to amend the Committee’s recommendations to a fee of $42 for residents, $84 for non-residents and $3 for daily parking. Said motion was seconded.

A motion to move the question was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 21-13 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Cannady, Figueroa, Kernan, McCullen, O’Neill, Owens, Shapiro, Skigen, Spandow, Summerville, White and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Esposito not voting).

The motion to amend was approved by a machine vote of 22-10 (Reps. Figueroa, Kernan, McCullen, Mitchell, Nakian, O’Neill, Shapiro, Summerville, White and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Cannady, Esposito and Owens not voting).

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 21-12 (Reps. Cannady, Figueroa, Kernan, Mitchell, Nakian, O’Neill, Owens, Shapiro, Skigen, Summerville, White and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Spandow and Esposito not voting).

Chair DeLuca reported that these fees apply to Springdale and Glenbrook only.

CHARTER COMMITTEE: Maria Nakian, Co-Chair
               Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Co-Chair

No report.

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. February 4, 2002 Regular Board Meeting  APPROVED BY
               UNANIMOUS
               VOICE VOTE

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the minutes of the February 4, 2002 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS
1. President Martin reported that John Zelinsky is now a member of the Education Committee and Phil Giordano is now a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Ann Summerville will serve as Vice Chair of Appointments, and Gloria DePina will remain on the committee. Brian O’Neill was appointed to serve on the School Building Committee.

2. President Martin announced that Victor Biancardi has resigned effective thirty days from today.

3. President Martin named the members of the Charter Committee: Reps. Skigen, Lyons, Summerville, Spandow, Fedeli, Day and Benyus.

4. President Martin reminded everyone that the Steering deadline is Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

5. President Martin announced that the St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be Saturday, March 9. All representatives who want to march should meet at the Crown Majestic at 11:30 a.m.

6. Clerk Summerville announced that anyone who is interested in a locker should let the Board Office know.

7. Rep. DeLuca and President Martin announced that the DSSD will hold a reception on Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the old Amadeus.

8. Clerk Summerville announced that the Governor is co-hosting a memorial service at Union Baptist Church for the victims of September 11th at 3:15 p.m.

9. Rep. Skigen announced that the first budget hearing will be on Monday after Steering.

10. Rep. Browne announced that the president of Ireland will be visiting Stamford on St. Patrick’s Day. There will be a dinner at the Marriott hotel, and any representative wishing a ticket should see him.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 a.m.