

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, December 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

INVOCATION: By the Reverend Tommie Jackson, Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church

“May we pray together. Oh, God, whose presence our souls take to light, on whom an affliction we call our comfort in the day and our hope in the night. Eternal God, our Father, we bow humbly before you tonight to say thank you for another day’s journey, and thank you God for this session of the Stamford Board of Representatives, to thank you God that, as the 25th Board comes together, that they might always realize that you are still God and that you cause us to have compassion, that you cause us to have concern and sensitivity to all people. We pray tonight, Dear God, that you might bless each and every man and woman that serves on this Board and even the leadership of this City and Mayor Dannel Malloy. For God, we thank you tonight for all of those who are in the audience who might wait to speak, that as they share, and even as the Board of Representatives might listen and deliberate, that they might remember that you are a God who is not a respecter of person but you consider all of us equal in your sight. We ask, Dear God, that you might look upon the City of Stamford with the hand of mercy, and have, Oh, God, grace upon the State of Connecticut and that we may always, O Lord, look to you realizing that you created all of this, you have made us, and that you will indeed hold us responsible for those things that you have given to us.

And now, God, we close this prayer but not our hearts, and ask that we will always trust in you. In the name of your Son, we pray. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Carmen L. Domonkos

ROLL CALL: In Clerk of the Board Summerville's absence, Rep. Mitchell serves as temporary clerk.

There were thirty-six members present; four (4) members were absent and excused: Reps. Summerville, White, Sherer and Alswanger. The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Conducted by President Carmen L. Domonkos

President Domonkos reminded the new members that when they speak they should depress the white button on their microphone so they can be heard and recorded.

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Michael Sabia, by Reps. Fedeli and Loglisci;
James Purcell, by Rep. Loglisci
Arthur Westerfield, by Rep. Zelinsky; and
Jean Francois Azimu, by Rep. Zelinsky.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON BOARD OF EDUCATION:

President Domonkos reported that a notice of Janet Toy's resignation, effective November 30, 1997 has been received. She stated the procedure this evening will be to accept nominations from the floor. After the nominations have been closed, the two tellers – Reps. Fortunato and Fedeli – will come forward and Ms. Mitchell will read the roll, and each representative will indicate the person they are voting for. The two tellers will tally and compare their votes.

Rep. Boccuzzi nominated Daniel P. Weiner of 241 Russet Road to fill Ms. Toy's seat. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that Mr. Weiner has been a member of the Board of Representatives, has been a diligent worker for not only education but also to satisfy the taxpayers of the City. Mr. Weiner is a graduate of Hofstra University, School of Law and Tufts University, has been on the Board of Representatives since 1995, and he was president of the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford, Inc. from 1984-1988, Stamford Jaycees from 1980-1981, and is a life-long resident of Stamford. He is 45 years old, married with two children who are attending public school. Mr. Boccuzzi stated he always found Mr. Weiner a great asset to this Board.

Rep. Fortunato seconded the nomination of Daniel Weiner. Rep. Fortunato stated that Dan has served on this Board for the past two years and has always conducted himself with the utmost integrity. His commitment to every project he pursues is well-known, and while we, his colleagues will miss him, we will abide by his wish to serve on the Board of Education and wish him well in doing so.

Rep. O'Neill nominated Theresa M. Drew, an outstanding citizen of Stamford and a devoted supporter of the public school system.

Rep. Mellis seconded the nomination of Theresa M. Drew.

Rep. Boccuzzi moved to close the nominations; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The tellers came forward, and a roll call vote was held. The results of said roll call vote are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Daniel Weiner was elected to fill the vacant seat of Janet Toy by a roll call vote of 30 for Dan Weiner and 6 for Ms. Drew. The President declared Mr. Weiner the new member of the Board of Education and congratulated him on his election. President Domonkos also thanked Ms. Drew for her interest in filling the seat.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting: Monday, December 1, 1997 - 8:00 p.m.
(After Organizational Meeting)
Democratic Caucus Room

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

FISCAL COMMITTEE
(Report)

David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Thursday, December 4, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Martin, Owens, Coscarelli-Curtis, Fox, Nanos, Giordano, DeLuca, Sherer and Loglisci. Also present were David Sulkis, Lori Albano, Tobin Coleman, Olga Brown, Elaine Braccia, Sandra Dennies, Chief Tully, Robin Stein and Reps. Curtis, Fortunato and Poltrack.

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| 1. F25.001
\$6,721.00
OGA-52-97/98 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); COPS More Grant; Accts. 1301 and 2200; US Dept. of Justice grant for \$4,911 to provide for community meetings relating to the 95/96 COPS More Grant; city funds comprise \$1,810.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

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| 2. F25.002
OGA-53-97/98
\$11,075.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Government Center Alterations; Acct. No. 01421336613; to provide for improved space to operate Juvenile Justice Center on 1 st Floor of Government Center; building alterations to be supported by grant funds.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance | APPROVED ON
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AGENDA |
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

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| 3. F25.003
\$35,000.00
OGA-54-97/98 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Project No.: S38026; Exp. No.: 1443103601; Dept.: Safe Neighborhood Program; crime prevention portion of the Safe Neighborhoods Grant; Funds to be contracted out to community organizations to be used for neighborhood crime prevention. Source of funds: grant
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

Rep. Martin stated that each representative was provided with a report from Ed Gittines regarding the Juvenile Justice Center

4. [F25.004](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED ON**
\$32,168.00 Budget); Project No.: F38015; Revenue Acct.: **CONSENT**
OGA-55-97/98 243F9303319308; Dept.: Healthy Start; an increase **AGENDA**
in grant funding to supplement original grant of
\$120,684; funds to pay for services provided to
individuals leaving AFDC/TFA (state cash
assistance) and will pay for salaries and benefits.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

5. [F25.005](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED ON**
\$383,404.00 Budget); Dept. No.: 2440231; Dept.: Drug Grant **CONSENT**
OGA-56-97/98 Enforcement; grant entitlement from State Office of **AGENDA**
Policy and Management and pays for police
overtime, training and major investigations.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

6. [F25.006](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED ON**
\$1,500.00 Budget); Activity. No.: 2534; Ref. No.: **CONSENT**
OGA-57-97/98 01425341203; Dept.: Recreation - Youth Programs; **AGENDA**
donation by Stamford Youth Athletic Council to
extend the winter open gym program.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

Rep. Fedeli noted that Parks & Recreation was removed as secondary committee in that the amount is less than \$5,000.00.

7. [F25.007](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED ON**
\$4,600.00 Budget); Activity. No.: 2534; Ref. No.: **CONSENT**
OGA-57-97/98 01425341203; Dept.: Recreation - Youth Programs; **AGENDA**

donation by Stamford Youth Athletic Council to extend the winter open gym program.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

Waived

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

8. [F25.008](#) RESOLUTION; Concerning Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) Program; provides for reimbursement from the State up to 100% of the *ad valorem* taxes on state-owned moderate income rental properties managed by the Housing Authority.
10/29/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Rep. Martin stated that regarding the following items, Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, they are all very similar. They are resolutions authorizing the City to obtain grants with the expectation that the City will not obtain all of them. The City hopes that perhaps it will receive one or two of them, and projects were selected based on the likelihood of receiving grant funds.

9. [F25.009](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing a grant application with the State Department of Environmental Protection for the development of Cummings West Park; project includes two new soccer fields; state will reimburse up to 40% of estimated cost of \$720,000.
11/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

10. [F25.010](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing a grant application with the State DEP for the development of Cummings Park; project includes a softball triplex with night lighting, rehabilitation of existing softball fields and creation of a soccer field; state will reimburse up to 40% of estimated cost of \$1,475,000.
11/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

11. [F25.011](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing a grant application with the DEP for the development of Kosciuszko Park; project includes additional soccer fields, a multi-use trail and improvement of existing facilities; state will
- APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

reimburse up to 40% of estimated cost of \$450,000.
11/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

12. [F25.012](#) **RESOLUTION**; authorizing a grant application with the DEP for the development of Mill River Corridor; project includes development of recreational areas between Tresser Blvd. And Broad Street; state will reimburse up to 40% of estimated cost of \$1,000,000.
11/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 12, was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Martin noted that at the Fiscal Committee meeting, Mr. DeLuca noted that a letter has been sent out requesting the State increase its LoCip funding to improve roads.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Nakian, MacInnis, Gasparini, Mitchell, Skigen and Ventura present. Reps. Lasko, Spandow, Fedeli and Drucker were excused. Also present were Rep. Giordano; and Thomas Cassone, Corporation Counsel.

1. [LR25.001](#) **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication**; providing for the sale of a vacant lot known as a portion of Lot #5 at 48 Cold Spring Road to George A. Charkales; purchase price: \$90,157.00.
10/22/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
10/28/97 - Approved by Planning Board
11/13/97 - Approved by Board of Finance **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Rep. Ventura left the floor for the vote on Item No. 1 above.

2. LR24.003 **REVIEW**; Rules of the 25th Board of Representatives.
12/01/97 - Submitted by 25th Board of Reps. **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Rep. Nakian stated the Committee is reviewing the rules and if any representative has any suggestions prior to the next meeting, they are to submit them to her. Also, anyone is

welcome to attend the Committee meeting to bring suggestions. She stated that the item is held until the next meeting where changes will be voted on.

Rep. Nakian reminded everyone that the rules can be amended at this meeting and the next meeting by a 21 majority vote. After these two meetings, rule changes require a two-thirds vote.

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

Rep. White joined the meeting at this time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
([Report](#)) Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, December 3, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Fedeli, Fortunato, Gasparrini, Loglisci, MacInnis, Owens and Skigen. Reps. Lasko and Spandow were excused. Also present were Rep. Giordano; James Haselkamp, Director of Human Resources; Bill Stover, Labor Specialist; Fred Manfredonia; Olga Brown, Director of Nursing Services; Marc Peyser and Dudley Williams of the Board of Education; Dr. Lynda Hautala, Board of Education; and Faye Ruotolo, Personnel Director, Board of Education.

1. [P25.001](#) APPROVAL; CERF pension plan retiree adjustments. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
11/13/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/97 - To be considered by Board of Finance

Rep. Skigen reported that the Committee reviewed the pension adjustments and held the item because the Board of Finance has not yet acted on the matter. As such, the matter will be taken up in January.

2. [P25.002](#) APPROVAL; contract with Stamford Administrative Unit of the Board of Education. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**
11/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/01/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

Rep. Skigen reported that this three-year contract provides for increases of 2.5%, 2.65% and 2.75% over the three years. The contract adds an additional six days over the life of the contract to the work year, and when you take into account the additional two days

added each year (by backing out the per diem that would be paid for those days), the increases drop to approximately 1.8% per year. The Committee approved this unanimously, with one abstention. There were some concerns regarding the health coverage and concerns regarding the Board of Education's failure to consult with the City regarding the negotiation of this contract; however, in view of those concerns, the Committee voted unanimously to adopt it.

Rep. DeLuca noted that the life insurance coverage increased from two times annual salary to two and a half times annual salary. Rep. Skigen noted that the estimated cost of that increase is \$7,500 per year.

Rep. DeLuca also stated that while the Board of Finance voted for the contract, the Chairman had some problems with the contract because it exceeded the rate of inflation. Rep. DeLuca said that when one considers the step increases, they are actually 3.12% for the first year. Rep. Skigen stated that when you back out the per diems, they are below the rate of inflation and of the 55 members in the bargaining unit, forty-six are at Step 3, seven at Step 2 and two at Step 1.

Rep. Skigen stated that some of the figures provided were increases for the teachers' contract. He had requested this information because there was some concern that the administrators were getting larger raises than the teachers.

Rep. DeLuca stated he was voting against it because of the Board of Finance's concern, even though they still went along with it. In addition, the City's expert, Jim Haselkamp, was not consulted by the Board of Education. Rep. DeLuca stated that it was almost insulting to Mr. Haselkamp in that he has significant experience in negotiating contracts and he is trying to have all the contracts go in the same direction.

President Domonkos noted that Rep. White left the floor for this vote.

Mr. Martin confirmed that the vote is in the affirmative. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the contract was approved by voice vote.

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| 3. P25.003 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ;
concerning the creation and designation of the
position of Healthy Start Program Bilingual
Outreach Worker.
11/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
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Rep. Skigen stated this is a grant-funded, unclassified position to be filled by an individual transitioning off of AFDC or TFA. The grant funds available are \$40,000 per year, and the duration of the grant is unknown. The Committee voted 7-0.

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| 4. P25.004 | APPROVAL; of contract for hiring of Personnel | APPROVED |
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Specialist.
11/26/97 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen (D-19)

**ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Rep. Skigen stated that the Board created this position last term in coordination of the revamping of the Personnel/Human Resources Department. Mr. Haselkamp conducted an extensive search and has offered the position to Mr. Fred Manfredonia. Mr. Manfredonia spoke to the Committee about his background and experience. The contract is for five years, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract.

5. P25.005 UPDATE; on status of union negotiations. **REPORT
MADE**
11/26/97 - Submitted by Rep. Skigen (D-19)

Rep. Skigen stated that the Committee went into executive session to discuss the status of contract negotiations with the unions whose contracts have not been resolved, i.e., police, teamsters, city attorneys and school custodians. Anyone who wishes an update on those negotiations can check with Rep. Skigen or another committee member.

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE Gerald M. Fox III, Co-Chair
Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE** Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 8, 1997
6:50 pm - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Fortunato stated that the Public Safety & Health Committee met briefly this evening and concurred on the Fiscal Committee items where it acted as Secondary Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE** Jeffrey Curtis, Chair
Joseph Gasparini, Vice Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

**ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE** Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

No report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Annie M. Summerville, Chair
No meeting will be held this month.

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. November 6, 1997 Regular Board Meeting
2. November 17, 1997 Special Meeting
3. [December 1, 1997 Organizational Meeting](#)

The minutes from November 17 and December 1 were held until the January meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the November 6, 1997 meeting were approved by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos thanked Rep. Nanos' mother and wife for the pastries they provided this evening.
2. The Steering Committee will meet this weekend as there is a compressed schedule this month.
3. Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee can meet either on the 15th or the 22nd and asked that Fiscal Committee members let him know of their preferences.
4. President Domonkos invited new board members to attend the Steering Committee meeting; following the Steering Committee meeting, she will be meeting with new members to answer questions and review procedures. All board members are invited to attend either meeting.
5. President Domonkos thanked Rep. DeLuca for the Holiday Party. Seventy-eight people were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rep. Weiner thanked the members of the Board for their support and confidence in him, both over the past two years and this evening. He also thanked his family, his wife, Wendy, and his children, his parents and in-laws who were most supportive of him over the last month. Being a member of the Board has been one of the most gratifying and educational experiences of his life. Rep. Weiner stated he has enjoyed serving with his colleagues and all members, in particular, Maria Nakian, his co-representative from the 20th District; President Domonkos; Majority Leader John Boccuzzi; Alice Fortunato; Ralph Loglisci and Gabe DeLuca. He stated that all of these individuals have been beacons of volunteerism to him and shining examples of how to behave. Rep. Weiner stated their intelligence, dedication to the community, service to constituents and their integrity will serve as a model for him for anything he does in the future. Finally, Rep. Weiner thanked everyone for the honor and privilege of being able to serve on the Board for the last two years.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

