The Regular Meeting of the 26th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, April 7, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

President Martin called the meeting to order at 9:12 p.m.


"Lord, as we gather in this assembly, inspire us with the qualities of good leadership. Give us insight to make wise decisions on behalf of those we serve, integrity to face the truth, courage to make difficult choices and compassion and understanding for the needs of our constituents. Make each of us a model of justice and honor and as we remember our heroes who proudly wear our country’s uniform and have given and continue to give their lives to protect these precious rights we are privileged to legislate, let us never forget that our job is to serve both You and others.

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-six members present and four absent (Reps. Skigen, Imbrogno, DePina and McCullen).

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: The machine was in good working order.


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STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:  Meeting:  Monday, March 10, 2003 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:  Paul A. Esposito, Chair Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair

No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:  Randall Skigen, Chair Linda Cannady, Vice Chair

Meeting:  Monday, March 31, 2003 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Cannady reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, March 31, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Hunter, Loglisci, Mirkin and Skigen; also present was Rep. O'Neill.

1.  F26.169  $405,923.04  ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Citywide; to fund various salary accounts for retroactive payments to UAW employees to cover 30 pay periods in FY 02-03 due to contract settlement.

02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/31/03 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee:  Personnel

APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

Concur 6-0
2. **F26.170**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Fund); Recreation Services; to appropriate funds donated by Heyman Properties to subsidize several recreation programs.  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Committee approved 7-0-1

3. **F26.171**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Counseling Grant; Commission on Aging; Salaries; to fund retroactive payments to UAW employees funded by grant programs for 30 pay periods in 02-03 due to contract settlement.  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Committee approved 7-0-0

4. **F26.172**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Salaries; to fund retroactive payments to UAW employees funded by grant programs for 30 pay periods in 02-03 due to contract settlement.  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – To be considered by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Committee approved 8-0-0

5. **F26.173**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Risk Management; Self Insurance Payments; Workers’ Compensation; to fund depleted account.  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Held by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Committee Held 8-0-0

**Secondary Committee: Personnel**

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

6. **F26.174**  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Weed & Seed; to fund increase in grant amount for current fiscal year; funds used for crime reduction in South End.  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0
### Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

#### 7. **F26.175**  
**$14,500.00**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Town Clerk; Historic Preservation Grant; to fund overtime costs for training of Office clerks in new document imaging system and on-going scanning of land records by seasonals.**  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

#### 8. **F26.176**  
**$5,000.00**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Funded); Education through Adventure; to appropriate funds donated by community groups, schools, religious organizations and corporations.**  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Approved Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

#### 9. **F26.177**  
**$1,426.00**  
**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Part Time; Local Prevention Council grant funds to be used toward funding of YACline supervisor position.**  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

#### 10. **F26.178**  
**RESOLUTION; regarding the 2003-04 AIDS Risk Reduction Program; amount of grant: $335,098.**  
02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

#### 11. **F26.179**  
**RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the State for funding of the Youth Services Bureau; amount of grant: $55,795.**  
02/25/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

#### 12. **F26.180**  
**RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file an application and enter into an agreement with the State Dept. of Public Health to provide a Cardiovascular Health Program; amount of grant: $40,000.**  
APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
13. **F26.181** RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file applications and execute contracts with the Federal Transit Administration for various projects.

02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

14. **F26.182** RESOLUTION; authorizing application under the Social Services Block grant for a program of counseling services to the elderly; amount of grant: $54,888.

02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

15. **F26.183** RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the State Dept. of Education regarding a Quality Enhancement Program; amount of grant: $83,669.

02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

16. **F26.184** RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file an application and enter into an agreement with the State Dept. of Health Services to provide a program of Health Education/Risk Reduction; amount of grant: $22,163.

02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

17. **F26.185** RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file application and to enter into agreements with the State to receive maximum state funding to increase the capacity and quality of school readiness and child day care; amount of grant: $2,481,300.

02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

18. **F26.186** RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to file application and enter into an agreement for a program of Senior Health Services; amount of grant: $45,903.

02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0
RESOLUTION; regarding the 2003-04 Tuberculosis and STD treatment and control program; amount of grant: $94,816.  
02/27/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 
03/31/03 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-4 and 6-19, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE: Maria C. Nakian, Chair
(Attendance) Jim Shapiro, Vice Chair
(Attendance) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
(Report) and -
(Votes) Meeting continued to 4/7/03 – 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Shapiro reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, March 24, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Browne, Esposito, Fahan, Greenberg, Nakian, Shapiro, Spandow and Zelinsky; also present was Rep. Summerville.

Vice Chair Shapiro reported that the Committee also met on April 7, 2003 prior to the Board Meeting to take up Item No. LR26.027. Present were Committee Member Reps. Esposito, Fahan, Greenberg, Mitchell, Nakian, Shapiro and Spandow; also present was President Martin and Rep. Day.

1. LR26.027 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; increasing the local property conveyance tax to ½ percent of sales price.  
02/28/03 – Submitted by Rep. Skigen 
03/24/03 – Meeting continued to 4/7/3 
04/07/03 – Defeated in Committee 3-3

Vice Chair Shapiro reported that Item No. LR26.027 was held at the March 24, 2003 meeting, and continued the meeting to April 7, 2003. The item failed in Committee by a vote of 3-3. Vice Chair Shapiro stated that the State has authorized the City of Stamford to increase the conveyance tax to .25 percent. It is supposed to be for a period of one year, and it would come largely from residential property holders. In the first 3 months of FY 2003, receipts were 89% residential and 11% commercial. There are other towns that have studied the issue and considered it, and they are evenly divided in support by those towns. Those on the Committee that were in favor of the ordinance thought it was an opportunity to tax people with means and to reduce the mill rate; those against the ordinance believed that this punished certain
people who are ill-suited to pay it, such as growing families trying to sell their one asset that still has value at a point in time that their stocks are failing as well as seniors who are downsizing and may be vulnerable. Vice Chair Shapiro stated that there is broad support against this ordinance and that there are better ways to spread risks and rewards among Stamford’s citizens more fairly.

Vice Chair Shapiro moved to approve Item No. LR26.027; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he believes this will saddle home sellers with too great of a burden especially because the state legislature recently increased the conveyance tax for everyone in Connecticut. He added that it is projected this conveyance tax increase would bring in about $1.4 million. Further, those who did not have to sell immediately could wait until after the June 30 expiration date next year to sell. Further, Rep. Zelinsky stated that this would leave home sellers holding the bag for a bad economy. Rep. Zelinsky urged his colleagues to not approve this item.

Said motion failed by a machine vote of 4-32-0 (See RCS Vote Record No. 370) (Reps. Esposito, Fahan, Hunter and Nowakowski voting in favor.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Sanchia Spandow, Co-Chair
(Attendance) Mary Lisa Fedeli, Co-Chair
(Votes) Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2003
(Report) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Loglisci reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, Figueroa, McCullen, Boccuzzi, Skigen and Loglisci; also present was Bill Stover. Reps. Fedeli, Greenberg and Spandow were excused.

1. **P26.035** REJECTION; of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Stamford and its unions regarding pay for military leave.
   03/04/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance
   04/02/03 – Failed in Committee 0-6-0

President Martin stated that this would be a motion to reject. Rep. Loglisci moved to reject Item No. P26.036; said motion was seconded. Said motion failed by a voice vote (Rep. White abstaining).

**Suspension of the Rules**

Rep. Loglisci moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. P26.037; said motion was seconded. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. **P26.036** REJECTION; of an agreement concerning Head Lifeguard and Chief Lifeguard.  
02/24/03 – Submitted by Bill Stover  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
04/02/03 – Failed in Committee 0-6-0  

President Martin stated that again, this would be a motion to reject. Rep. Loglisci moved to reject Item No. P26.036; said motion was seconded. Said motion failed by a voice vote (Rep. White abstaining).

**Suspension of the Rules**

Rep. Loglisci moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. P26.037; said motion was seconded. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. **P26.037** APPROVAL; of an employment contract for the YAC line supervisor.  
02/24/03 – Submitted by Bill Stover  
03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance  
04/02/03 – Committee approved 6-0-0  

Rep. Loglisci moved to approve Item No. P26.037; said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Loglisci moved to suspend the rules to take up Item No. P26.038; said motion was seconded. The item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. **P26.038** REJECTION; of an arbitration agreement between the City of Stamford and the Municipal Administrator’s Association regarding reallocations of positions.  
03/21/03 – Submitted by Bill Stover  
04/02/03 – Failed in Committee 0-6-0  

A motion to reject Item No. P26.038 was made and seconded; said motion failed by voice vote (Rep. Fedeli abstaining).

**LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

(Attendance) Patrick J. White, Co-Chair  
(Votes) Harry Day, Co-Chair  
(Report) Meeting: Monday, March 31, 2003  
6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Day reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Monday, March 31, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Boccuzzi,
Loglisci, Day, White, Nakian, Shapiro, Spandow and Summerville. Rep. Benyus was excused. Also in attendance were Reps. Greenberg, DeLuca and Pavia; Jim Minor of the Office of Legal Affairs; Robin Stein from the Land Use Administration; Ross Burkhart from New Neighborhoods and Donna Porsner from the Advocate.

1. **LU26.30** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION**; amending Ordinance No. 983 authorizing the City of Stamford to adopt a public hearing fee for Zoning Board applications.  
01/09/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/30/03 – No Quorum  
02/03/03 – Held in Committee  
02/18/03 – Committee approved 7-0-1  
03/03/03 – Approved for publication 23-11-0  
03/31/03 – Committee approved 6-2-0  

Co-Chair White stated that the Committee voted 6-2-0 to approve; he further moved Item No. LU26.030; said motion was seconded.


A motion to reconsider Item No. LU26.030 was made by Rep. Cannady; said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by a machine vote of 21-15-0 (Reps. Benyus, Browne, Coppola, DeLeo, DeLuca, Fedeli, Greenberg, Loglisci, McDermott, Mirkin, Molgano, Morrow, O’Neill, Pavia and Zelinsky opposed). (See Vote Record #378.)

Rep. Day stated that in view of the fact that the Planning Board applications passed, it would be an anomaly not to pass the Zoning Board applications.

A motion to approve Item No. LU26.030, upon reconsideration, was approved by a machine vote of 23-12-0 (Reps. Browne, Coppola, DeLeo, DeLuca, Greenberg, Loglisci, McDermott, Mirkin, Molgano, Morrow, O’Neill and Pavia opposed). (See Vote Record #379.)

2. **LU26.31** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION**; amending Ordinance No. 983 authorizing the City of Stamford to adopt a public hearing fee for Planning Board applications.  
01/09/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/30/03 – No Quorum  
02/03/03 – Held in Committee  
02/18/03 – Committee approved 7-0-1  
03/03/03 – Approved for publication 24-12-0  

APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (23-12-0) UPON RECONSIDERATION

APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE
Co-Chair Day moved to approve Item No. LU26.031; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Lyons urged his fellow representatives to realize the intensity and the magnitude that some of these public hearing fees, especially those in front of the Planning Board, require. While some of the fees may be debated later on and they may not be as meritorious, he urges his fellow representatives to keep in the mind the fiscal impact these fees will have on the City and the intensity of the workload that the departments incur as a result of these applications.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he hopes the Board approves these fees. Some of these applications take an awful lot of work from the departments, and it is an expensive process. Rep. Boccuzzi stated he knows some people are against fees, but everyone should realize that if the Board doesn’t start bringing in some revenue from fees from individuals coming in for special purposes, come budget time there will be many more cuts if revenue is not brought in. Further, some of these applications involve millions of dollars, and the applicants can well afford the fee.

Rep. Loglisci stated that we are looking at $500 fees, and not looking at the big picture. He stated that these large projects bring in tax revenues, so these all bring in big dollars to the city.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that there was a big zoning and planning change for the Dreyfuss property, and no increase in tax dollars has occurred. There is no guarantee when someone comes before these boards that a project will go forward. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the process costs money, and someone should pay for it. If the Board believes the taxpayers should subsidize these big developers, then the Board should vote the fee down. But, if it feels otherwise, then it should vote for the fee.

Rep. Greenberg stated that what is needed is a complete audit of the Land Use Department so we can determine how much these hearings cost. Then, the Board can determine how much to charge for them.

Rep. Lyons stated that as a member of Fiscal he will request that OPM track from May 1 to May 1 of next year the land use applications. Rep. Lyons referred to the Collins Enterprise project on the corner of Harborview Avenue that Collins bought from American Cyanamid about five years ago. He stated that there have been numerous public hearings on that parcel to have it re-zoned, and not yet one shovel of dirt has been dug out of that parcel nor has one dollar in property taxes been collected.

Rep. Browne stated that if the purpose of these fees is to recoup the costs, and there are long, hard debates and presentations, then the fees should correspond to those long, hard debates. Rep. Browne proposed that these fees be charged
on an hourly basis for the length of the presentation, which is not unreasonable, as most of these presentations are made with lawyers and other professional staff who are paid on an hourly basis. The present fee structure is arbitrary, because it imposes on a $500 million project the same fee as a $100,000 project, and on that basis alone, he feels it is arbitrary.

Clerk of the Board Summerville moved the question; said motion was approved by a machine vote of 25-11-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Browne, DeLeo, Greenberg, McDermott, Mirkin, Nakian, O'Neill, Pavia, Shapiro and Zelinsky opposed). (See Vote Record #372.)

The main motion was approved by a machine vote of 25-11-0 (Reps. Browne, DeLeo, DeLuca, Greenberg, Loglisci, McDermott, Mirkin, Molgano, Morrow, O'Neill and Pavia opposed). (See Vote Record #373.)

3. LU26.32 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION; FOR REPUBLICATION; amending Ordinance No. 983 authorizing the City of Stamford to adopt a public hearing fee for Zoning Board of Appeals applications.

01/09/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/30/03 – No Quorum
02/03/03 – Held in Committee
02/18/03 – Committee approved 7-0-1
03/03/03 – Approved for publication 21-16-0
03/31/03 – Committee approved 5-3-0 (amended to $175 fee)

Co-Chair Day stated that there was extended debate on this item. The Committee voted to amend the fee applicable to variance applications before the ZBA from $250 to $175. He added that in any event, this item has to be republished due to a defect in the publication.

Co-Chair Day moved to amend the item from $250 to $175 for variance applications; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that while he did vote in favor of the past two items, the ZBA is a different matter. Rep. Zelinsky read a list of projects recently considered by the ZBA – including additions and decks with slight shortages in setbacks. Rep. Zelinsky does not think it would be fair to ask homeowners who want to improve their properties to pay a $175 fee; to some families in today’s economic climate this amount could be significant. Rep. Zelinsky urged his colleagues to defeat this fee.

Rep. Lyons moved to amend the fee to $125; said motion was seconded. Rep. Lyons stated that this is a passionate issue, and that this particular fee, as opposed to the planning and zoning board fees, cuts across all spectrums of
constructions, from a little deck to a three car garage next to a pool on an oceanfront home. Rep. Lyons stated that he believes all of these fees should have a one year review, be categorized and tracked and assessed a year from now. As we move into this area of charging these fees, he feels $125 is not going to be as much as a hardship as the higher numbers that were proposed.

Rep. Nakian stated she feels the variances should be at least $125. Rep. Nakian cautioned the Board not to reject the resolution entirely, because the other half of the resolution is all other applications in front of the ZBA. Under this comes the special exceptions. These are the hearings that can go on for months, and are very costly to the City. They are, in almost all cases, institutions that want to expand, and they bring in teams of experts to testify. The fee for the hearing is minute compared to the cost involved in producing this hearing.

President Martin confirmed with the co-chairs of the committee that this ordinance encompasses the two types of fees – special exceptions and variances. President Martin stated that he would now allow Rep. Zelinsky’s motion to reduce the variance fees to zero. President Martin stated that we are currently considering Rep. Lyons motion to reduce the fee for variances to $125, and he will entertain a motion to further reduce the fee to zero.

Clerk Summerville inquired as to whether this item should be split into two motions – one fee for the variances and another fee for the special exceptions. President Martin stated he would entertain such a motion.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the fees for variances appears to be an attempt to extract more dollars from citizens. Rep. Loglisci stated this falls hard on the working and middle class residents.

Rep. DeLeo moved to split the question; said motion was seconded. The motion will be split for a fee for variance applications and a second item which will be the fee for special exceptions and all other application; said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. **LU26.32** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION; FOR REPUBLICATION**; amending Ordinance No. 983 authorizing the City of Stamford to adopt a public hearing fee for Zoning Board of Appeals special exceptions and all other applications other than variances.

01/09/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/03 – Committee approved 5-3-0 ($500 fee)

A motion to approve the $500 fee for special exceptions/others was made and seconded; said motion was approved by a machine vote of 29-7-0 (Reps. Browne, DeLeo, Greenberg, Mirkin, Pavia, McDermott and O’Neill opposed). (See Vote Record #374.)
A motion to provide for a $175 fee for variances was made and seconded. A motion to reduce that fee to $125 was made by Rep. Lyons and seconded.

Rep. DeLeo stated that for every big developer there is a small homeowner trying to do a home improvement project, therefore a “one size fits all” approach doesn’t work here. In effect, you are penalizing those who are not requesting these applications for profit. Rep. DeLeo stated that Mr. Browne’s request that these fees be based on the time and effort involved is well thought out. The very nature of a variance is hardship, so let’s not make it any harder or more expensive.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that this will just reimburse the City for what it costs an application to be processed. People are coming in and asking the law to be changed in these cases. If you request a change, you shouldn’t expect your neighbors to pay for it. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that while each individual fee doesn’t bring in a tremendous amount of money, when you add them together, you are coming up with a significant amount of money. Placing the burden on the taxpayer for the cost of these applications does not benefit the taxpayer, all it does is help the person who is bringing in the application. In essence you are saying, “bring in your application and we will see to it that the rest of the residents in Stamford pay for it.” Rep. Boccuzzi stated that is unfair to the taxpayer.

Rep. O’Neill stated that in this country and in this state and in this city, the citizen has fundamental rights to be heard at a public hearing. In this case, it is an application to improve their property, and that is their right. The boards and commissions which we have established in our charter ensure people of this right. These are volunteers that come forward to review these applications. The applicants pay for building permits, they pay for surveys, there is an extensive process involving multiple fees in the process. Rep. O’Neill stated it is an essential right of every property owner to have a public hearing without an additional cost.

Rep. Browne stated that the ZBA currently has an application fee, and every single application filed with the ZBA requires a public hearing. All other applications other than variances currently carry a fee of $300. So in effect, we upped that to $800 by adding the $500 public hearing fee. For variances, homeowners currently pay a $135 fee for the application, and now we are
increasing it by $125. I agree that residents have a right to be heard, and they are already paying an application fee, and based on the numbers provided to the Land Use Committee, the costs for the public hearing appear to be fixed - $308. That covers the land use administrator and the stenographer time. If you assume that they have 10 hearings per evening, and they do as I was on the board for four years, if you do the math, you come up with income well in excess of the cost of the hearing. As stated earlier, a full cost analysis should be performed before we randomly assess fees.

Rep. Day stated that we should be debating the fee from $250 to $125 rather than whether to have a fee at all.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the City gains by having people come forward to make application and abide by the law, as we pick up extra income on the tax rolls. Rep. Loglisci stated we are being short-sighted, and we should consider the issue of compliance with our laws with this increased fee.

Rep. McDermott stated that if a variance is granted, there is a higher taxable base that the city benefits from, and the property is increased in value which also increases the neighbor’s property.

Rep. Adams stated that there should not be an increase as these are taxpayers who may come to the city only once in decades. To penalize them by asking them to pay $125 is wrong, because they are increasing the value of the property, the property will be re-assessed and taxes will increase. These are the same people that are going to pay the 9.5% property tax increase that is being proposed.

Rep. Lyons stated that the reduction from $175 to $125 will help to recoup some of these costs. Just because variances are granted does not ensure that the project is actually completed. In addition, if you take the $125 proposed fee plus the $135 existing fee and compare that to the average price of a variance project, he doesn’t think that a $260 fee is that much of a financial burden on someone trying to complete a project.

President Martin stated that we are technically speaking to the amendment and all speakers should limit their remarks to the motion on the floor.

Rep. Mirkin moved the question; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 33-2-0 (Reps. Kernan and O’Neill opposed). (See Vote Record #375).

The vote to amend the fee from $175 to $125 failed by a machine vote of 12-24-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Clear, Esposito, Giordano, Hunter, Lyons, Martin, Nakian, Nowakowski, Shapiro, Spandow and White in favor). (See Vote Record #376.)
The motion to approve the variances, as originally submitted at $250 was made and seconded; said motion failed by a machine vote of 12-24-0 (Reps. Boccuzzi, Clear, Esposito, Giordano, Hunter, Kernan, Lyons, Martin, Nakian, Nowakowski, Shapiro and White in favor.) (See Vote Record #377.)

A motion to reconsider Item No. LU26.030 was made by Rep. Cannady; said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by a machine vote of 21-15-0 (Reps. Benyus, Browne, Coppola, DeLeo, DeLuca, Fedeli, Greenberg, Loglisci, McDermott, Mirkin, Molgano, Morrow, O’Neill, Pavia and Zelinsky opposed). (See Vote Record #378.)

Rep. Day stated in view of the fact that the Planning Board applications passed, it would be an anomaly not to pass the Zoning Board applications.

Rep. DeLeo stated that a lot of times with zoning board applications there is a corresponding planning board application that must be made. Therefore, many people will be subject to $1,000 plus application fees. Rep. DeLeo stated that he doesn’t know how that bears a relationship to the actual cost of the hearings.

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

A motion to approve the item upon reconsideration was approved by a machine vote of 23-12-0 (Reps. Browne, Coppola, DeLeo, DeLuca, Greenberg, Loglisci, McDermott, Mirkin, Molgano, Morrow, O’Neill and Pavia opposed). (See Vote Record #379.)

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of item No. 5, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:  John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Co-Chair
                        Anthony Imbrogno, Co-Chair
(Attendance)           Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2003
(Votes)                7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Zelinsky, Imbrogno, Day, Hunter, Adams, McDermott, O’Neill and Coppola, Nowakowski, DeLuca and Summerville. Also present were Ben Barnes and the director of the Norwalk Transit District as well as many members of the public along with Dial-a-Ride drivers.

1. O26.030    REVIEW; matter of eliminating Dial-a-Ride program and possible alternatives.
               03/26/03 – Report Made

Co-Chair Zelinsky reported that fifty percent of the riders will be eligible for the Norwalk Transit District program for the disabled residents. This is a state-mandated program. Mr. Barnes stated that another 25% of remaining riders may also be disabled and may be eligible. The remaining 25% who are not disabled will try to be serviced by giving the Norwalk Transit District some of our Dial-a-Ride vehicles and the $200,000 the Mayor put in his budget. Mr. Barnes felt that most of the seniors will be serviced by this arrangement, however, he cannot guarantee that every senior could be driven to their individual destinations. Co-Chair Zelinsky stated this is of great concern to him.

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated that Mr. Barnes advised that if the $260,000 grant was restored, the program could continue. This was a cause of concern because the City is not really talking about $700,000 to $1 million in cost, but $260,000.

Co-Chair Zelinsky stated this would be monitored by the Committee and will be on next month’s agenda.

2. O26.031 Cover Memo    RESOLUTION; approving a second amendment to an agreement with Frederic R. Harris, Inc. for design and construction management services for the Stamford Urban Transitway.
               NO ACTION TAKEN
PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE:

(Attendance) Richard Lyons II, Chair
(Votes) Gail Clear, Vice Chair
(Report) Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2003
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Lyons reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on March 25, 2003 in the Republican Caucus Room. Present were Committee Member Reps. Lyons, Adams, Clear, Coppola, DePina, DeLuca, Kernan, Mirkin and Zelinsky; Reps. DeLeo and Blackwell were absent; Rep. Cannady and Fahan were also present with Director Ben Barnes and the principals at Westhill and Stamford High Schools.

1. **PS26.020** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; regulating massage establishments.
   11/15/02 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons and John Mullin
   01/30/03 – Committee voted 7-0-0 to hold
   02/25/03 – Committee voted to Hold 8-0-0
   03/03/03 – Held in Committee
   03/25/03 – Committee approved 7-0-0

   Rep. Loglisci requested the amendments to the ordinance. Chair Lyons responded as follows: 1) the provision for requiring entities to post $100,000 bond was stricken; 2) the provision for requiring persons to present visual identification representing name and address and verification was stricken, and only name and address is required; 3) provisions for allowing the Police Dept. access to the data was removed to allow just the Health Department access to that data; 4) the provision for clothing requirements was delineated and a provision for requiring a local permit in order to the state massage license was removed. Those were the substantive changes and there were some minor language changes.
Chair Lyons stated that the ordinance has a lot of teeth, much like the blight ordinance. Chair Lyons stated that the State affords the health director a lot more clout as far as enforcing public health code than the police department, and while certain recourse may be available by the police department to curtail or eliminate some of the alleged activities in these establishments, they need to go through the courts to do it. Further, they expend a lot of money on overtime and undercover officers.

Chair Lyons moved to approve Item No. PS26.020 was made; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 28-1-2 (Rep. Day opposed; Reps. Summerville and Figueroa abstaining). (See Vote Record #380.)

2. PS26.022 REVIEW; of Board of Education’s enforcement and policy of no smoking related to tobacco products. REPORT MADE
   02/05/03 – Submitted by Rep. Lyons
   02/25/03 – Committee voted to Hold 8-0-0
   03/03/03 – Held in Committee
   03/25/03 – Report Made

Chair Lyons stated that a report has been provided to all representatives.

3. PS26.023 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning housing license fees. APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
   02/10/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/25/03 – Committee voted to Hold 8-0-0
   03/03/03 – Held in Committee
   03/25/03 – Committee approved 8-0-1

4. PS26.024 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning police department fees. APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
   02/10/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
   02/25/03 – Committee voted to Hold 8-0-0
   03/03/03 – Held in Committee
   03/25/03 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3 and 4, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:
   (Attendance) Linda Cannady, Co-Chair
   (Votes) Steve McDermott, Co-Chair
   (Report) Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2003
   (Report) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2003  
6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Cannady reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. Cannady, McDermott, Clear, Fedeli, Giordano, Imbrogno, Lyons and McCullen; Rep. Morrow was excused. Rep. White arrived after the meeting was adjourned.

1. **PR26.038**  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for FINAL ADOPTION & PUBLIC HEARING; authorizing the City of Stamford to adopt a new fee schedule for theaters and motion picture theaters.  
01/09/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
01/21/03 – Committee approved 9-0-1 (as amended – see item for amendments)  
02/18/03 – Committee approved 7-2-0 (as amended)  
03/03/03 – Approved for republication (28-8-0)  
03/25/03 – Committee approved 5-1-0  

The motion failed by a machine vote of 19-15-0 (Reps. Benyus, Browne, Coppola, Day, DeLeo, DeLuca, Greenberg, Loglisci, Mirkin, Molgano, Morrow, Pavia, Shapiro, Summerville and White opposed). (See Vote Record #381.)

Co-Chair Cannady moved to approve Item No. PR26.038; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Day stated that this is not a supportable measure. There is no relationship between the fee and the service that the City provides. Sending a fire marshal in occasionally is a core function of government. This is a fee for someone to operate a business on their own private property. Rep. Day stated he is opposed to the matter.

2. **PR26.042**  
RESOLUTION; providing for an exemption from the fee for beach parking stickers for active duty military personnel.  
03/04/03 – Submitted by Reps. O’Neill and Giordano  
03/25/03 – Held in Committee  
04/07/03 – Committee approved 7-0-0  

Co-Chair Cannady stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on April 7, 2003 to suspend the rules for the following items:

**Suspension of the Rules:**  
Co-Chair Cannady moved to suspend the rules; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
1. **PR26.043** RESOLUTION; approving the E. Gaynor Brennan 2003 golf rates
   03/31/03 – Submitted by Tim Curtin
   04/07/03 – Committee approved 7-0-0

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Co-Chair Cannady moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he would have preferred to see higher rates for non-resident golfers as opposed to resident golfers.

Co-Chair Cannady confirmed that the fees included the golf cart rental rate and that they were the same as last year.

The motion was 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.

*(President Martin left the floor at this time, and Clerk of the Board Summerville presided over the meeting.)*

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

Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2003
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Hunter reported that the Education Committee met on Thursday, March 27, 2003.

1. **E26.007** REVIEW; of school playing fields and conditions; discussion on scheduled maintenance activities to improve conditions.
   01/10/03 – Submitted by Rep. Hunter
   01/21/03 – Report Made
   02/25/03 – Report Made

REPORT MADE

Co-Chair Hunter reported that he was pleased with the progress on this issue, and the item will remain on the agenda.

**STATE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE:**
Jim Shapiro, Chair
John Morrow, Vice Chair
HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2003
6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

1. **HCD26.011** RESOLUTION; establishing annual action plan (budget) for Year 29 HUD entitlement funding for the Community Development Block Grant ($1,334,000) and HOME ($684,248) Programs; $5,738 allocation

- 01/10/03 – Submitted by Timothy Beeble
- 01/28/03 – Public Hearing Held
- 02/22/03 – Report Made
- 03/03/03 – Held in Committee
- 03/25/03 – Committee approved 6-0-0 to reallocate

President Martin returned to preside over the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair

Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2003
7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, March 13, 2003. Present were Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fahan, Mirkin, Zelinsky and Blackwell. Also present was Tom Cassone, and John Routolo of the DSSD.

1. **T26.028** RESOLUTION; approving an agreement for lease of parking facilities at Tresser Boulevard and Bell Street between ProPark, Inc. and St. John’s Roman Catholic Church.

- 02/04/03 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- 02/13/03 – Held in Committee
- 02/18/03 – Approved by Planning Board
- 03/03/03 – Held in Committee
- 03/13/03 – Approved by Board of Finance
- 03/13/03 – Approved by Committee 5-0

2. **T26.030** PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning towing fees to establish an administrative fee.
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 3, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE: Randall Skigen, Chair

RESOLUTIONS

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION; honoring Anne McDonald for her many years of service in the State Legislature. 03/05/03 – Submitted by the 26th Board of Reps. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Suspension of the Rules:

1. SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION; congratulating The Rev. Robert Perry on his 30th Anniversary as Pastor of Union Baptist Church. 03/05/03 – Submitted by the 26th Board of Reps. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
2. **SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION**
   recognizing the 212th Anniversary of the Polish constitution.
   03/25/03 – Submitted by the 26th Board of Reps.

   **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**MINUTES**

1. **March 3, 2003 Regular Board Meeting**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. President Martin announced that the Special budget meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. Representatives should begin their caucuses at 6:45 p.m.

2. President Martin stated that due to a potential conflict of interest, he will be abstaining on the Board of Education budget.

3. President Martin announced that the Steering Committee meeting will be held one week from tonight.

4. President Martin announced that he will not be at the May regular board meeting, and the Democratic caucus will select someone to preside over the meeting.

5. President Martin announced that Rep. Greenberg will represent the Board on the City’s RFP review committee for the sale of property at 32 Underhill Street.

6. President Martin announced the following committee changes:

   - **Appointments** – Rep. Nowakowski will join this committee and Rep. DePina will no longer serve on this committee
   - **Fiscal** – Rep. DePina will serve on this committee
   - **Legislative & Rules** – Rep. Fahan will not be on this committee and Rep. Nowakowski will serve on this committee
   - **Personnel** – Rep. Greenberg will not serve on this committee and Rep. Pavia will be on
   - **Land Use** – Rep. Greenberg will join this committee
   - **Operations** – Reps. Fahan and Pavia will join this committee
   - **HCD/SS** – Rep. McDermott will join this Committee
   - **Transportation** – Rep. Fahan will join as Vice Chair and will preside in Chair DeLuca’s absence
Tellers – Reps. Lyons and Mirkin are Tellers; Reps. Greenberg and Adams are assistant tellers

7. President Martin announced that a display on the Cove is being put up in the hallways.


9. Clerk of the Board Summerville asked that those that want a CD of pictures of the birthday celebration let her know.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.