

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, April 6 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 p.m. by President Domonkos

INVOCATION:

Given by Rep. Martin.

“We are approaching here a religious season for the major religions in our country – Passover for the Jewish people and, highly-related, the Easter season for the Christian population. Aside from the fact that these are intimately connected religious events, they both represent special trials, special tribulations, and ultimately some release or freedom from the trials or tribulations. Maybe in not such nearly grand a sense, we tonight see a large body here, and I can only ask the Lord, on behalf of all of us, as we face the issues in our City and trials and tribulations. We ask our Father to give us the strength and the courage and the wisdom to make the right decisions for now and all the future. So, I pray. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Conducted by President Carmen L. Domonkos.

ROLL CALL:

Conducted by Clerk Annie M. Summerville. There were 39 members present and one member absent and excused: Cisco Gaztambide.

MACHINE TEST VOTE:

The machine was in good working order.

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE:

For the late:

William. C. Haynes, by Rep. Giordano;
Michael Vitti, Sr., by Rep. Giordano;
Sophie E. Barosky, by Rep. Giordano;
John Scanlon, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Ronald E. Rich, by Rep. Giordano;
Louise A. Lattle, by Rep. Boccuzzi;
Anna Lisa Anzalone, by Rep. Drucker;
Lillian Nizolek Maines, by Rep. Giordano;
Milton Thomas, Sr., by Reps. Loglisci, Corelli, Fedeli, Imbrogno & Zelinsky;
Mary Mahse, by Rep. Loglisci;
Sulton Chowdhury, by Rep. Loglisci;
Virginia Cheasty, by Rep. Zelinsky; and
Frederick H. Adams, by Rep. Zelinsky.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

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

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
(Report) Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
Tuesday, March 31, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, March 31, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Reps. Esposito, Summerville,

Mellis, Corelli, Fortunato, DePina, Nanos and Fedeli. Reps. Curtis, Boccuzzi and Mobilio were excused. Also in attendance were Reps. Giordano and Owens.

1. [A25.014](#) Social Services Commission
Stephen Chizmadia (R) Reappoint.
125 Sundance Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/00
12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/02/98 - Held in Committee
03/02/98 - Held in Committee
03/31/98 - Committee voted 8-0-0
**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

2. [A25.026](#) Health Commission
Steffie Bloch (D) Reappoint.
6 Coopers Pond Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/00
02/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/02/98 - Held in Committee
**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

3. [A25.027](#) Personnel Board of Appeals
Margaret D. Northrop (D) Reappoint.
155 Mill Brood Road
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/99
02/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/02/98 - Held in Committee
03/31/98 - Committee voted 8-0-0
**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

4. [A25.028](#) Parks & Recreation Commission
John P. Corelli (R) Repl. R. DeLuca
94 Elaine Drive
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/00
02/17/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/98 - Committee voted 7-0-1
**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

5. [A25.030](#) Tax Assessment Board of Appeals
Linda Beson (R) Repl. S. Ross
Hedge Brook Lane
**APPROVED
BY VOICE VOTE
(Reps. Sherer,**

Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/00
03/04/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/31/98 - Committee voted 7-1-0

**Mellis and
Alswanger
opposed)**

Chair Esposito reported that Ms. Beson came before the Committee and an issue came up regarding her work as a realtor. Ms. Beston stated she felt this was a strength because of her expertise regarding property values. The Committee questioned her at length about possible conflicts of interest; she convinced the Committee that if there were any perceived conflicts of interest, she would withdraw from any vote or discussion. Chair Esposito moved Ms. Beson's nomination; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Reps. Sherer, Mellis and Alswanger opposed).

6. [A25.029](#) DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **NO**
by the Appointments Committee in 1998/1999. **REPORT**
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Nos. 1, 3 and 4, was approved. Rep. Corelli abstained on Item No. 4.

FISCAL COMMITTEE David Martin, Chair
(Report) Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, March 23, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Vice Chair Owens reported that the Fiscal Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 23, 1997. Present were Committee Members Martin, Owens, DeLuca, Giordano, Loglisci, Mellis, Nanos, Sherer and Shapiro.

1. F25.031 **\$33,446.00** ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); SAGA Program (State Administered General Assistance Grant), Contracted Services; funds to be contracted to CTE, Inc. to provide case assessment, counseling, referrals and assistance finding housing. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**
03/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/18/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance
03/23/98 - Committee voted 8-1-0

*Secondary Committee: Housing/Community Development/
Social Services*

Report Waived

Rep. Martin stated he would characterize Item No. 1 above as a grant to provide a central point of contact for persons on General Assistance, to help them find multiple services. This is funded by a grant. Said item was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

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| 2. F25.032
\$121,789.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); 911 Telecommunications Grant from the CT Dept. of Public Safety; funds to be used for emergency telecommunications services and will train dispatchers, pay overtime, retrofit consoles, and purchase a projector and ergonomic chairs.
03/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/18/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance
03/23/98 - Committee voted 9-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Report Waived

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

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| 3. F25.033
\$2,888.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Project Music, Contracted Services; to continue the cost of custodians for Project Music through May 1998.
03/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/18/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance
03/23/98 - Committee voted 9-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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| 4. F25.034
\$40,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Zoning, Professional Consultants; to retain consultant to prepare a report with regard to siting of telecommunication towers within the City of Stamford.
03/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/18/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance
03/23/98 - Committee voted to hold | APPROVED
BY VOICE VOTE |
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Secondary Committee: Operations

Report Waived

Rep. Martin reported that this matter was held in Committee.

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

Rep. Owens moved to take this item out of Committee. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Rep. Martin stated this regards obtaining professional services to assist in the development of regulations for the siting of telecommunications towers. This item was recommended by the Zoning Board. The committee members present talked about this at length, and they did want to approve it but wanted to see what the RFP would be like in terms of direction. Therefore, it was held. Since that time, we have received a letter from Jackie Heftman, Chairman of the Zoning Board, urging the Board to pass this because of time constraints and enclosing an RFP that satisfies Rep. Martin's concerns. Rep. Martin supports passing this particular item. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Rep. Martin reported that budget hearings are starting although the Board of Finance has not formally transmitted the budget to us. The first meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m., which is the joint public hearing with the Board of Finance. Rep. Martin invited all representatives and said that he would introduce all representatives present. On Wednesday night of this week, at 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education, the Library and youth services will be reviewed. On April 13, 1998, revaluation and the custodial transfer will be discussed along with the programs regarding the Parks Master Plan. The formal transmittal of the budget from the Board of Finance will be on Wednesday, April 15, 1998. Rep. Martin stated that there are other meetings in preparation of the Board's budget meeting.

President Domonkos encouraged all board members to attend budget hearings because one can really learn what is going on in the City. President Domonkos especially encouraged committee chairs to attend budget hearings related to his/her committee.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

[\(Report\)](#)

Maria Nakian, Chair

William MacInnis, Vice Chair

Meeting: Monday, March 30, 1998

7:00 P.M. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee was held on Monday, March 30, 1998. Present were Committee Members Nakian, MacInnis, Gasparrini, Lasko, Skigen, Spandow, Drucker, Fedeli, Sherer and Ventura present. Also present were Thomas Cassone, Corporation Counsel; Sandra Goldstein, F.D. Rich III, Richard Taber, Norman Lotstein, John Ruotolo and Robert Karp representing the DSSD; John Byrne, Director of Public Safety; and Peter Brown, Assistant Fire Chief.

1. [LR25.006](#) REVIEW; City of Stamford's existing Code of Ordinances to determine if any additions, deletions or changes are necessary. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
01/20/98 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos (D-18)
02/23/98 - Held in Committee
03/30/98 - Held in Committee

Chair Nakian stated that there was a report provided on this item, and it is going to be an on-going project.

2. LR25.008 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication, amending Chapter 179, Article I - Street Vendors - to provide for a park vending license. **APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE**
02/11/98 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)
02/23/98 - Held in Committee
03/30/98 - Approved by Committee 10-0-0

Rep. White requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Rep. Nakian stated this ordinance provides for a special license, as opposed to a street vending license, to provide for vending in public parks according to regulations to be set by the Parks & Recreation Commission. The fee will be approved by the Board of Representatives. It also provides for a special one-day license for street vendors and park vendors. Rep. Nakian moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. White stated he believes a one-day vending license is a mistake. Currently there is a seasonal license, and by allowing outside vendors to come in and pick and choose what days they want to vend, i.e., holidays. This is probably a half of the income of the current vendors who have the full season license. Rep. White sees this as a recipe for disaster because it makes no sense to get a seasonal license if competitors will be allowed in on the heavy use days. Further, Rep. White says that the parks will be overwhelmed on certain days of the year by these vendors, hassling people.

Rep. Nakian stated that these concerns were addressed in Committee, but the license will not be granted for any park where there is an on-going contract with the City for a concession. There are only certain parks where this is permitted and within the parks, it is permitted in special places. Also, the current problems include unlicensed vendors in the parks. It is currently cheaper to get a fine than to pay for a yearly license. If a provision is made for a shorter period of time, the vendors are more likely to get one and then can be regulated. Rep. Nakian hopes that this will solve the problem of unlicensed vendors because it will be strictly regulated. Further, Rep. Nakian reported that the ordinance is requiring that there be a bond posted due to litter problems. Rep. Nakian believes it is wiser to provide the regulation other than ignoring the problem.

Rep. White stated that he does not believe the problem should be ignored. He believes that if there are vendors working illegally, they should be arrested for such illegal

vending as opposed to providing a legal vending process. Rep. White feels that if you cannot control the vending now, what makes it possible to control it after they are licensed.

Rep. Loglisci asked if this affected parade vendors. Rep. Nakian stated that it is a one day license for street or park vending and parades would be covered by street vending. Rep. Loglisci stated he agreed with Rep. White.

Said motion was approved by machine vote. Reps. Imbrogno, Loglisci, Corelli, Poltrack, Mobilio, DeLuca, Shapiro, White, Green-Carter, Ventura and Zelinsky opposed.

3. [LR25.009](#) APPROVAL; of lease agreement between John Zeiss and John Salley and the City of Stamford for a community policing substation. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
02/13/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/03/98 - Approved by Planning Board
03/30/98 - Approved by Committee (Consent)
04/06/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

4. [LR25.010](#) ORDINANCE; for publication, conveying lots A, B and C, Spring Hill North, to the Stamford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
02/11/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/03/98 - Approved by Planning Board
03/30/98 - Held in Committee
04/16/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance

5. LR25.011 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed by the Legislative & Rules Committee in 1998/1999. **REPORT MADE**
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

Chair Nakian stated that the Committee's goals and objectives are listed in her Committee report, provided to each representative.

6. LR25.012 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; increasing the maximum percentage that may be levied against property owners in the DSSD from 4 percent to 6 percent. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**
03/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/30/98 - Committee voted 8-1-0

Rep. Nakian moved Item No. 6; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky asked if this item were to be approved, would the Ambassador Program, which costs the City \$100,000, be fully funded by the DSSD. Rep. Nakian stated she did not know the answer to this question. Rep. Zelinsky also asked for written information as to the total cost for salaries, fringe benefits and perks on each employee.

Rep. DeLuca stated that \$100,000 in funding appears in the budget book for the Ambassador Program.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether the Mayor was aware of this increase in DSSD funding as well as the inclusion of Swiss Bank and other properties within the DSSD when he proposed funding the \$100,000 for the Ambassador Program.

Rep. Nakian stated that the DSSD has been working with the Mayor all along on this program. Also, Rep. Nakian stated that the purpose of the DSSD is not to dramatically raise the budget but to bring it up to the same level of funding it had when it was first started four years ago. The taxes had been going down in the District; the budget has gone from just under \$450,000 to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$419,000. They are proposing only to increase the percentage to bring them up to the neighborhood of \$450,000, not to raise it the full 6%. As a result, the City will probably continue to contribute to the Ambassador Program.

Said item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. LR25.013	APPROVAL; of contract for purchase of premises at Washington Boulevard and Atlantic Street 03/10/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 03/18/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance 03/24/98 - To be considered by Planning Board 03/30/98 - Approved by Committee (Consent)	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Martin opposed
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Report Waived

Rep. Loglisci requested Item No. 7 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Rep. Nakian stated this land will be used for the South End Fire Department.

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

Rep. Loglisci asked what the price for the property is. Rep. Nakian stated she would have to go back and look for that figure, and that it was being bought from Northeast Utilities. Rep. Loglisci asked for the land size. Rep. Nakian stated it was approximately 9/10 of an acre. Rep. Loglisci asked what the appraised value was. Rep. Nakian stated that the purchase

amount was within the appraisal, but she did not know where it was within the appraised value.

Rep. Fedeli stated that Mr. Cassone reported that the City was paying a fair market value, but since the Committee did not go into executive session, Mr. Cassone could not give the Committee the details of the appraisal. Rep. Loglisci asked whether this was public knowledge. Rep. Ventura stated that he believed executive session was necessary because this matter was still in negotiations at this point and the appraised value did not want to be revealed at that time.

President Domonkos asked Rep. Nakian to see if we could obtain the appraisal from the administration. Rep. Nakian stated she would get the appraisals and noted that both the Board of Finance and the Planning Board approved this item.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the Board should have this type of information before it approves the purchase of something. He believes this type of information should be standard.

Rep. Skigen asked Director Cassone about the appraisal, who indicated that in order to disclose the value of premises that it would be necessary to go into executive session and stated the price was favorable in view of the appraised value. The Committee decided at that point not to go into executive session, relying on Mr. Cassone's representation.

Rep. Martin moved to hold this matter. Said motion was seconded. Rep. Sherer stated that Deputy Chief Brown was at the meeting because this item is very important. The South End Fire House is not particularly safe, and they have been waiting to get this land deal worked out for some time. Rep. Sherer stated the plans have already been completed, and because we don't know if it is on the high or medium end of the appraisal, the matter is too important to hold it in light of the importance to start this project.

Rep. Martin stated that appraisals are not a subject for executive session and to not know what the appraisals are is a poor situation and that is why he asking to hold. Rep. Martin stated he is very much in favor of this fire station, and he is certain everything is fine, but quite frankly, he does not want to see this practice continued in that the appraisals are public information. Rep. Martin feels that the appraisal is a legitimate subject for discussion on this matter and he is disappointed that answers were not forthcoming about the appraisal. Rep. Martin stated if he is in error, he apologizes in advance, but this Board should not be allowing this to happen.

Rep. Owens stated that the fire station is in his district, and he agrees that the proper information should be given to the Board and if an item is public knowledge, it should be presented to the Board. Rep. Owens stated, however, that the South End has waited a number of years for this station to be constructed, and he believes the administration has worked diligently and honestly, keeping in mind the tax dollars it takes to fund this project, and he asks that the Board approve this matter to get it moving. Further, Rep. Owens stated that if the Chair of L&R could get the answers for the next meeting, it would be appreciated.

Rep. Skigen noted that the purchase and sale agreement presented to the Committee had not yet been signed by Connecticut Light & Power, which was the basis for Mr. Cassone's requesting executive session to review the appraisal. Obviously, if the appraisal came in at \$5 million, CL&P might well decide to back out of the deal because they could get a better price on an open, commercial sale.

Rep. Loglisci highly doubted that CL&P doesn't know the value of its land, unless it is something the administration agreed not to release. Rep. Loglisci stated he understood Rep. Owens' situation and agreed to vote for the matter, but feels that it is an important issue. Rep. Loglisci stated that there are many times when simple questions are asked of different committees, that it is obvious pertinent questions were not asked in the committee meeting.

President Domonkos stated the vote would be to hold this item. Said motion failed, with all representatives opposed except for Rep. Martin.

Chair Nakian moved the main motion; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Martin opposed).

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 3, was approved.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
 Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
(Report) Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 1998
 7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(Report) and Tuesday, March 31, 1998
 6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on March 18, 1998 in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Reps. Fortunato, Fedeli, Loglisci, MacInnis, Owens and Skigen. Reps. Gasparri, Lasko and Spandow were excused. Also present from the Education Committee were Reps. Mellis, Giordano, Ventura, Poltrack and Nabel. A public hearing was held on the first four matters. No members of the public appeared.

The Committee met again on March 31, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee Members Reps. Fortunato, Fedeli, Gasparri, Loglisci, Owens, Spandow and Skigen. Reps. MacInnis and Lasko were excused. Reps. Corelli and Giordano were also present along with Tom Hamilton, Director of Administration; James Haselkamp, Human Resources Director and Labor Specialist William Stover.

1. P25.006	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ; creating the position of Instructional Media Communications Specialist in the Board of Education.	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
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12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/28/98 - Held in Committee
02/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0
03/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

2. [P25.007](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption;
creating the position of Research Analyst in the
Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/28/98 - Held in Committee
02/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0
03/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

3. [P25.008](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption;
creating the position of Manager of Student
Information Services in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/28/98 - Held in Committee
02/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0
03/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

4. [P25.009](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption;
creating the position of Community Resource
Facilitator in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/28/98 - Held in Committee
02/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0
03/18/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

5. P25.013 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed
by the Personnel Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

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

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

6. [P25.014](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City and Smith House Health Care Center District 1199, New England Health Care Employees Union
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Rep. Skigen stated that this is the first of seven early retirement offers made by the City to seven different unions. Mr. Haselkamp appeared at the meeting, discussed the plan and provided cost projections, which were attached to the minutes. The cost is not known at this time because employees have until April 17, 1998 to elect participation in the early retirement plan. There are 177 employees eligible. Funding from the early retirement offering would come from CERF pension funds. CERF is currently reported to be more than \$50 million overfunded according to the city's actuaries. Employees not taking the early retirement program would not be negatively impacted by the use of the funds because if the CERF plan fails to have enough funds in the future, under a defined benefit plan, the City would have to fund the differential.

The Committee also discussed the last early retirement plan, and Mr. Haselkamp provided an analysis of it. This is also attached to the minutes of the Committee meeting. Rep. Skigen moved this item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated he would vote against all of these plans. Rep. DeLuca stated that CERF is the board that votes on all pension increases for the retirees, they vote on disability pensions and they decide how the funds are invested, however, the Board of Trustees was told they could not vote on these retirement plans. Rep. DeLuca also stated that he has a problem with forcing people out of their jobs through these buy-out proposals. He added that the administration states it is saving money, but the only way the administration strives to save funds is through these buy-out proposals rather than coming up with good plans to increase productivity without forcing people out.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the CERF Board of Trustees provided everyone with a memorandum this evening that had very legitimate questions, and that to go along and vote for each of these proposals without offering CERF an opportunity to answer questions is an injustice to the people who volunteer their time to do something worthwhile.

Rep. DeLuca added that while he has been advised that the fund is 50% over-funded, he said there is always the possibility that the bottom will fall out and it will not be over-funded. When you let people retire at age 50, you are adding ten or twenty years of extra money being taken out of the pension fund. Rep. DeLuca moved to hold this item for the sole purpose of allowing time for the CERF Board to have its questions answered. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Skigen stated that the plan would be jeopardized if the plan was held for one month. Rep. Skigen also reported that President Domonkos contacted him over the weekend regarding questions that some CERF board members had. Mr. Skigen contacted Mr. Haselkamp regarding these questions. In answer to Question 6 (that none of the agreed contracts specified the funding source), Mr. Haselkamp contacted all union heads today and all representatives have received documentation that all unions understand that the payments will come from the pension plan.

The motion failed, with all reps except Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Imbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No.

Rep. Skigen moved the main motion; said motion was seconded. Rep. Zelinsky stated that a letter was received tonight from the Classified Retirees Association, signed by Messrs. Buchanan, Calabrese and Faski, that stated they felt the contracts should only be approved if they go through the normal process, i.e., via additional appropriation. Rep. Zelinsky asked if this was the proper procedure.

Rep. Skigen stated that the question was not directly addressed, however, he believes it was implicitly addressed in that if the administration felt that this procedure was improper it would not have come to the Board this way. Rep. Skigen states that the contracts are negotiated between the City and the unions and that the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement take precedence over the Charter, and what is before us tonight is seven modification agreements to the collective bargaining agreements.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he would be abstaining on each of the contracts.

The motion was approved, with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Imbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

7. [P25.015](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City and Stamford Assistant Corporation Counsels Union, Local #1303-191, of CT Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Rep. Skigen stated that he has nothing different to discuss on this item. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Inbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

8. [P25.016](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City and Stamford Public Health Dental Hygienists Union Local #1303-273, AFSCME Council #4, AFL-CIO
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Inbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

9. [P25.017](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City Stamford Registered Nurses Local #465, of Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Inbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

10. [P25.018](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City and the Stamford Municipal Supervisory Employees Union AFSCME Council 4, Local #2657.
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Inbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

11. [P25.019](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City and International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 145
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Imbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

12. [P25.020](#) APPROVAL; of 1998 Early Retirement Agreement between the City and Local 2377 of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Workers of America-UAW
- APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Reps. Martin, Drucker, Sherer, DeLuca, Mobilio, Fedeli, Corelli, Inbrogno, Loglisci, Ventura opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstained)**

Rep. Loglisci stated he consistently votes against any item where the City has reduced its obligation to funding, not that he is objecting to the buy-out. It appears to him that many people are taking this buy-out because they know if they don't, they will lose their jobs or positions anyway. He believes the City is dipping into pension funds that may not be over-funded in the future, compounded by reducing the City's funding that it always has put into these plans.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote with reps Reps. Drucker, DeLuca, Mobilio, Imbrogno, Corelli, Fedeli, Ventura, Loglisci, White and Martin voting No and Rep. Zelinsky abstaining. Note: Representative Fortunato left the floor for the vote on Item No. 11 above.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item.

13. [P25.021](#) REJECTION; of Arbitration Award between the City of Stamford and the Teamster's Union. **DEFEATED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

Rep. Skigen clarified the phrasing of the vote because this Board only has the power to reject. Rep. Martin stated that state law gives the Board the authority to reject, so the issue is "are we going to reject this contract?" Rep. Sherer concurred with Rep. Martin's phrasing. Rep. Skigen moved that the Board reject the arbitration award. Said motion was seconded. Said motion failed unanimously.

LAND USE COMMITTEE Gerald M. Fox III, Co-Chair
([Report](#)) Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 1998
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Fox reported that the Land use Committee met on Thursday, March 26, 1998. Present were Committee Members Drucker, Fox, Loglisci, Nakian, Sherer, White and Shapiro, Excused were Committee Members Boccuzzi and Spandow. Also in attendance were Robin Stein, Director of Land Use Bureau; and several residents from Brookdale Road.

1. [LU25.001](#) ORDINANCE; for final adoption; clarifying existing street-naming ordinance and revisions thereto to provide a method for naming city streets. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Loglisci opposed)**
12/01/97 - Submitted by Reps. Domonkos (D-18),

Martin (D-19), Nakian (D-20) and Skigen (D-19).
01/29/98 - Held in Committee
02/24/98 - Committee approved 6-1-0
03/26/98 - Committee approved 6-1-0

Rep. Fox reported that some new language was introduced by Director Cassone to clarify (but not change) the published ordinance. Rep. Fox stated that it there was also a typographical error in the report, which is corrected in his report. Rep. Fox stated all representatives have a copy of the final ordinance. Rep. Fox moved the item. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Loglisci opposed).

Rep. Fox stated that regarding the specific streets that initiated this process, the Committee will request from Director Cassone a legal opinion as to what the Board can do to change the street names of those improperly named streets.

2. LU25.003 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **REPORT MADE**
by the Land Use Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Conference Room 2

Rep. Owens reported that the Operations Committee met on Tuesday, March 26, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. White, Curtis, Corelli, Imbrogno, Martin, Nanos and Owens. Reps. Zelinsky and Nabel were excused. Also present was Lou David, Supervisor of Solid Waste; Norman Liu, Senior Engineer; Bob Ruszkowski of the Administration Department; Joe Filci, Black & Vech, a management consulting firm; and Tobin Coleman of the Advocate.

1. O25.007 ORDINANCE; for publication; amending the **HELD IN**
existing Tipping Fee Ordinance. **COMMITTEE**
03/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/26/98 - Committee voted to reconvene

The Committee voted to reconvene tonight to vote on this issue, however, the Committee does not have the proper information before it to vote. So, this item will be held.

2. [O25.006](#) DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **HELD IN**
by the Operations Committee in 1998/1999. **COMMITTEE**

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a motion to take up a supplemental agreement for acoustical renovations at Westhill High School failed by machine vote (vote tally is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

[CHECK THIS]Chair Fortunato reported that a meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee was held on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Corelli, DeLuca, Green-Carter, MacInnis, Mobilio, O'Neill, Poltrack, Skigen and Fortunato. Also in attendance were John Byrne, Director of Public Safety & Health; Rick Petersen of the Health Department; Carolyn Mason and Martha Fullilove, Directors of Creative Child Care Center; Roger Raskopf, Pastor of St. Andrews Church; and Pamela Julius and Dr. Curtis Porter of UCONN.

1. PS25.005 REVIEW; matter of Health Department's closure of playground used by the Creative Child Care Center due to air conditioning system of UCONN. **REPORT
MADE**
03/01/98 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato (D-17)

Chair Fortunato stated that the issue before the Committee was to review the Health Department's closure of the playground used by the Creative Child Care Center due to the UCONN construction and cooling tower issue. Director Byrne gave a brief synopsis of the Health Department's fifteen-month shutdown. The staff of the Health Department did not want to expose the children to construction hazards at the site. When the construction was completed, it became apparent that the children could not use the playground because of its close proximity to the cooling system. Apparently the air conditioning unit is next to a wall that abuts the playground.

Chair Fortunato continued to report that UCONN's representatives were willing to provide appropriate equipment to the Creative Child Care Center to remedy the situation, but the Creative Child Care Center was not satisfied with the approval. The representative from St. Andrews Church advised that more communication between the parties might result in an agreement. The Committee decided to hold a second meeting to continue working on a resolution of this matter. Chair Fortunato advised the meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998.

2. PS25.004 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **NO REPORT**
by the Public Safety & Health Committee in
1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
(Report) Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, March 25, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Fedeli, Alswanger, Gaztambide, Fox, O'Neill, Nabel, Imbrogno, Poltrack, White and Sherer. Others present included Board Members Summerville and Giordano along with Operations personnel Director Pat Broom; Laurie Albano, Moira McNulty and Dave Sulkis.

1. [PR25.006](#) APPROVAL; of resident and non-resident fees for **HELD IN**
Cove Island Park. **COMMITTEE**
02/05/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Rep. Fedeli reported that the Office of Operations has received numerous complaints regarding non-residents using Cove Island Park facilities, including people being dropped off by car in front of the Park. There are also numerous complaints about non-residents parking on side streets in the neighborhoods, which are designated as neighborhood parking only. Rep. Fedeli stated that Pat Broom would like to institute the program at a minimal fee to residents with the hope that the larger fee would deter the non-residents from using our facilities. The passes would be purchased when you buy your beach sticker and a turnstile would be put in at the bridge.

Rep. Fedeli stated that the Committee was concerned that because one park will be targeted for this pilot program that a negative effect would occur to the other parks in Stamford. The Committee questioned the \$250,000 revenue figure, and it was based upon the number of beach stickers sold; however, Pat Broom admitted that the number was an estimate. Rep. Fedeli also reported that the money generated would pay for additional staff and the Ambassador Program. Rep. Fedeli stated that several members were uncomfortable with the fee and urged Ms. Broom to develop a comprehensive plan. Ms. Broom agreed, but did feel that a pilot program at Cove Island would be a good way to start. The Committee voted to approve 8-2-0.

Rep. Curtis moved to hold the item. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Domonkos stated she would be naming a committee to work on this item with the administration to help put together a program, if it is determined that one is needed, in the future.

Rep. Boccuzzi asked that President Domonkos contact the Police Department, Administration and other people who need to be notified to start enforcing the neighborhood parking permit laws.

Rep. Fedeli proposed to put on the Steering Agenda a review of the resident parking permit process and fines associated with it.

Rep. Imbrogno asked to be included on this Committee.

2. PR25.007 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **REPORT MADE**
by the Parks & Recreation Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

Rep. Fedeli reported that her Committee reviewed the Master Parks Plan and the Recreation Department in general, and there is a report on everyone's desk. This item will be discussed again next month.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
(Report) Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 1998
Conference Room 2

Rep. Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. Present were Committee Members Green-Carter, Giordano, Nabel, Poltrack, Ventura, and Mellis; absent were Reps. Alswanger, Esposito and Imbrogno. Also present was Rep. Owens.

1. E25.003 REVIEW; of the Special Education Program **HELD IN**
including criteria for placement and/or **COMMITTEE**
mainstreaming of students with special needs.
01/30/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13)
2. E25.005 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **NO REPORT**
by the Education Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item (Reps. Drucker, Sherer and Mobilio opposed).

13. E25.006 DISCUSSION; of transfer of custodial services from **REPORT**
the Board of Education to the Operations **MADE**
Department.

Rep. Mellis provided a report to each representative regarding Item Nos. 1 and 3 above.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT Jeffrey Curtis, Chair
COMMITTEE Joseph Gasparini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Curtis reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Reps. Gasparini, Gaztambide, MacInnis, Mobilio, Nakian, Summerville and Curtis. Also present were Bruce Goldberg, Esq., and Edward C. Steinberg of the URC.

1. U25.002 UPDATE; Corcoran-Jennison Project **REPORT**
03/04/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos **MADE**
2. U25.003 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **HELD IN**
by the Urban Redevelopment Committee in **COMMITTEE**
1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

A written report was provided to each representative summarizing the Urban Redevelopment Committee's meeting.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ Elaine Mitchell, Chair
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 1998
6:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Mitchell reported that both items were held in committee.

1. [HCD25.002](#) Public hearing and setting of the Year 24 Schedule **HELD IN**
for the Community Development planning and **COMMITTEE**
budgeting process for the Year beginning July 1,

1998

12/02/97 - Submitted by Timothy Beeble, Director,
Community Development

01/05/98 - Report Made

02/02/98 - Report Made

03/02/98 - Report Made

2. HCD25.004 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed **HELD IN**
by the Housing/Community Development/Social **COMMITTEE**
Services Committee in 1998/1999.
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Nanos reported that the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 1998. Present were Committee Members Poltrack, Nanos and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Boccuzzi and Owens; Patricia Broom, Director of Operations; and Herb Kohn of the Operations Department.

1. T25.003 APPROVAL; of the parking facilities management **RETURNED TO**
agreement for the Bell Street and Forest Street (a/k/a **COMMITTEE**
Bedford Street) parking garages and parking facility.
02/03/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/24/98 - Committee voted 4-0-0

Rep. DeLuca stated he was satisfied with the bonding information received regarding Item No. T25.003 above.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair
Meeting: Monday, March 16, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Ventura reported that the Administration & Technology Committee met on Monday, March 16, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. DePina, Domonkos, Mellis, Mitchell, Shapiro, Summerville and Ventura.

1. AT25.002 REVIEW; Request for Proposal issued by Board of Representatives Office to implement electronic search and retrieval system. **REPORT MADE**
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

Rep. Ventura stated an RFP has been issued and the Committee is awaiting responses, which are due on March 31, 1998. The RFP is for a computerized electronic search and retrieval system to search the Charter and Ordinances. The RFPs will be reviewed in the coming month.

2. AT25.003 DISCUSSION; re: outline of issues to be addressed by the Administration & Technology Committee in 1998/1999. **NO REPORT**
03/01/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE - OLD TOWN HALL Maria Nakian, Chair
Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported the Special Committee met on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Nakian, Boccuzzi, Fox, Loglisci, MacInnis, O'Neill, Shapiro, Sherer and Spandow. Rep. Mellis was excused. Also present were Reps. DeLuca, Imbrogno, Domonkos and Curtis.

1. REVIEW; use of municipal buildings for community purposes in other municipalities and APPROVAL of final report, as recommended by the Committee. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Fox abstained)**
12/30/97 - Submitted by President Domonkos and Clerk of the Board Summerville
02/02/98 - Report Made
03/02/98 - Report Made

Rep. Nakian stated that a report was provided to all representatives. The Committee came up with six recommendations, which are included in the report. The Committee voted on the report, adopting it by a vote 10-0-0. The Committee would also like the full Board to approve the report so that it becomes the report of the Board of Representatives. Rep. Nakian moved this item. Said motion was seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote (Rep. Fox abstained).

President Domonkos stated that the Mayor has directed the Operations Department to put together specifications for repairing the roof of the Old Town Hall. The contract will be put out in the very near future. Also, engineers are surveying the basement slab to see how it can best be stabilized.

President Domonkos thanked Maria and her committee for the fine work they did. Rep. Nakian reported that there is a resolution from the Board resolving that the Mayor act upon the recommendations of the Committee Report. Said resolution was forwarded to each representative, and Representative Nakian moved to approve the resolution. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION; regarding the preservation of the Old Town Hall.
04/06/98 - Submitted by 25th Board of Representatives **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**
2. RESOLUTION; honoring Peter F. Canzano, President of the Turn of River Fire Department, Inc.
04/06/98 - Submitted by 25th Board of Representatives **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

MINUTES

1. [March 2, 1998 Regular Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos noted that two members, Reps. Mitchell and Skigen, have been appointed to a special committee to rename the Smith House.
2. President Domonkos noted that \$23 million has been identified by the State to be used by municipalities to purchase open space. A draft letter will be sent to the Governor and state representatives addressing this issue.
3. The Joint Board of Finance/Fiscal Committee Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at Rippowam High School. All representatives are invited to attend.

4. Budget hearings for city departments will begin on April 8, 1998. President Domonkos urged all representatives to attend, if possible.
5. President Domonkos will be naming a special committee to look at the proposal to institute fees at Cove Island Park and other city beaches. Members of this committee will be identified in the near future.
6. Clerk of the Board Summerville noted that the official picture of the 25th Board of Representatives will be held at the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

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