

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

President Martin called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m. President Martin read the call of the meeting:

"I, David R. Martin, President of the 26th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Tuesday, April 10, 2007
8:00 p.m.
Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor
Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

To consider and act upon one or more resolutions:

RESOLUTION(s); requesting the State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management to allow the City of Stamford to delay its 2006 revaluation for one year; and requesting the Connecticut General Assembly to enact legislation that will allow the City of Stamford to delay its 2006 revaluation for one year.

INVOCATION: Given by Clerk of the Board Summerville

"Dear Lord, as we come together tonight as one body, please give us the strength and the courage to do the right things for this City of Stamford. We pray for all of the taxpayers and citizens and that we have their understanding tonight. We ask a special prayer and blessing for the Ritchie family for the loss of their son. Guide his family tonight; give them comfort. We ask all of these blessings in Your name. Amen."

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-eight members present and two members absent (Reps. Esposito and McCullen).

PRESENTATION: Randy Skigen, Chair, Fiscal Committee

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Chair Skigen reported that the Fiscal Committee has been meeting on an on-going basis for budget reviews. The Committee met last week and again this evening regarding the resolution that is on tonight's agenda. Last week's meeting included Mayor Malloy, Sandy Dennies and Bill Forker. Tonight, Sandy Dennies and Bill Forker met with the Committee.

Chair Skigen stated that the matter before the Board tonight is a resolution in support of 1) a special act regarding property revaluation; and 2) a one-year delay from the Office of Policy and Management of the State. Chair Skigen stated he wanted to make it very clear that we are not voting tonight on implementing or not implementing the 2006 revaluation or delaying the 2006 revaluation. What is before us tonight is this resolution, which requests that the Legislature grant Stamford a special act which would allow us to delay the implementation of the 2006 revaluation, or alternatively ask for a one-year delay from OPM, so that Stamford could delay the revaluation without penalty.

Chair Skigen stated that the Committee had a long discussion with the Mayor and Ms. Dennies and Mr. Forker last week, and in response to our request, we received information that everyone should have received on their desk tonight, which was a memo dated April 9th from Sandra Dennies regarding the 2006 grand list without implementation of reval, and that estimated the 2007 grand list growth. The final page of that packet shows the 2006 grand list with no reval, and that is an estimate. The Administration has not run all of the numbers; it is extremely time-consuming to do so. Until we give a clear indication of where we are going, which he assumes will happen in the next month or so, they will not run those numbers, but they have done their best to come up with an estimate. The final page of that memo from Sandra Dennies shows the 2006 grand list revaluation, and those are actual numbers and then estimated 2007 grand list numbers based on estimated grand list growth by property types. It shows increases for commercial property ranging from 15 to 50 percent; increases for industrial property by 15 percent; apartment increases by 15 percent and assumes that residential will stay flat for 2007.

Chair Skigen noted that the Committee amended the resolution on everyone's desk tonight to make two changes. The first change was the removal of the final resolved paragraph; i.e., "Let it be resolved that Dannel P. Malloy, Mayor of the City of Stamford, is hereby requested and authorized to submit all documentation and make application to the State of CT Office of Policy and Management to be granted a one-year delay so as to allow Stamford to conduct a new revaluation."

Chair Skigen stated that the reason for the removal of this paragraph was because the Mayor had already submitted it due to a March 28th deadline.

The second change was a change in the date of the approval of the resolution and the notation that this is a special meeting, not a regular meeting. The Committee voted 7-3-0 to approve the resolution.

Chair Skigen moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-7-1 (Reps. Adams, Berns, Bernstein-Hunter, Blackwell, Boccuzzi, Cannady, Coppola, DePina, Diamond, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Greenberg, Heaphy, Larobina, Lyons, Mallozzi, C. Martin, D. Martin, Mitchell, Molgano, Neary, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Aposporos, Day, DeLuca, Layton, Lombardo, Mirkin and Munger opposed; Rep. Lodato abstaining) (See [RCS Vote Record No. 806](#)).

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.