

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, January 5, 1998 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: Given by Rep. Loglisci

“Lord, as this group meets tonight for a new year, I ask that you give all of us a sense of what is right and wrong, that we work together for what is best for our community and that you bestow blessings upon all of us. Amen.

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

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-six members present; absent and excused were Reps. Gaztambide, DeLuca and Alswanger (Rep. Weiner had resigned).

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Conducted by President Carmen L. Domonkos The machine was in good working order.

PAGES:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Henry Taylor, by Rep. Giordano;
John M. Cozzolino, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Bernard Dombrowski, by Reps. Mellis and Loglisci;

Charles Kreiner, by Rep. Mellis;
Suzannah Chase, by Rep. Mellis;
Gladys Paseltiner, by Rep. Mellis;
Mary Cannella, by Rep. Loglisci;
Sister Mary Mistica, by Rep. Loglisci;
Thomas Mayers, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Vera Kowalewski, by Rep. Loglisci; and
Mark Doucette, by Reps. Fox and White.

FILLING OF VACANCY: To replace Daniel Weiner, who resigned on December 9, 1997.
President Domonkos read the following letter from Daniel Weiner:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Stamford
Board of Representatives for the 20th District, effective
immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

President Domonkos declared the seat in the 20th District open, and called for nominations.

Maria Nakian stated that it was her very great pleasure to nominate Susan Nabel for the seat. She stated that it was ironic that the race that took Dan Weiner to the Board of Education produced a representative for our Board. She stated she first met Ms. Nabel during this process and was extremely impressed with her thoughtfulness, intelligence and her desire to serve the City of Stamford. Rep. Nakian stated that Ms. Nabel has lived in Stamford for twelve years, is currently the food services coordinator at Citizens Utilities; she is the corresponding secretary for the Roxbury Parent-Teacher Council; she has two children in the Stamford Public Schools, and while she is interested in education, she is also interested in the affairs of Stamford and those of the 20th District. Rep. Nakian concluded by stating that Ms. Nabel will be an asset to the Board. Said motion was seconded.

There being no further nominations, the Clerk of the Board cast one vote. The President administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Nabel.

President Domonkos noted that Ms. Nabel will be voting from Dan Weiner's seat.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE Carmen L. Domonkos, Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 10, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair

4. [A25.005](#) Mayor's Cabinet/Director of Administration **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
Thomas Hamilton (U)
17 ½ Grey Hollow Road
Norwalk, CT 06850
Term Expires: 12/01/01
11/19/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/16/97 - Held in Committee

Rep. Esposito reported that Mr. Hamilton's appointment was held because he was unavailable to be interviewed on the meeting date.

5. [A25.006](#) Fire Commission **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
Dr. Robert W. Perry (D) Repl. W. Callion
2009 Long Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 11/30/98
12/08/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/16/97 - Committee approved 8-0-0

6. [A25.007](#) Chief Of Police **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
To be named
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/16/97 - Held in Committee

Rep. Esposito reported that Item No. 6 was held pending the interview of the candidate.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 3 and 5, was approved by voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE David Martin, Chair
(Report) Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 15, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, December 15, 1997. Present were Committee members Coscarelli-Curtis, Curtis, DeLuca, Fox, Giordano, Loglisci, Martin, Mellis, Nanos, Owens, Shapiro and Sherer. Also present were Reps. Green-Carter and Fortunato.

1. [F25.013](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
\$478.00 Budget); Health Dept., Cost Sharing Grant; Project
S38020; Revenue 243S1303321301; Expense

24402101100; grant pays salary of SHAPE Director for senior citizen program; increase to align with state allocation.

12/01/97- Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

12/10/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

12/15/97 - Committee Approved 6-0-0

2. [F25.014](#)
\$2,795.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Health Dept.; Risk Reduction Grant; Project F38014, Revenue 243F9303319307, Acct. Nos. various; grant pays for a portion of the Sanitarian III coordinator of Stamford's food protection program; increase to align with increased state allocation.

12/01/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

12/10/97 - Approved by Board of Finance

12/15/97 - Committee Approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

3. [F25.015](#)

RESOLUTION; authorizing an agreement with the State regarding a Childhood Immunization Program. Amount of grant: \$73,773.

12/08/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

12/15/97 - Committee Approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1-3 above, was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Martin also stated that Mr. Hamilton, Acting Director of Administration, advised him that the City is actively considering a bond refinancing for \$13 million to gain advantage of lower interest rates.

President Domonkos also noted that every representative received Mr. Hamilton's safe debt limit report, and she recommends everyone read it. She stated Mr. Hamilton prepared it, the report is excellent, and it will help everyone understand where the City is in terms of capital projects over the next six years, what the City can and can't afford, and it compares the City to other communities. She reiterated that it is an excellent report and is well done.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
(Report)

Maria Nakian, Chair

William MacInnis, Vice Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 1997

7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Nakian, MacInnis, Drucker, Fedeli, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Sherer, Spandow, Skigen and Ventura. Rep. Lasko asked to be excused. Many other representatives, including Reps. Giordano, Curtis and Summerville, were present.

1. [LR25.001](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption; **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**
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
12/10/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/16/97 - Committee Approved 5-0-1

Rep. Nakian reported that a public hearing was held on Item No. 1, with no one from the public appearing to speak. Rep. Nakian stated the Committee voted to put Item No. 1 on the Consent Agenda. Said motion was seconded. Rep. White requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Rep. White stated he is opposed to the sale of this property and any other city property as he believes it should be kept for the future for a land bank, or in other cases, to be used by the neighbors for some type of neighborhood park. Rep. White further stated that once this land is gone, it will never return to the City again.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. 1 above was approved by voice vote. Note: Rep. Ventura left the floor for the vote on LR25.001 above.

2. LR24.003 REVIEW; Rules of the 25th Board of Representatives. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (as amended)^{1[1]}**
12/01/97 - Submitted by 25th Board of Reps.

Rep. Nakian reported that the Committee reviewed all the rules of the board, and numerous change and amendments to them were made. Rep. Nakian suggested a rolling motion, and only if a representative had an objection or addition to anything would a vote be held. Further, Rep. Nakian stated she only would mention substantive changes and that there were many, many technical changes to improve grammar and consistency. These latter changes will not be mentioned.

President Domonkos stated that Maria Nakian will make a motion to accept the rules, said motion will be seconded and there will then be a rolling motion. The changes will be read page by page. If there is any objection or revision, representatives are to raise his/her hand

^{1[1]} Final Rules of the 25th Board are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

and move an amendment to the rules the committee has proposed. Once the page is turned, no motions can be made referring to prior pages.

Rep. Nakian moved to adopt the Rules of Order of the 25th Board of Representatives, as amended. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Nakian read and explained the Committee's recommendations as follows^{2[2]}:

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I.A.: Delete the word "quadrennial" and replace with the word "biennial"

I.C.11. Line 1: Insert "or Deputy" before the word "Majority"

I.C.11. Line 2: Insert "or Deputy" before the word "Minority"

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II.A.4. Line 3: Delete the word "may" and replace with the word "shall"

II.A.6. Line 3: Insert "as the first Order of Business after the Calling of the Roll," after the word "Meeting"

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II.B.4. Line 3: Insert "by a majority vote of the members present." after the word "Clerk"

Rep. Nakian explained that this change makes the text consistent with that relating to the election of a President.

III.A.1.XI.: Delete the word "Renewal" and replace with the word "Redevelopment"

Rep. Nakian stated that this was a typographical error and that in fact the Committee had voted to approve the correct word.

III. B.1. Last Sentence: The last sentence will read: "Co-chairs and Vice-Chairs, not on Steering, shall be ex-officio members of the Committee, but only one Co-Chair, or a Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair or Co-Chairs, shall have the right to vote at any particular Steering Committee meeting."

^{2[2]} Indented paragraphs are changes to rules; regular paragraphs contain discussion regarding the rule immediately preceding.

Rep. Nakian stated that this would be an amendment to the motion because the approved language is still unclear. Said amended was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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III.B.3. Entire Paragraph: The entire paragraph will read: “The Steering committee shall prepare the Agenda for all Regular Meetings of the Board. Items submitted to the Steering Committee not less than five days before the Steering Committee meeting shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting to be placed on the Agenda. Emergency and time-sensitive items submitted less than five days before the Steering Committee Meeting shall require a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting to be placed on the Agenda.”

Rep. Nakian stated that this would be an amendment to the motion because the approved language is still unclear. The purpose of this language is to require that items be placed on the Agenda by a majority vote. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Sherer asked Rep. Nakian to clarify the intent of the change. Rep. Nakian responded that presently items can be put on the Steering Committee by a majority vote, if they are submitted to the Board five days before the Steering Committee Meeting. However, if they are presented in less time than that, the rules must be waived. This change provides for two different methods for putting items on the agenda. First, if an item is submitted five days or more prior to Steering Committee, it is put on the agenda by a majority vote. If it is submitted within less than five days and it is an emergency or time-sensitive item, it can be put on the Agenda, but it requires a two-thirds vote. We are not waiving the rules to do that, we are just requiring a greater number of votes. The purpose of this is so the Board does not have a rule that it is constantly waiving. Said amendment was approved by voice vote.

III.B.4. Line 1: Delete the word “shall” and replace with the word “may”

Rep. Nakian stated that this would be an amendment to the motion. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

III.B.5. Line 3: Delete “\$2,000.00” and replace with “\$5,000.00”

Rep. Nakian explained that the purpose of this change is that it is difficult to get a quorum on a Committee that only has secondary fiscal items.

III.B.6. Line 7: Delete “by mail” and replace with “in written form”

III.C.2.Line 1: Delete “The President of the Board, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader may participate” and replace with “All members of the Board of Representatives shall have the right to attend and to participate”

Rep. Nakian explained that the current rules only allow the president, majority and minority leaders to participate and that this would allow all representatives the option of participating.

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III.C.7. Line 4: Delete the words “to consider the matter on the Agenda” and replace with the words “or unless a Special Meeting has been called to consider an emergency or time-sensitive matter and a committee meeting cannot be scheduled for another day.”

Rep. Nakian moved an amendment that the word “reasonably” be inserted after the word “cannot.” Said amendment was seconded and approved by voice vote.

III.C.8. Line 2: Delete the word “person” and replace with the words “or Co-Chairs”

Rep. Nakian moved this change as an amendment: “All publicity releases of any Standing Committee shall be made by the Chair or Co-Chairs only.” Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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IV.B. Line 1: Delete the words “on the Board of Representatives” and replace with the words “in any elective office of the city,”

IV.B. Insert a new last sentence: “Any potential candidate to fill a vacancy pursuant to the provisions of Section C1-80-2 of the Stamford Charter shall first be interviewed by the Appointments Committee of the Board of Representatives before such candidate’s name may be placed in nomination on the floor of the Board.”

Rep. Nakian explained that as a result of charter revision, this section needed to be rewritten.

Rep. Mitchell moved to amend the change by reverting back to the original wording, stating she feels the candidate should not be referred to the Appointments Committee because the current process works. Said motion was seconded. Rep. Skigen stated that he has tried for two years to have this changed so that the Board has an opportunity to interview all candidates that come before it. He believes the Board owes it to the citizens of Stamford to do as much due diligence in appointing representatives, board of finance members, board of education members, etc. as it does in appointing members to the Fire Commission, for example. Rep. Skigen stated he opposes the amendment.

Rep. Sherer stated he supports Rep. Skigen on this issue. Rep. Sherer stated the recent board of education vacancy demonstrated the shortcomings of the current method in considering candidates. He stated further that this task was taken on by the WECAN Group and the education forums in Stamford. He noted that the Board of Representatives was invited, and in actuality, the purpose of the forum was for representatives to meet the candidates. Rep. Sherer noted that there were seven representatives in attendance and that had thirty or forty representatives been in attendance, he would not be supportive of this amendment.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he was in favor of reverting to the original text. He stated that all representatives received literature and phone calls from candidates and constituents regarding the vacancy, that all representatives were well-informed as to the candidate's positions on issues, and that the Appointments Committee would not be voting for or against the candidate, they would merely be interviewing the candidate. Rep. Boccuzzi also stated that there are a very few number of these types of appointments, in many instances there is only one candidate for the position, and there have been no problems in the past. Rep. Boccuzzi also stated that providing for an interview forum would allow representatives to quiz candidates on issues that may or may not be indicative of that candidate's abilities to serve. Rep. Boccuzzi summarized by saying that the past process has been very effective, and he does not believe it needs to be fixed.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he agrees with Rep. Boccuzzi. He feels the process over the years has worked very well. He also agreed that there is typically only one candidate. Rep. Zelinsky stated that during the recent board of education appointment, he believed all representatives were diligent and responsible in his/her voting. Rep. Zelinsky further stated that the Appointments Committee function is to approve candidates for boards, commissions and authorities as well as the Mayor's Cabinet, and he does not believe it is necessary to have the Appointments Committee involve itself in the process of interviewing candidates for other openings.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he agreed with Reps. Boccuzzi and Zelinsky. Rep. Loglisci stated that each representative has the right to opt to not vote for the candidate in front of the Board, if he or she chooses.

President Domonkos stated that Ms. Mitchell moved to strike the proposed change and that any representative in favor of striking the change should vote yes. If a representative wants the change to be left in the Rules, then he or she should vote no.

Rep. Nakian clarified that it is only the last sentence in Paragraph B on Page 6 that will be struck. She also stated that there is a typographical error in this paragraph and that she has provided everyone with a new page 6. The correction is as follows: insert the words "in a city-wide elective office" after the words "Any potential candidate to fill a vacancy". A machine vote was requested. Said motion to strike the last sentence was approved by voice vote (21 yes, 14 No, 1 Abstention).

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IV.E.3.b. Line 6: Insert the words “and shall be voted upon with no discussion.” after the words “committee report”

IV.E.3.c. Line 1: Insert the words “ordinances and” after the word “All”

IV.E.3.c. Line 1: Insert the words “and amendments thereto” after the word “resolutions”

IV.E.3.e. Line 1: Delete the words “the Board, by majority vote of those present and voting, shall approve”

IV.E.3.e. Line 2: Insert the words “and all amendments approved in Committee after initial publication shall require approval by a majority vote of those Board members present and voting.” After the word “ordinances

IV.E.3.e. Line 5: Delete the sentence “After initial publication, all amendments approved in committee must also be brought to the full Board for approval.”

IV.E.3.e. Line 8: Delete the words “those present and voting” and replace with the words “the entire Board (27 votes) (C3-10-12). Final adoption of an ordinance shall require 21 affirmative votes.”

Rep. Nakian stated this will require 21 votes for final adoption of the whole ordinance. She also informed the Board that while the Charter says that the Board may waive publication by a two-thirds vote of the entire board (27 votes), the Rules dictate two-thirds of those present and voting. Rep. Nakian stated that since the Charter takes precedence, the Rules have been changed to conform with the Charter. Rep. Nakian advised that final adoption of an ordinance shall require 21 affirmative votes.

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IV.E.4. Line 1: The paragraph is rewritten to read: “Honorary Resolutions submitted to the Steering Committee and placed on the Agenda shall be moved as consent agenda items without debate unless any Board member objects. Honorary Resolutions not on the Agenda but submitted to the Clerk of the Board in writing prior to the Board meeting may be taken up under Honorary Resolutions at the discretion of the President but shall be moved as consent agenda items without debate. The Rules shall not be suspended to consider an Honorary Resolution not on the Agenda in order to allow debate on such resolution.”

Rep. Nakian explained that the Committee provided two different methods for dealing with honorary resolutions. If the resolution is submitted to the Steering Committee and placed on the Agenda, it will be moved on a consent agenda unless any Board member objects because they want debate on it. But for honorary resolutions which do not go through the Steering Committee and are submitted to the Board after Steering and up to the night of the Board Meeting, they can be taken up at the meeting,

but strictly on the consent agenda. The Rules cannot be waived to consider these honorary resolutions for the purpose of allowing discussion on them.

Rep. Nakian moved to amend the last line of this paragraph to state, “in order to allow discussion” rather than “in order to allow debate.” Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

V.B.3. Delete the last sentence.

Rep. Nakian stated that L&R debated at great lengths on this and decided that once the question was put to a vote or the president went on to the next item, discussion should end on the item.

Rep. Loglisci stated this doesn’t happen very often, but there may be an occasional extenuating circumstance where a representative may want to go back to an item, and as such, he doesn’t see the need for it.

Rep. Boccuzzi confirmed that this has nothing to do with a motion to reconsider.

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V.D.1.a. Line 9: Insert the following sentence after the word “division.” – “A voice vote does not allow the recording of ayes and nays of individual members.”

Rep. Nakian stated this clarifies the present practice.

V.E.1. Line 4: Insert the words “request the assistance of the tellers” in place of the words “appoint temporary tellers to assist”

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V.E.4. Line 1: Insert the words “fill a vacancy for any elected office or to” after the words “questions to”

V.E.4. Line 6: Delete the sentence that begins “In all elections...” and replace with “In all elections, the candidate(s) receiving a majority of the votes of those members present and voting shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes of those members present and voting, the candidate who receives the fewest number of votes shall be dropped from the list of candidates and the chair shall order a new roll call. This procedure shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of those present and voting.”

Rep. Zelinsky moved to delete this change. He feels that it is discriminatory because everyone has the same opportunity and whoever receives the most votes should be declared the winner to avoid drawing out the election. The current procedure has worked well over the years, and he feels there is no need to change it now.

Rep. Nakian moved to amend the amendment by including the deleted sentence in Line 6. Said motion was seconded. A machine vote was requested. Said motion was approved (25 Yes, 9 No, 1 Abstention).

V.E.6. Line 1: Insert the words “have the right to” after the word “shall”

V.E.6. Line 3: Insert the words “and such vote would not be in violation of Section VI.B.5. of these rules.” after the word “decisive”

V.F. Line 1: Delete the words “and Stamford officials”

Rep. Nakian explained that this states that no one can converse with Board members on the floor of the Board when the Board is in session.

VI.A. Line 1: Delete “\$250.00” and replace with “\$500.00”

VI.A. Line 2: Insert the words “four year” after the word “per”

Rep. Loglisci stated that he believes the members of the Board will be in less contact with their constituents with the longer terms and as such he believes the postage allowance will be utilized more. Rep. Loglisci thinks that the allowance should be increased.

Rep. Corelli stated that she agreed with Rep. Loglisci and believes that the amount should be raised to \$750 for four years.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he concurred with Reps. Loglisci and Corelli. He stated the US senators and congressmen and Hartford legislators don't have limits on postage when dealing with their constituents, and he believes it is unfair that representatives cannot be in contact legitimately with their constituents. Although he believes that there should be no limit, he will support the \$750 proposed amount.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the postage allowance was increased to \$750 per machine vote (20 Yes, 16 No).

VI.B.1. Line 2: Delete the words “the general” and replace with the words “a city quadrennial”

VI.B.1. Line 3: Insert the words “or by any Representative filling a vacant seat on the Board within the four (4) months prior to a general city biennial election in which such Representative is a candidate.” After the word “Representatives”

Rep. Nakian added that any one who is appointed to fill a vacant office must run in the biennial election. So, for the purposes of the postage allowance, that person cannot use the entire allowance.

12/10/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/29/97 - Committee approved 9-0-0

Rep. Skigen stated that these increases were in line with those just granted the police and fire retirees. Rep. Skigen also stated that Mr. Haselkamp believes this is the most cost-effective method for dealing with increases. Rep. Skigen moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin stated that this increase costs approximately \$2.4 million, the first one cost \$75,000, the second one cost \$300,000, and that by the time a few more come, they will cost in the millions. He stated that an agreement was reached, and the Board is now going back and awarding COLAs to these people. He believes the retirees are in desperate need of the raises, but he believes this should be worked out ahead of time as part of the deal with the unions. Rep. Martin further stated that the taxpayer doesn't receive any benefit from this \$2.4 million. Rep. Martin stated we need a more comprehensive solution than awarding millions of dollars after contracts have expired.

Rep. Loglisci stated that Mr. Martin brings up an important point that the people are in need of the money and that many times the City wastes millions of dollars and when it comes to human beings, we should be considerate of them, and while he considers himself fiscally conservative, there are times when you need to look at the needs of people. Also, Rep. Loglisci stated that if we had automatic COLA increases, the City would be spending a lot more, and since the pension funds are so overfunded, there is really no cost to the taxpayer.

Rep. Skigen stated there is currently no cost to the City. Rep. Skigen also noted that these individuals are no longer members of the union and are not represented by the union, and if we were to start denying these adjustments, the unions could come back and request COLA adjustments. This approach would cost the city a lot more in the long run. Rep. Skigen also stated that this is the largest union and the amount of raises is the same as given to the other unions.

Rep. O'Neill inquired as to how many people are impacted by this. Rep. Skigen agreed to get that information and forward it to Rep. O'Neill and the rest of the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the item was approved by voice vote.

2. [P25.003](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption; concerning the creation and designation of the position of Healthy Start Program Bilingual Outreach Worker.
11/21/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/97 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

3. [P25.010](#) APPROVAL; of revisions to City's Pay Plan. **APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE (as
amended)**
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/18/97 - Approved by Personnel Comm.
01/08/97 - To be considered by Board of Finance

Rep. Skigen stated that the revisions to the City's pay plan are, for the most part, reflective of what the 24th Board and the Personnel Committee of the 24th Board, recommended to the Personnel Commission that were not incorporated in the Board of Finance's version. The Personnel Commission has revisited the Board of Representative's recommendations and has approved them with a couple of changes that are set forth in the minutes of the committee meeting. Rep. Skigen moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Sherer stated he agreed with the salary adjustments, but he was concerned about the section where the cost of living increases are aggregated over a period of time. When they reach 20% higher than the plan, it has to be resubmitted to the Board for approval. Six months ago, the plan said 15%. Rep. Sherer stated that most of the members remain who approved the 15%, and he hopes that those representatives who did vote for the 15% are as annoyed as he is with the fact that they changed it to 20%. Rep. Sherer moved to amend the plan to have the 15% reinstated. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Summerville asked for the date the pay plan was previously approved. Rep. Skigen believed it was probably in April of last year.

Rep. Loglisci voted for approval of the pay plan, but he agrees with Rep. Sherer regarding the 15% v. 20% review level.

Rep. Boccuzzi confirmed that the Board of Finance has not voted on this item and that the Personnel Commission had approved it. He also confirmed that if a change is made to the Plan, it has to go back to the Personnel Commission for approval. In addition, the Board of Finance has to approve the 15%, so if a change is made tonight, the Pay Plan has to go back through the process before it is in effect.

President Domonkos stated that this item does not have to be voted on in order, i.e., the Personnel Commission, Board of Finance and then our Board.

Rep. Zelinsky moved to hold the item for one month until the 15% is clarified. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Boccuzzi inquired whether the hiring of the police chief would be impacted if the item is held and it remakes the rounds of the various entities for approval. Rep. Skigen responded that it would have a negative effect because the salary structure would not change, and the salary that the Mayor has offered to Mr. Esserman would not be available.

Rep. Summerville inquired about the discussion regarding the 15% v. 20% difference. Rep. Skigen responded that there was basically no discussion in committee, however, at the Personnel Commission there was lengthy discussion regarding the matter. The original proposal did not include any provision for resubmittal to the Boards, and he made it clear that the proposal would not pass this Board, nor would it have his support, and then the 20% was added. The reason for the 20% is to avoid having the pay plan get caught up in politics, and they wanted to stretch it out as much as possible. Rep. Skigen also stated that through the budget process, it will be obvious what the ranges are. He further noted that these increases are to the ranges, not to individual salaries. Further, every two years, the Personnel Commission must report to the Board of Representatives as to whether the Pay Plan meets the goals set forth within the plan.

Rep. Zelinsky withdrew his motion to hold upon learning that the Board voted for 15% in April.

Rep. Sherer stated that this vote is not about Mr. Esserman, it is about the Board's responsibility.

Rep. Gasparri asked what the practical input of this would be in that he felt the difference between 15 and 20 percent was not very important to him, but that he cared whether we have an effective police chief in the City. He further stated that if this would hold up or delay the process of hiring a police chief, he absolutely feels that the pay plan should be passed.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that his question regarding the police chief was not a planted question nor was it intended to apply pressure. He stated he merely wanted to ascertain the effect any delay would have on this particular situation. He stated that the answer to this question was merely for his own personal information in deciding how he would vote on this matter.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he did not believe holding the item up for a few months regarding the 15 vs. 20 percent creates a problem in terms of hiring the police chief because someone could be hired and then later on this issue could be resolved. He stated that there have been instances in the past where personnel were hired and were working prior to full funding being in place for the position. Rep. Loglisci further stated that this plan includes a lot of six figure salaries and that he does not believe the Board should capitulate its responsibilities; since the majority voted for 15% previously, he believes the Board should stay with that number and reiterated that it should have no impact on the hiring of a police chief. Rep. Loglisci also stated that the nominee has not yet been approved and that the Board may be worrying about a problem that doesn't exist, for instance, if the candidate is not approved.

Rep. Fortunato moved the question. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. A machine vote was requested. President Domonkos stated the motion on the floor is to decrease the amount for review from 20 to 15 percent, that 19 votes were required to approve this, and those in favor of the decrease should vote yes and those opposed should vote no. Said motion was approved by machine vote (21 Yes, 15 No, 1 Not Voting).

Rep. Skigen moved the Pay Plan, as amended. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Skigen stated that he would report the results of the vote to Mr. Haselkamp tomorrow in order to see if the Personnel Commission can meet early so that this Board can take the matter up again at the February meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2, was approved by voice vote.

LAND USE COMMITTEE Gerald M. Fox III, Co-Chair
Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair

No report.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
[Report](#) Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, December 18, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Owens, Corelli, Jeff Curtis and Imbrogno. Excused was Rep. Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Loglisci and Giordano; Pat Broom, Director of Operations; and Thomas M. Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs. Rep. Owens noted that the Committee did not have a quorum, and requested that the item on his agenda be taken out of committee to be brought before the full Board. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

1. O25.001 APPROVAL; construction management contract **APPROVED**
with Orifici regarding Hart & Westover Schools; **BY VOICE**
contract has been revised from previously-submitted **VOTE**
version.
11/26/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Rep. Owens stated that Item No. 1 relates to a previously-submitted contract that was not approved by the Board as it was withdrawn. Rep. Owens further stated he reviewed both contracts, the earlier one dated October and the recent one dated in November. Ms. Broom delineated the changes in the contract to the committee.

Rep. Owens stated that Orifici has been acting as a construction manager since early September under the powers of the Mayor, who hired the firm to start the work on an interim basis until the contract could be approved by the Boards of Finance and Representatives. Rep. Owens noted the cost of the contract is not to exceed \$84,351, which would break down to

\$46,331 for Westover and \$38,020 for Hart School. The completion date for Westover is January 15, 1999, at a construction cost of \$15 million; the completion date for Hart is September 15, 1998, at a construction cost of \$8 million. The total cost of construction management fees is \$655,933.56. Rep. Owens provided minutes of his committee that further explains the breakdown of the fees.

Rep. Owens stated there are some problems with this firm, but they are of a nature that the Board of Representatives should not have a problem approving the contract. He stated that city administrators should really get on board and straighten this matter out. Rep. Owens stated he is referring to obligations in the contract on the part of the contractor, e.g., providing work hours, breakdowns of hours and reporting it to the City. These things are not being done now, and Rep. Owens believes the administration should consider withholding payments until these types of matters regarding their performance are cleared up. Rep. Owens summed up by saying that they have been working as a construction manager for the City, communication has improved between the city and Orifici, and he recommends that the contract be approved.

President Domonkos suggested that the item be renamed eliminating the reference to the “previously-approved” version to reflect that the contract had not been approved. Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the contract was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Lasko asked Rep. Owens to confirm that the firm is currently working without a contract. Rep. Owens responded that they in fact are working without a contract, and are working under a letter of guaranty from the Mayor dated October 16, 1997. Rep. Owens read the contents of the letter,

“This letter will serve as authorization for you to commence the above-mentioned work for a period of two months pending the approval of contract attached to the letter as Exhibit A by the City of Stamford Board of Finance and Board of Representatives. The expenditures for the said two months are not to exceed a total of \$100,000.00 and shall be credited against the contract price.”

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 15, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Fiscal Committee) **and**
Monday, January 5, 1998
6:50 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Fortunato reported that Public Safety and Health Committee met as secondary committee on the Health Risk Reduction Grant, F25.004; said item was passed by the committee unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 29, 1997
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

1. PR25.001 REVIEW; matter of parking by golf players of **REPORT**
E.Gaynor Brennan at Westover School. **MADE**
11/05/97 - Submitted by Rep. DeLuca (R-14)

Rep. Fedeli stated that a report would be forthcoming.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

No report.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**
(Report)

Jeffrey Curtis, Chair
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

1. UR25.001 APPROVAL; of URC Resolution No. 419, **HELD IN**
 approving Urban Renewal Plan Modification 97-1 **COMMITTEE**
 relating to the purchase of the property known as 21
 Broad Street.
 12/02/97 - Submitted by Edward Steinberg,
 Executive Director, URC

Rep. Curtis stated that the item, UR25.001, was held pending a public hearing.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**
(Report)

Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 15, 1997
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on December 15, 1997 in the Republican Caucus Room. Present were Committee Members Coscarelli-Curtis, Drucker, Gaztambide, Green-Carter, Johnson, Mellis and Mitchell. Also in attendance was Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development and Deborah Schmidt, Director of Smith House.

1. [HCD25.001](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the City of Stamford to **APPROVED**
 accept funds and/or pay contractors from the Smith **ON CONSENT**
 House Foundation regarding current construction **AGENDA**
 project (addition and renovations).
 12/02/97 - Submitted by Patricia Broom, Dir. Of
 Operations
 12/15/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

Rep. Mitchell stated the Smith House Foundation is willing to fund \$395,028 for improvements to the Smith House Health Care Center. The City will accept the money to pay the contractor. This item was on consent 8-0-0.

2. [HCD25.002](#) Setting of the Year 24 Schedule for the Community **HELD IN**
 Development planning and budgeting process for the **COMMITTEE**
 Year beginning July 1, 1998
 12/02/97 - Submitted by Timothy Beeble, Director,
 Community Development

Rep. Mitchell stated that Item No. 2, HCD25.002 was held in Committee.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair

No report.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair

No report.

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

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

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the minutes of December 1, 1997 and November 17, 1997 were approved by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. 1. President Domonkos encouraged all new board members to attend the Legislative Forum, sponsored by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities on January 24, 1997 in Fairfield.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. President Domonkos named a Special Committee to review alternative uses for the Old Town Hall. The Committee is specifically charged to review what neighboring cities and/or towns are doing with their historic buildings. The members of this Committee are: Rep. Nakian (Chair), Reps. Loglisci, O'Neill, Fox, Spandow, Ventura, MacInnis, Mellis, Sherer, Summerville and Boccuzzi.
2. 2. President Domonkos noted several committee changes: Rep. Nabel will fill Rep. Weiner's seat on the Parks & Recreation and Education Committees; Rep. Nabel will fill Rep. Alswanger's seat on the Operations Committee; Rep. Mellis will fill Rep. Weiner's seat on the Appointments Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

A transcript of these proceedings is available on tape in the Office of the Board of Representatives.