

The Regular Meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held on Monday, April 3, 2006 in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, 4th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

MINUTES

INVOCATION: By Rep. Heaphy

“Let us bow our heads in recognition of our God in heaven, by whatever name we may call Him. Let us thank Him for blessing us with the opportunity to serve the people of this great city, for serving one another is the greatest calling we could have.

Let us ask Him for wisdom and kindness of spirit as we approach the challenges of creating good legislation to enhance the quality of life and the well being of all our constituents. Let us be true to our principles yet open to working together for the benefit of all. Let us be diligent yet patient in carrying out our goals. May His spirit inspire all our actions. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President of the Board David R. Martin.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie Summerville. There were thirty-five members present and five members absent/excused (Reps. Franzetti, Lyons, Martin, Molgano and Munger). NOTE: Rep. Lyons arrived after roll call.

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

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late Sabra Purdie by the 26th Board; William Cruse by Rep. Cannady; Edward Melton Domagala, Frances Bruno, Salvatore Minishi and Esterina Vincenza Iannotta by Rep. Giordano; Bruno Cornelio, Sr., Canio J. Kelly Lucia, and Julia Lea Wasicki by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky; and Leonard E. Cookney, Anthony Sabia, Sr., Joseph A. Mancusi, Walter Frymus, Elaine R. Lacerenza, Jeanette L. Guarino, Maria A. Vltti, William J. Gefter, Claren C. Wayner, Joseph P. Wakin, Joan Camsuati, Viola J. Viesto, Chester A. Budziazeuski and Frank D. Rinaldi by Rep. Zelinsky.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. President Martin congratulated Reps. Pia, Boccuzzi and D'Orso on their March birthday; President Martin congratulated Rep. Day on his April birthday.
2. President Martin announced that this Thursday, at 9:00 a.m., is the deadline for submitting items for the Steering Committee agenda. Steering will be held on Monday, April 10th.
3. President Martin announced that there will be an ECS meeting on April 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Rogers School. All representatives are encouraged to attend. He will be preparing a letter to submit to the panel.
4. President Martin announced that the dinner honoring Sandy Goldstein will be held on April 27, 2006, and he hopes that many representatives are able to attend.
5. President Martin announced that attendance overall is in excess of 96% at all committee and board meetings. Steering Committee has over 95% attendance. He added that the 6th District Representatives, Ms. Rauh and Clerk Summerville, have 100% attendance records, adding that Clerk Summerville has attended more meetings than anyone else. The following representatives also have 100% attendance records: Reps. Adams, Lyons, Zelinsky, Lodato and Lombardo. President Martin urged all representatives to advise the Board Office if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Majority Leader Boccuzzi moved to suspend the rules to take the honorary resolutions out of order. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS

1. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#)
commemorating the 215th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's First Constitution by the Society of the White & Red of Holy Name Church.
03/09/06 – Submitted by 27th Board of Reps **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
2. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#)
congratulating Peggy Hinton on receiving the Home Town Hero award for her service in the community.
03/09/06 – Submitted by 27th Board of Reps **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#) **APPROVED BY**
congratulating Trinity Catholic High School on **UNANIMOUS**
winning the Class S Girls Basketball **VOICE VOTE**
Championship.
03/13/06 – Submitted by 27th Board of Reps

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#) **APPROVED BY**
honoring Charles Edward Brinkley on the **UNANIMOUS**
occasion of his Retirement and for his many **VOICE VOTE**
years of public service to the City of Stamford.
03/15/06 – Submitted by Rep. Summerville

5. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#) **APPROVED BY**
congratulating Dan Madwed on Winning the 200- **UNANIMOUS**
Meter Butterfly at the U.S. Swimming Spring **VOICE VOTE**
Championships.
03/31/06 – Submitted by Rep. Day

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#) **APPROVED BY**
congratulating Sandy Goldstein on being named **UNANIMOUS**
Citizen of the Year by the Jewish War Veterans **VOICE VOTE**
Post 142.
03/21/06 – Submitted by 27th Board

7. [SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;](#) **APPROVED BY**
thanking the crew of Connecticut Tank Removal **UNANIMOUS**
for their quick actions in cleaning up an oil spill **VOICE VOTE**
on Chestnut Hill Road on March 10, 2006.
03/13/06 – Submitted by 27th Board

A motion to approve Item Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 7 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Monday, March 13, 2006
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Majority Leader Boccuzzi moved to waive the Steering Committee Report; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE: Paul A. Esposito, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

[\(Votes\)](#)

7:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

[\(Report\)](#)

Chair Esposito reported that the State & Commerce Committee met on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Present were Reps. Day, Lombardo, Diamond, Rauh and Heaphy; excused were Chair Esposito and Reps. Fedeli, Skigen and DeLuca; absent was Rep. Mallozzi. Also present was Clerk of the Board Summerville; Tom Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs; Rachel Goldberg of the URC; Michael Freimuth of Economic Development and John Stafstrom of Pullman & Comley.

1. [SC27.003](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication;**
[Presentation](#) creating a city-controlled redevelopment agency to
oversee the Old Town Hall including rental and
management operations.
03/08/06 – Submitted by Sybil Richards
03/28/06 – Committee approved for publication 6-
0-0 (as amended)

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment

Concur

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

A motion to take an item out of committee was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 28-4-0 (Reps. Aposporos, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, D'Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Berns, Diamond and Summerville opposed (See [RCS Vote Record No. 690](#)).

2. [SC27.004](#) SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION;
supporting State-Raised Bill No. 537, An act
Concerning Remission to Municipalities of a
Surcharge for Certain Motor Vehicle Violations.
03/13/06 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky
03/28/06 – Held in Committee

**APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
21-12-0**

Chair Esposito stated this item recommends to the State Legislature that this bill be passed. Essentially, this will increase traffic moving violations by \$10, and that amount

would be sent back to municipalities. Chair Esposito stated this would benefit Stamford, and he moved for approval of the Item; said motion was seconded.

President Martin noted that this concept was proposed by the State & Commerce Committee to our legislators at a January meeting.

Rep. Diamond stated that this item was held in Committee because all the Committee had was a resolution, and it didn't have the item of legislation which the Board is now being asked to say it is in favor of. It might be a good idea, and it might be a very bad idea. He doesn't know and he doesn't believe that members of this Board know because no one has read it. Rep. Diamond stated he was given a copy of the item a few minutes ago, and he is just now trying to figure out what it says. He added that to simply say that it is going to raise motor vehicle fines by \$10 is not accurate as that is not what it says. He stated that we should put this item in front of the State & Commerce Committee and figure out what the item says. He stated that he think it says that we are going to be increasing speeding tickets by at least \$20. One section lists 12 different motor vehicle ordinances that are going to have an increase in fines of \$1 for every \$8 in fine, and then in a second section it says an additional \$10 is included in the motor vehicle fines. Rep. Diamond submits that he has been in the practice of law for 20 years, and he knows what some of these ordinances and infractions are, but he doesn't know all of them. He is not going to vote to increase fines for some of these violations; for example 14-12 (not having your registration on you when you are stopped). He opposes our voting in favor of this without knowing exactly what it says. Also, Section B talks about certain violations where all of the fines are going to municipalities. We don't know what they are, what they mean or what they say. It might be a great idea, it might not be a great idea. He feels it merits our taking a look at the statute and examining it before we vote on it.

Rep. Diamond added that President Martin stated that this is something that came out of Committee. Rep. Diamond stated he is not sure this is the same bill, as it says it was introduced by the Planning & Development Committee. He thought the bill we suggested was submitted by Rep. Shapiro, and he is uncertain if this is the same bill. Rep. Diamond feels before we rush in and before he puts his name on it as being in favor, he wants to know what it says.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that the maximum fine increase is \$10, not \$20. Second, Rep. Shapiro co-sponsored this. It is also being pushed by our local delegation. He believes it is something that is a win-win situation, it is a no-brainer, and even if we are not familiar with all of the different statutes that would be affected by the \$10, we should remember that our police officers are risking their lives every day to stop motor vehicles for moving violations, and the least we should do is get the state to reimburse \$10 for each one of those situations. The Planning & Development Committee voted favorably on it on March 13, 2006, and it is on the Senate Calendar for this coming Wednesday. This would not be detrimental to the City to get \$10 back for each one of those tickets that have the surcharge.

The item was approved by a machine vote of 21-12-0 (Reps. Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Lombardo, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mirkin, Nowakowski, Pia, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Diamond, D'Orso, Figueroa, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, McCullen, Mitchell, Ruah and Summerville opposed (See [RCS Vote Record No. 691](#)).

Clerk of the Board Summerville announced that Rep. Skigen had left the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: **Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair**
[\(Attendance\)](#) **Terry Adams, Vice Chair**
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2006
[\(Report\)](#) 7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Present were Chair DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams and Reps. Lombardo, Mirkin, Franzetti, Giordano, Young and Zelinsky; absent was Rep. Blackwell. Also present was Clerk of the Board Summerville; John Ruotolo of the DSSD; Hal Cleveland of Crown Theaters; Ernie Orgera and Sandy Goldstein of the DSSD.

1. [T27.007](#) RESOLUTION & approval of **public hearing**; **APPROVED BY**
increasing parking rates in existing garages; the **MACHINE VOTE**
Summer Street garage; and permit parking for all **32-0-1**
garages.
03/06/06 – Submitted by Tim Curtin
03/28/06 – Committee approved (as amended)
for publication 5-2-1

Chair DeLuca stated that the item was amended by the Transportation Committee. The amendments were forwarded to all board members.

Chair DeLuca moved to approve Item No. T27.007; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-0-1 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D'Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McCullen, D. Martin, McCullen, Mirkin, Mitchell, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Lodato abstaining (See [RCS Vote Record No. 692](#)).

Clerk of the Board Summerville announced that Rep. Mirkin had left the meeting.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

Philip J. Giordano, Vice Chair

[\(Report\)](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2006

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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[\(Attendance\)](#)

Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2006

[\(Votes\)](#)

6:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

[\(Report\)](#)

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. A quorum was not present, and no votes were taken.

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Thursday, March 30, 2006. Present were Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Giordano and Committee Member Reps. Aposporos, McCullen, Molgano, Munger and Nowakowski; excused was Rep. Figueroa; absent was Rep. Blackwell; also present was Tim Beeble.

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| 1. HCD27.04 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for public hearing & final adoption ; amending Chapter 13, Community Development Program, to include approval by Board of Representatives of any modifications to CDBG budget after adoption (except as per 13-6(E) – transfers under \$1,000).
01/10/06 – Submitted by Rep. Cannady
02/21/06 – Committee approved 4-0-1
03/06/06 – Approved for publication
03/30/06 – Failed in Committee 2-3-1 | FAILED BY
MACHINE VOTE
19-13-1 |
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Chair Mitchell moved Item No. HCD27.004. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Cannady stated that she submitted this item because she doesn't believe that the Board should be approving a budget that can going forward can be changed by committee action only. There is no other committee on this Board that has this authority, and this Committee should not be any different. Rep. Cannady added that she has not heard any good reasons why the Committee should have this power and why changes to this budget should not have to come back to the Board, except for that it is unique. If that is the case, then all of the other committees should be unique as well.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he concurs with Rep. Cannady. This is no reflection on the wonderful work that the HCD-SS Committee does, but he believes it is a principal. Rep. Zelinsky stated that there have been between two and four situations where changes were made to the original budget, so we are not talking about a great deal, but some of

the amounts, such as \$275,000 for one, are significant. This will affect transfers only over \$1,000. Rep. Zelinsky stated he is in favor of this proposal.

Rep. Mitchell stated that when the City first received CDBG funding, the only HUD requirement was citizen participation. The Board of Representatives gave that representation to the HCD Committee at that time. The way the CDBG process is handled is through an ordinance created by the Board of Representatives. The HCD-SS Committee follows the ordinance perfectly. The Committee does not make changes on its own, and when they do have changes, they are always reported out to the Board.

Rep. Adams stated that he supports the changes to the ordinance because, for example, there is currently a \$275,000 change being requested. If this request for a change came in the middle of the year and not during the budget process, the full Board would not have a voice in where this \$275,000 gets spent. The Committee does a good job on allocating the money, but thousands of dollars are moved from one agency to another during the year, and the full Board does not have a voice in that decision.

Rep. Mallozzi stated that this ordinance has been on the books for 18 years, it was created by this body, and the Board at that time was aware of how it worked. The other committees are formed at every organizational meeting. So for 18 years, something has worked and there have been no problems. Regarding not having a say on \$300,000-\$400,000 of transfers, the Board has no say on transfers for the entire City budget. This is better because at least a committee is approving the transfers. Rep. Mallozzi said he is not in support of the ordinance, and if something is not broken, there is no need to fix it.

Chair Mitchell stated that when a request comes in, it comes through the Community Development Office that brings it to the Committee. The Committee makes a decision along with the Community Development Office along with a recommendation from the Mayor's Office. The Committee just does not make changes. We report what was transpired to the full Board.

Rep. Cannady stated that the ordinance may have been on the books for longer than 18 years, but ordinances need to be tweaked as time goes by. She is not confident as a board member that once a budget is approved that changes can be made to it without board approval.

The item failed by a machine vote of 19-13-1 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, D'Orso, Fedeli, Figueroa, Heaphy, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, DePina, Diamond, Esposito, Giordano, Hunter, Mallozzi, D. Martin, McCullen, Mitchell and Young opposed; Rep. Summerville abstaining (See [RCS Vote Record No. 693](#)). President Martin noted that while the ordinance received a majority vote, it did not receive the 21 votes required for passage.

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| 2. HCD27.07 | PUBLIC HEARING (Second); for proposed Annual Action Plan (budget) for the Year 32 HUD entitlement funding for the CDBG Program; Year beginning July 1, 2006.
03/07/06 – Submitted by Rep. Mitchell
03/30/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
| 3. HCD27.009 | APPROVAL; of request to change the scope of the St. Luke's Community Services Hoyt/Franklin housing project and the 2003 allocation of \$275,750 in CDBG funding.
03/09/06 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
03/30/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
| 4. HCD27.010 | APPROVAL; of transfer of excess CDBG funds from completed or canceled projects/programs to the Year 32 contingency allocation as part of the Year 32 budget process.
03/09/06 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
03/30/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
| 5. HCD27.011 | REVIEW; CDBG budget processes in other municipalities.
03/09/06 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
03/30/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
| 6. HCD27.012 | REVIEW; proposed CDBG budget for Year 32.
03/09/06 – Submitted by Tim Beeble
03/30/06 – Report Made | REPORT
MADE |

Chair Mitchell stated that a report on Items 2 through 6 was provided to all members.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: (Attendance) (Report)	Thomas C. Hunter, Chair Michael L. Molgano, Vice Chair Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
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Chair Hunter reported that the Education Committee met on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Present were Chair Hunter and Vice Chair Molgano and Committee Member Reps. Lodato, C. Martin, Molgano and Rauh; absent/excused were Reps. Franzetti, Young and Pia.

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| 1. E27.002 | REVIEW; 1) academic goals/objectives for current | REPORT |
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year by school type (middle, high); programs, policies and procedures to meet these goals; yardsticks used to judge success in meeting these goals; 2) criteria used to judge success in meeting these goals; 3) percent of the annual budget allocated for items in 2).

MADE

01/11/06 – Submitted by Chair Hunter

02/02/06 – Report Made

03/15/06 – Report Made

Chair Hunter stated that it is the sense of the Education Committee that because we have a new superintendent, we should vote for the funding he requested in this year's budget. However, we should be cautious in that his stated goal is to provide an education for all college-bound students. We must be careful to avoid educational discrimination against those intelligent students whose aptitudes are not held in high esteem by college entrance officers and therefore are not college-bound. We should not deny them the opportunity of an education that provides for economic opportunity and the ability to contribute to our society. Further, the budget was certainly a huge improvement over last year's, but the financial side has room for improvement and transparency as was discussed at great length in the Fiscal Committee.

The Board must also hold the Board of Education accountable for future results on increased funds. Over the past five years, this Board has given the Board of Education an additional \$10 million each year for the past five years. During that time, our CMT scores have not shown any significant improvement despite this annual increase of \$10 million, which currently comes to the sum of \$50 million.

Over the next few months, the Education Committee will submit a sense of the Board resolution to provide us with the opportunity to go on record about the above items and other items.

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMITTEE: **Linda Cannady, Co-Chair**
(Attendance) **Joseph Coppola, Co-Chair**
(Votes) Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2006
(Report) 7:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Cannady reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Present were Committee Co-Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Heaphy, Larobina, Lyons, McCullen, Pia, Fedeli and Young; excused was Rep. Coppola; absent were Reps. D'Orso and Mallozzi. Also present was Rep. Zelinsky and several members of the public.

1. [PR27.004](#) **RESOLUTION**; and **public hearing**; considering **APPROVED BY**
changes in park fees for 2006; one day picnic pass **MACHINE VOTE**

reduced from \$25 to \$15; one day weekday pass **25-5-1**
reduced from \$30 to \$20 and weekly permit to
remain at \$80.
01/27/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/01/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0
03/06/06 – Approved for public hearing
03/21/06 – Committee approved (as amended) 8-
0-0

Note: Rep. Giordano left the floor during the discussion and vote on this item.

Co-Chair Cannady reported that four members of the public testified at the public hearing. Co-Chair Cannady added that Rep. White stated that he is not in agreement with the fee reductions, adding that the City should be concerned with taxpayers, not out-of-towners. He feels that if the punishment for parking on city streets was stricter, out of town visitors would not park on them. Co-Chair Cannady reported that Rep. Heaphy stated she has doubts about the fees, but feels this should be tried as an experiment to address parking problems in the Cove area. Rep. Lyons stated that it is not necessarily all about taxpayers, because all you need is a car registered in Stamford. He believes that the percentage of renters, who are not taxpayers, is probably much higher and supports the reduction in fees. Co-Chair Cannady stated that Rep. Fedeli suggested that the new situation be analyzed in July for a review of the situation. Co-Chair Cannady reported that President Martin stated that the issue of parking is not before the Committee, and anyone with parking concerns should speak with Capt. Lombardo, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission. The item before the Committee is a weekday pass, and he is in favor of the reduction only being on weekdays – not weekends.

Co-Chair Cannady confirmed with Mickey Docimo that the fee reduction was for every day, not just weekdays. She added that 4,800 tickets were given out last summer by the City. The Committee approved the following amendment by a vote of 8-0-0: \$20 weekday rate is changed to \$20 daily pass.

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

A motion to amend the item by deleting the word “weekday” from the second fee change was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 24-5-1 (Reps. Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D’Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Mitchell, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Berns, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Summerville and White opposed; Rep. Adams abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 694](#)).

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made and seconded.

Rep. White stated he is opposed to reducing the fee because it applies to out-of-towners. There is an argument to be made that out-of-towners should pay a premium in

terms of using our beaches. There has been a linkage to the illegal parking on side streets with this reduction in price. It was virtually said so by Mr. Docimo. The idea is that there is not much more we can do. He cited all of the tickets, and he implied that this would be a solution to the problem. This is not a solution to the problem, in fact it is a separate issue. There are neighborhood resident parking passes that can be implemented, and then you can tow the illegally parked cars. We should collect the fees for that and see what happens. Whatever you reduce the fee to, people will still park illegally on the side streets.

Rep. White stated that all taxpayers are paying for the support of the beaches, and the break should go to citizens of Stamford – not outsiders. Regarding the comparison to various surrounding towns, the other surrounding towns charge more than we do because they charge a parking fee and an entrance fee. Outsiders should especially pay more on the weekend.

Rep. Zelinsky commended Mr. Docimo for trying to come up with a solution to try and cut down on the parking on city streets. We really do not know if this will motivate out-of-towners to park in our beach parking lots this summer. Admission to our beaches is free, so the City doesn't know how many out-of-towners attend the beach. Four residents attended the public hearing, and all four spoke out against this. Rep. Zelinsky added that Mr. Docimo did mention that last summer, the city issued 4,800 tickets and at the present time 82% have been paid, and this is a lot of revenue for the City that could be lost. He will vote against this.

Rep. Layton stated he will support this in an attempt to alleviate parking problems in the Cove. These parking problems are also exacerbated by illegal apartments. One problem is that no one has been able to determine who uses the park – residents or non-residents. We are talking about something we know nothing about. He suspects the illegal parking problem is largely Stamford residents.

Co-Chair Coppola stated he will vote for this change because he feels it is necessary to try it to see if it helps. If we look at it again in July, if it is not working and there is a lot of opposition, we can change it back. Co-Chair Coppola urged everyone to give it a shot and see if it helps.

Rep. Heaphy stated that she supports the resolution as proposed. This is an experiment. We are trying to help the neighborhood. This is still a premium fee for an out-of-towner or someone who buys a one-day pass as the all summer pass is \$20. Second, the one-day pass can be purchased at the park itself rather than having to go to Government Center during working hours to buy the pass. This will encourage people who previously parked illegally on the streets to come in and purchase the pass.

Rep. Esposito stated that as a representative of the district, he has been concerned about this. He believes that we may have too many cars in Cove Island as a result of lowering the fees, however, he is willing to give this a chance. He is encouraged by the fact that the Committee stated it will review this during the summer to see how it is

working out, and if it turns out to be a disaster, we can make a change. He is not sure this will solve the problem of on-street parking. On-street parking is a Sunday problem, he has personally gone down Seaside Avenue and counted the number of out-of-state cars, and the average count on a Sunday is about 35. So this is not about accessory apartments or illegal housing, this is people who drop the people off at Cove Island and drive up Seaside Avenue and park their car. He is not sure that a \$20 fee will reduce that parking, but he is willing to take a chance.

Rep. Berns asked about the revenue implications – do we make more money getting 4,800 cars paying \$20 or do we get more money paying police or parking officers to give tickets out.

President Martin stated that he didn't believe an economic analysis like this had been made. The fine is \$75 for violating a residential parking permit area.

Rep. White stated that the parking issue is separate from the issue of outside residents using beaches. If you enforce the parking restrictions and institute more residential parking areas, that should solve the problem.

Rep. Heaphy stated that while it may be more profitable to issue parking tickets, the purpose of our ordinance should not be to encourage people to violate the law but to find a solution within the law for this problem.

The motion was approved by a machine vote of 25-5-1 (Reps. Adams, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D'Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, D. Martin, Mitchell, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh and Young in favor; Reps. Figueroa, Mallozzi, Summerville, White and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Berns abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 695](#)).

PUBLIC SAFETY &

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Richard Lyons, II, Chair

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2006

6:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Coppola reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Monday, April 3, 2006. Present were Chair Lyons and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Coppola, DeLuca and DePina; absent/excused were Reps. C. Martin, Mirkin, Pia and Zelinsky. Also present were Peter Brown of the Fire Department and Robert Nimikoff of the Police Department.

1. [PS27.005](#) APPROVAL; of a second amendment to an agreement with RCC Consultants, Inc. for telecommunications consulting services – public safety radio system.
02/09/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

02/10/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
04/03/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Rep. Coppola moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of Rules:

Rep. Coppola moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the agenda; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [PS27.006](#) RESOLUTION; approving a gift acceptance of one (1) 2003 Ford Crown Victoria and one (1) 1998 Ford Crown Victoria from Westchester County (cars to be purchased for \$1 each). **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
03/23/06 – Submitted by Police Department
04/03/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Rep. Coppola stated that the vehicles have somewhere around 80,000 miles on them, and the Police Department feels there is a lot of use left in them, and this would be a great savings for the City. The City voted 6-0-0 in favor of the resolution.

Chair Coppola moved to approve Item No. PS27.006; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: **John R. Zelinsky, Jr., Chair**
Scott Mirkin, Vice Chair
~~Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2006~~
~~7:00 p.m. — Legislative Chambers~~
Meeting Cancelled

Chair Zelinsky reported that the Operations Committee did not meet.

1. [O27.007](#) APPEAL; of Director of Operation's decision to eliminate reimbursement for private trash collection for Linden House Condominiums. **ITEM WITHDRAWN**
03/06/06 – Submitted by President Martin
12/09/05 – Submitted by Joseph J. Capalbo, Esq.
12/12/05 – Placed on Pending Agenda
02/22/06 – Validity of Petition Failed in Committee 3-3-0
03/06/06 – Committee validated appeal 20-19-1
([Report](#))
03/22/06 – Item Withdrawn/Meeting Cancelled

Chair Zelinsky reported that the appeal has been withdrawn.

LAND USE/URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE: Harry Day, Chair
[\(Attendance\)](#) Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2006
[\(Report\)](#) 7:30 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Chair Day reported that the Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Present were Committee Chair Day and Vice Chair White; also present were Committee Member Reps. Lombardo, Mitchell, Diamond, Franzetti and Summerville; absent/excused were Reps. D’Orso and Boccuzzi. Also present were Mike Freimuth of Economic Development; John Stafstrom of Pullman & Comley; Tom Cassone of the Law Department; Rachel Goldberg of the URC and Robin Stein of the Land Use Bureau.

1. [LU27.011](#) APPROVAL; of an agreement between the City of **APPROVED ON**
[Exhibit A](#) Stamford and The Trust for Public Land for Project **CONSENT**
[Exhibit B](#) Coordination and Fiscal Agency Services relating to **AGENDA**
the Mill River Corridor Plan.
02/16/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/28/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mary Lisa Fedeli, Chair
[\(Attendance\)](#) Pauline S. Rauh, Vice Chair
[\(Votes\)](#) Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2006
[\(Report\)](#) 6:00 p.m. – Republican Caucus Room

Vice Chair Rauh reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Present were Chair Fedeli and Committee Vice Chair Rauh and Committee Member Reps. Cannady, Figueroa and Lodato; absent/excused were Reps. Boccuzzi, D’Orso, Layton and Skigen. Also present were Clerk Summerville; Nancy Markey, Assistance Director of Human Resources; and Lou Casolo of the Engineering Bureau.

1. P27.015 APPROVAL; of a contract for employment with Fire **APPROVED ON**
Chief Robert McGrath. **CONSENT**
01/11/06 – Submitted by Human Resources **AGENDA**
03/08/06 – Resubmitted by Human Resources
03/30/06 – Approved by Personnel Commission
03/22/06 – Committee approved 4-0-1

Vice Chair Rauh stated that the first change to the contract was to remove the reference to the employee as “unclassified” since the individual derives benefits from the IAFF. The new contract clarifies that there is no requirement to pay into the pension after 30

years of service, which is in existence, and lastly, the auto provision was revised to remove a mandatory requirement that the city replace the vehicles periodically.

2. P27.016 APPROVAL; of a contract for employment with **APPROVED ON**
Assistant Fire Chief John McCabe. **CONSENT**
01/11/06 – Submitted by Human Resources **AGENDA**
03/08/06 – Resubmitted by Human Resources
03/30/06 – Approved by Personnel Commission
03/22/06 – Committee approved 4-0-1

Vice Chair Rauh stated that this contract had the same amendments as previously listed.

3. P27.017 APPROVAL; of a contract for employment with **APPROVED ON**
Assistant Fire Chief Peter Brown. **CONSENT**
01/11/06 – Submitted by Human Resources **AGENDA**
03/08/06 – Resubmitted by Human Resources
03/30/06 – Approved by Personnel Commission
03/22/06 – Committee approved 4-0-1

Vice Chair Rauh stated that this contract had the same amendments as previously listed.

4. P27.022 APPROVAL; of a contract for employment with **APPROVED ON**
Andre C. DeNonno as Assistant Project **CONSENT**
Coordinator for the Urban Transitway Project. **AGENDA**
03/08/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/22/06 – Committee approved 4-0-1

Vice Chair Rauh stated that the Committee was assured that this was the finest candidate of the ten interviewed, and the Committee approved the contract at 4-0-1.

5. P27.020 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; **HELD IN**
prohibiting the granting of city pensions to pay plan **COMMITTEE**
employees and providing limited defined
contribution pension benefits to pay plan
employees.
01/12/06 – Submitted by President Martin & Chair
Fedeli
02/01/06 - Held in Committee
02/15/06 – Placed on Pending Agenda
03/22/06 – Held in Committee 5-0-0

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

LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

[\(Attendance\)](#)

[\(Votes\)](#)

[\(Report\)](#)

[\(Attendance\)](#)

James D. Diamond, Chair

Arthur Layton, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2006

7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

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Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2006

6:30 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, March 20, 2006. Present were Chair Diamond, Vice Chair Layton, committee member Reps. Berns, Lodato, Lombardo, C. Martin, Mitchell and Zelinsky; excused/absent were Reps. Day, Esposito and Heaphy. Also present were President Martin; Clerk Summerville; Reps. Lyons and Rauh; Thomas Cassone, Director of Legal Affairs; John Leydon, attorney for the DSSD and Jim Rubino.

Chair Diamond reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee also met this evening. Present were Chair Diamond and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Lodato, Lombardo and Mitchell. Absent/excused were Reps. Esposito, Heaphy, Layton and Zelinsky. Also present was Rep. McCullen.

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| 1. LR27.005 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for public hearing & final adoption</u> ; amending the DSSD Ordinance to provide for a tax exemption for property owners of affordable housing units.
11/29/05 – Submitted by President Martin, Clerk Summerville & Rep. Rauh
12/19/05 – Held in Committee 8-0-1
01/23/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-1
02/27/06 – Committee approved publication 7-0-1 (as amended)
03/06/06 – Approved for publication
03/20/06 – Committee approved 7-0-1 | APPROVED BY
MACHINE VOTE
32-0-1 |
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Chair Diamond stated that this is amending the DSSD ordinance to provide for an exemption for property owners of affordable housing units. We changed the DSSD ordinance a few months ago to provide for the tax for condo owners, and this exempts those that property owners of affordable housing units.

A motion to approve Item No. LR27.005 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-0-1 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D'Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mitchell, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in

favor; Rep. Lodato abstaining (See [RCS Vote Record No. 696](#)). (NOTE: Rep. Lyons voted in favor.)

2. [LR27.009](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for public hearing & final adoption**; increasing the limits for veterans tax exemption (Article V, Section 220-13A) from \$50,000 to \$65,000 for singles and from \$60,000 to \$80,000 for married couples. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE 32-0-0**
- 01/02/06 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
01/23/06 – Held in Committee 11-0-0
02/27/06 – Committee approved publication 8-0-0
03/06/06 – Approved for publication
03/20/06 – Committee approved 8-0-0

Chair Diamond reported that this is for final adoption increasing limits for veterans' tax exemption under our local ordinance. A public hearing was held, and the Committee approved it 8-0-0.

A motion to approve Item No. LR27.005 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Aposporos, Berns, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Diamond, D'Orso, Esposito, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Heaphy, Hunter, Larobina, Layton, Lodato, Lombardo, Lyons, Mallozzi, D. Martin, Mitchell, Nowakowski, Pia, Rauh, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor (See [RCS Vote Record No. 697](#)). (NOTE: Rep. Lyons voted in favor.)

3. [LR27.006](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; amending the Ethics Ordinance. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
- 12/06/05 – Submitted by President Martin, Rep. Lyons and Jim Rubino
12/19/05 – Held in Committee 10-0-0
01/23/06 – Held in Committee 11-0-0
02/27/06 – Amended by Committee & Held
03/06/06 – Held in Committee
03/20/06 – Committee approved amendment 6-1-1; Held in Committee 8-0-0

Chair Diamond stated a lengthy discussion was held and many representatives who are not on the committee participated. There was an amendment made to the ordinance, however, the item was held as there were several areas that members wanted changed.

4. [LR27.014](#) ~~APPROVAL~~ PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; providing for a tax abatement agreement between the City and the Clinton Avenue Limited Partnership for the Post House Apartments. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- 03/06/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

03/20/06 – Held in Committee 8-0-0
04/03/06 – Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Diamond moved to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda. This item was submitted to the Board as a proposed agreement for approval of a tax abatement. During the Committee meeting, Mr. Cassone pointed out that the item should be taken up as an ordinance. There was a significant problem that we did not have an ordinance drafted, and therefore it was held, among other reasons. An ordinance has since been drafted, some other changes were made to some typographical errors in the agreement, and the Committee met again this evening to take this item up.

The motion to suspend the rules was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve LR27.014 for publication was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: **Randall M. Skigen, Chair**
(Attendance) **Linda Cannady, Vice Chair**
(Votes) Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2006
(Report) 7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Cannady reported that the Fiscal Committee met on March 27, 2006. Present were Committee Chair Skigen and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Figueroa, Giordano, Hunter, Lyons, Mirkin and Mitchell.

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| 1a. F27.071
\$145,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Engineering; Glenbrook Community Center; for compliance with Fire Marshal's abatement Order; elevator upgrades; first floor exit and corridor separation and interior staircase handrails.
03/06/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/14/06 – Approved by Planning Board
04/11/06 – To be considered by Board of Finance
03/27/06 – Committee approved & Held 9-0-0 | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 1b. F27.072 | RESOLUTION; amending the Capital budget for Fiscal Year 200_-0_ by adding a new appropriation for Project No. _____ Glenbrook Community Center; and authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds (See F27.071).
03/08/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/27/06 – Committee approved & Held 9-0-0 | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

2. [F27.069](#) \$396,813.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Snow Removal; to cover projected shortfall in account due to the 2/11 and 2/12 snowstorm; \$225,000 for overtime; \$17,213 for social security; \$59,600 for contractors and \$95,000 for salt and sand.
03/06/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
3. [F27.070](#) GRANT RESOLUTION; authorizing a recreational trails program grant agreement; amount of grant: \$50,000; to construct 12-foot wide recreational path along Mill River from Tresser Blvd. To Richmond Hill Ave for use by strollers, joggers and cyclists.
03/06/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
- 4a. [F27.073](#) \$285,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); City Contributions to Grants Funds; Other Grants; city contribution to fund Mayor’s Youth Development and Violence Prevention Initiative.
03/08/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
- 4b. [F27.074](#) \$285,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Direct Service Grant; to fund Mayor’s Youth Development and Violence Prevention Initiative.
03/08/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/13/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
5. [F27.046](#) \$386,784.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Department; Overtime; overtime related to 12 vacancies, sickness incidents and 19 police recruits who will be active in April.
01/30/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/27/06 – Committee approved 7-0-0
03/06/06 – Returned to Committee
03/13/06 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-1-0
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0 **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

10. [F27.076](#) GIFT RESOLUTION; accepting a gift in the amount of \$250,000 from the Mill River Collaborative.
03/13/06 – Submitted by Chair Skigen
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0
- APPROVED
ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2-10, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chair Cannady reported that Items 1a and 1b were held due to the fact that the Board of Finance has not taken the matter up.

Suspension of Rules:

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

11. [F27.077](#) \$80,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Regional Health Preparedness; Contracted Services; funds to be subcontracted out to the CT Association of Directors of Health for preparedness planning.
03/15/06 – Submitted by Sandy Dennies
01/10/06 – Approved by Board of Finance
03/27/06 – Committee approved 10-0-0
- APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve Item No. F27.077 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chair
John J. Boccuzzi, Vice Chair**

[\(Attendance\)](#)
[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2006
7:00 p.m. – Democratic Caucus Room
- and -

[\(Attendance\)](#)
[\(Votes\)](#)

Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2006
6:50 p.m. – Conference Room #1

Chair Summerville reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. There was not a quorum present.

Chair Summerville reported that the Committee also met this evening. Present were Committee Chair Summerville and Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Member Reps. Blackwell, DePina and Nowakowski; absent/excused were Reps. Blackwell, Layton, Molgano and Munger.

1. [A27.010](#) **Environmental Protection Board** **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Barbara M. Hicks (D) *Repl. Berns*
248 Loveland Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 06/30/08
02/10/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/06/06 – Held in Committee
03/28/06 – No quorum
04/03/06 – Committee approved 5-0-0

A motion to approve the Consent agenda, consisting of Item No. A27.010 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Suspension of Rules:

A motion to suspend the rules to take up an item not appearing on the Agenda, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [A27.011](#) **Parks & Recreation Commission** **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**
Beth D. Cooper (D) *Repl. Hand*
16 Wedgemere Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/08
03/14/06 – Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/28/06 – No quorum
04/03/06 – Committee approved 5-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. A27.011 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

1. [March 6, 2006 Regular Board Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

A motion to approve the March 6, 2006 minutes was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Clerk Summerville asked representatives to please start recycling their soda cans; a bin has been provided for such.
2. Clerk Summerville reported on the status of the fire at the Yale & Town building.
3. President Martin announced that next month, the regular meeting will be held on May 1st and the budget meeting will be held on May 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.