

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, January 4, 1999 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 9:10 p.m.

INVOCATION: By Board Chaplain Nicholas Pavia

“Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise. Send your blessings upon this Board of Representatives as it embarks on its 50th year, serving the people of Stamford, Connecticut. Help all your children to understand that without you, we are nothing. Guide our hearts and minds to follow your holy will. Let all decisions be guided by justice, honesty and love. And, now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and may God give to you his peace in your going out and in your coming in this year of 1999 and all through your lives. In his holy name, we pray, 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 (36) representatives present; absent and excused were Reps. Gaztambide, MacInnis, Alswanger and Martin.

MACHINE TEST VOTE:

FILLING OF VACANCIES:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the rules were suspended to take up Item No. 4 under the Appointments Committee Agenda, appointment of the Director of Legal Affairs.

4. [A25.055](#) Director of Legal Affairs **APPROVED**
McDonald, Andrew J. Repl. Cassone **BY VOICE**
23 Pierce Place **VOTE**
Stamford, CT 06906
Term Expires: 12/30/01
12/01/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0

President Domonkos read a letter from Andrew McDonald wherein he resigned his position as a member of the Board of Finance. President Domonkos then read a letter from Gerald Fox wherein he resigned as a member of the Board of Representatives. Representative Fox recommended Richard Lyons be appointed to replace him as representative from the 1st District. Representative White nominated Richard Lyons; said nomination was seconded by Representative Boccuzzi. Said motion was approved by voice vote (Rep. Skigen abstained).

President Domonkos issued the oath of office to Richard Lyons. Mr. Lyons joined the Board and President Domonkos announced that Mr. Lyons would be voting from Mr. Fox's seat.

Representative Boccuzzi nominated Gerald Fox to fill the vacancy on the Board of Finance; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Skigen abstained).

PAGES:

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:
Maureen Tobin, by Reps. Nabel, White and Fox;
James Pastore, by Rep. Giordano
Lucien Gerardi, Sr., by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Frances A. Vejar, by Reps. Giordano, Loglisci and Drucker;
Jeanne Byxbee, by Rep. Giordano
Beatrice M. Ferullo, by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Kevin Donnelly, by Rep. Giordano;
Julius John Koproski, by Reps. Giordano, Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Dominick Vartuli, by Rep. Mellis;
Herluf "Curley" Svenningsen, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Michael S. Mariano, by Rep. Loglisci;
Mary A. Lombardo, by Rep. Loglisci;
Everett Pollard, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Thomas F. Burke, Jr., by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Andrew Hungaski, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Jean Youngs, by Rep. Ventura;
Martin J. Rosenfeld, by Reps. Sherer and Zelinsky; and

Ilana D. Schwartz, by Rep. Mellis.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 1999
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.

SUSPENSION OF RULES:

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up Item No. 4 under the Fiscal Agenda out of order.

4. [F25.111](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);** **APPROVED BY**
\$3,100,900.00 Water Pollution Control Authority, Proj. Ref. No. **UNANIMOUS**
C16001; Project Name: 17-3 Rippowam; to construct **VOICE VOTE**
new sewers in Arden Lane area (where septic systems
have failed) as part of the sewer master plan; source of
funds: bonding.
11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/09/98 - Approved by Planning Board
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Operations

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
[\(Report\)](#) Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, December 29, 1998
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, December 29, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Esposito, Summerville, Fedeli, Corelli, Mobilio, Fortunato, Nanos, Boccuzzi, Mellis and DePina.

1. A25.044 Fire Commission **APPROVED**
Dr. Robert W. Perry (D) Reappoint. **ON CONSENT**

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| | 2009 Long Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires 11/30/2001
11/13/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/07/98 - Held in Committee
12/29/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | | AGENDA |
| 2. A25.053 | <u>Water Pollution Control Authority</u>
Barnett, Alan
300 Bayberrie Drive
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 01/01/02
11/19/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Held in Committee | Repl. Carroll | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. A25.054 | <u>Traffic Hearing Officer</u>
John E. Fahan
140 Grove Street #3A
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/00
11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | Reappoint. | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 5. A25.056 | <u>Social Services Commission</u>
Jack Halpert (R)
77 Cricket Lane
Stamford, CT 06903-2503
Term Expires: 12/01/99
12/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | Reappoint. | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 6. A25.057 | <u>Economic Development Commission</u>
Michael S. Pansini (R)
76 Lawrence Hill Road
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/01
12/09/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | Reappoint. | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 7. A25.058 | <u>Board of Ethics</u> | | APPROVED |

Sheldon Arnold Levine (R) Repl. Daly
29 Cricket Lane
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires 06/30/2001
12/11/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0

**ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

8. [A25.059](#) Personnel Appeals Board
Rochelle R. McEvoy Reappoint.
31 Turn of River Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/01
12/11/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/29/98 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 and 3 through 7, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE
(Report)

David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 21, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Owens reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, December 21, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Martin, Owens, Poltrack, DeLuca, Fox, Giordano, Loglisci, Mellis, Nanos, Sherer and Shapiro.

1. [F25.095](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
~~\$36,632.00~~ Budget); Labor Settlement; to fund the Personnel
~~\$30,000.00~~ Commission's 7/1/98 approved merit increases for
\$24,000.00 non-union, appointed and elected officials.
09/29/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/04/98 - Held in Committee
11/12/98 - Approved **\$30,000** by Board of Finance
11/23/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0
12/07/98 - Returned to Committee
12/21/98 - Committee approved **\$24,000** 10-0-0

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE***

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Waived

* The amount of \$24,000.00 was approved.

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| 2. F25.109 | REVIEW; of Risk Management Assessment report.
11/18/98 - Submitted by Rep. Martin
12/21/98 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 3. F25.110 | REVIEW; of City of Stamford actual budget numbers
v. projected budget numbers.
11/18/98 - Submitted by Rep. Martin
12/21/98 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Rep. Owens reported that Rep. Martin will report on Item Nos. 2 and 3 at next month's meeting.

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| 5. F25.112
\$876,382.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Water Pollution Control Authority, Proj. Ref. No.
CP8200; Project Name: Plant Upgrade; to move
existing residential recycling center, demolish the
existing city garage and build a new vehicle
maintenance garage, perform design and construction
services to renovate the 1941 building; source of
funds: \$806,044 grant; \$3,780,649 loan.
11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/09/98 - Approved by Planning Board
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 8-0-0 | APPROVED
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Secondary Committee: Operations

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| 6. F25.122
\$450,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
Water Pollution Control Authority; Coachlamp Lane;
to replace existing collapsed sanitary sewer line of
approximately 750 linear feet (constructed over 19
years ago); source of funds: bonding.
12/07/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/09/98 - Approved by Planning Board
12/21/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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Secondary Committee: Operations

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| 7. F25.113
\$6,063.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
Budget); Police Department; Local Law Enforcement
Block Grant; Project No. F39009; Overtime Account;
to supplement previously appropriated grant funds; to
pay for overtime that allows police to concentrate | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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efforts in areas with increased criminal activity.
11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

8. [F25.114](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED**
\$1,112.00 Budget); Commission on Aging/Counseling; Social **ON CONSENT**
Service Block Grant; Project No. F39013; Car **AGENDA**
Allowance and Social Security Accounts; to
supplement previously appropriated grant funds of
\$53,776; to pay for union-mandated reimbursement of
in town travel costs and social security expenses.
11/24/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0

9. [F25.115](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **FAILED BY**
\$25,000.00 Budget); Health Department - Nursing; Dept. No. **VOICE VOTE**
380; Professional Consultant Account; to fund the **(21-15-0)***
cost of an executive search firm for recruitment of a
Director of Health and Social Services.
11/24/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 9-1-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

Rep. Owens reported that the vote was 9-1-0; Rep. Owens moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Sherer stated that he was the sole vote opposed to this appropriation. Rep. Sherer stated that he is concerned with the large number of consultants being hired for so many varied purposes, when all the Board hears is how wonderful the staff and the departments are. He also stated he agrees that the City has some very talented employees. He stated, for example, that Mr. Haselkamp, who was originally hired as a labor negotiator, became Director of Human Resources as a result of his talent. Rep. Sherer reported that Mr. Byrne reported to the Committee that Mr. Byrne was very successful in attaining the

* Opposed were: Reps. Summerville, Domonkos, Johnson, Shapiro, Green-Carter, White, Blackwell, Sherer, Drucker, Corelli, Fedeli, Mobilio, Loglisci, Ventura and Imbrogno.

goals that any consulting firm would have achieved. He stated that Mr. Byrne sought community input, ascertained the qualifications; advertised in medical and public health journals, contacted major colleges around the country, and Mr. Byrne came up with some very good candidates. Apparently, these candidates did not accept the positions due to the salary level. He stated that one of the candidates was a minority female with an MD degree, and that speaks of success. He stated Mr. Byrne did a wonderful job.

Rep. Sherer stated that he doesn't believe that it should cost \$35,000 to contact more sources. He stated that the talented people currently employed should be able to contact these sources. He added that if the City has this kind of money, they should, as David Martin says, be hiring sanitarians. Rep. Sherer added that the board previously appropriated \$20,000 a few months ago for minority recruitment.

Rep. Loglisci concurred with Rep. Sherer's comments. He added that at this time a quite capable individual, Dr. Harris, is our acting health director, and he should be in the run for the position. Rep. Loglisci stated that the administration is again spending the taxpayers' money without using our own resources; this in particular in light of the raising of salaries.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he attended the meeting, and he was impressed with Mr. Byrne's work in trying to find a replacement. He stated that Mr. Byrne forwarded to him a list of sources, which included: the State Department of Health, the Connecticut Public Health Association, Connecticut Directors of Health Association, the National Association of City and County Health Officials, American Public Health Association, Harvard, Yale and Columbia schools of public health. Rep. Zelinsky stated he was disappointed that the City's personnel department could not do this. However, in that he doesn't want the City to go months without a health director, he will be voting in favor of this appropriation. He asked whether Mr. Byrne could provide to the Board the outcome of the candidates that they reached during the original search, and ascertain whether they are still interested before they spend an additional \$35,000.

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

10. F25.116 \$10,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Health Department - Nursing; Dept. No. 380; Office Supplies & Expenses Account; to fund costs associated with the recruitment of a Director of Health and Social Services, including advertising, printing, postage and travel expenses for candidates to interview in Stamford. 11/24/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance	FAILED BY MACHINE VOTE (23-13-0)**
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** Opposed were: Reps. Imbrogno, Loglisci, Corelli, Fedeli, Mobilio, Shapiro, Summerville, Green-Carter, Johnson, Blackwell, Ventura, Sherer and Drucker.

12/21/98 - Committee approved 9-1-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

11. F25.117 \$93,333.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Long Ridge Fire Department; Account No. 01434108846; to fulfill court order to fund two firefighter positions for the balance of the fiscal year. 11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 11/10/98 - Held by Board of Finance 12/21/98 - Held in Committee	HELD IN COMMITTEE
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

Rep. Owens reported that the Committee voted 9-1-0. Rep. Owens moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that since this is part of Item No. 9, he sees no reason anyone would vote in favor of it.

Rep. Boccuzzi asked whether the \$10,000 could be used for various expenses in trying to find a new Director. Rep. Owens responded that it was not planned that way, but he is quite sure that they could probably utilize the funds.

Rep. O'Neill stated he believes the City of Stamford has been without a health director long enough, and if the \$10,000 will help fly in a suitable candidate, then he will support it.

Rep. Mellis stated that she believes this item can be separate from the first item, and she is supportive of it in helping Director Byrne in his recruitment efforts.

Rep. Giordano requested a machine vote.

Rep. Loglisci stated that there was no attempt to say that if one failed the other appropriation could be used, and he believes that if this is what the administration wants to do, they should come back and ask for these funds. He stated the two items are obviously a package, and he will vote against it.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that in order to locate a health director, expenses will be incurred. If a representative wants a health director soon, rather than waiting three months for the process to even start. He stated he hopes the Board goes ahead and appropriate these funds toward finding a health director.

Rep. Sherer stated while he is not certain of travel expenses, his understanding was the fee was \$25,000, exclusive of any costs, and the \$10,000 was for all costs associated with

the recruitment costs that the consultant was going to do. He stated that if in fact it will be done in house, he recalls that Human Resources has funds in its budgets for advertising and recruitment costs.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that these are two different requests. The \$25,000 includes \$18,000 for the firm's fee and \$7,000 for the firm's expenses. The \$10,000 are for expenses attributed to the City.

Rep. Shapiro stated that even though \$10,000 doesn't seem to be a lot of money, it is a significant amount, and he believes that the Board should show restraint and be responsible. He added that everyone understands the need for a health director, but everyone knows these two items are clearly linked. He stated that if anyone voted against the first item, they should vote against the second item.

Rep. Summerville stated that she recalls there were funds appropriated for the previous health director. She feels that with all of the reorganization of the city departments, those employees should be given a chance to prove themselves, as they have in the past, and going out and hiring a health director. They have filled other prestigious positions successfully in the past. She believes that it would be nice, if the taxpayers could afford it, but she believes the taxpayers will see their money spent more wisely by using current city employees to conduct the search.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that Mr. Byrne obviously expended funds from his existing budget to conduct the first search; therefore, he will need additional funds to conduct a second search. Therefore, he will support the \$10,000 appropriation.

Rep. Corelli stated that the original search yielded twenty-two candidates, and Mr. Byrne can go back to that list and utilize it. She also stated that regarding the budget, it was probably quite padded and there should be plenty of funds to cover additional expenses.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that if a candidate was not selected from the first list, it makes no sense to go back and offer the job to someone you passed over the first time.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the Personnel Department has high-priced personnel as do the other city departments. Yet, the Board routinely approves consultants within Operations and Administration. He agreed that those who were passed over should not now be offered the position.

Rep. Skigen addressed Ms. Corelli's contention that the budget is "padded." He stated that the total amount approved for the entire Human Resources Department recruitment and hiring was \$22,500. He feels this is woefully inadequate; this should be a national search to get the most highly qualified candidate as our prior health director was an extraordinary leader, and he believes the City deserves nothing less, and he strongly supports the \$10,000 for the advertising, printing, postage and travel expenses.

Rep. Drucker asked how much of the \$22,000 was spent. Rep. Skigen stated that he could not answer that question. Rep. Drucker then suggested that the Board hold the item until a balance is ascertained.

Rep. Mellis stated that Mr. Byrne made it quite clear that the list had been expended, that he really wanted and needed to do a broader search.

Rep. O'Neill stated that he believes it is of the utmost importance that the City find a health director as quickly as possible, and if the \$10,000 will help fly in someone, it should be approved as the City has been without a health director for far too long.

Rep. Esposito moved the question. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the item failed by machine vote. A record of the vote is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

12. F25.118 \$40,048.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Glenbrook Fire Department; Dept. No. 3410; to fund nine city-employed firefighters (effective January 1, 1999) as per approved new management and labor contracts. 11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance 12/21/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

13. F25.119 \$63,220.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Glenbrook Fire Department; Dept. No. 3410; to fund overtime accounts for nine city-employed firefighters as per approved new management and labor contracts. 11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance 12/21/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

14. F25.120 \$19,166.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Belltown Fire Department; Dept. No. 3410; to fund nine city-employed firefighters (effective January 1, 1999) as per approved new management	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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and labor contracts.
11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

15. [F25.121](#) \$48,692.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Belltown Fire Department; Dept. No. 3410; to fund overtime accounts for nine city-employed firefighters as per approved new management and labor contracts.
11/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/21/98 - Committee approved 10-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

16. [F25.124](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing a contract with the Workplace, Inc. to enable the City to receive welfare-to-work grant funds of \$641,916 (over a three year period).
12/11/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/21/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 21, 1998
7:00 P.M. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, December 21, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Nakian, MacInnis, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Skigen, Spandow, Drucker, Fedeli and Sherer. Rep. Lasko was excused. Also present were: Robert Ruczowski, Thomas Cassone, Patricia Broom, Ruth Powers, Ellen Bromley, Frank Fedeli and Attorney Melanie Howlett. Public hearings were held on Item Nos. 2 and 3, and no one from the public appeared.

1. [LR25.006](#) REVIEW; City of Stamford's existing Code of Ordinances to determine if any additions, deletions

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or changes are necessary.
01/20/98 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos (D-18)

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| 2. LR25.031 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE, <u>for final adoption</u> ;
amending Chapter 88 regarding Demolition of
Buildings by Repealing Section 88-4.
10/28/98 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)
11/30/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0
12/21/98 - Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. LR25.032 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ;
amending Section 103-7 of the Code of Ordinances
regarding Contractors to provide for a new fine for
violation of this section.
10/28/98 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)
11/30/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0
12/21/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4. LR25.033 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ;
amending Chapter 23, Article III, Purchasing, as
recommended by the Purchasing Ordinance Review
Committee.
11/02/98 - Submitted by Purchasing Ord. Rev. Com.
11/30/98 - Held in Committee
12/21/98 - Committee approved 7-0-0 | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE
(as amended) |

Rep. Nakian reported that the Committee approved this item on Consent. She stated this item was held for one month to give the committee time to review the list of contracts by amount over the past three years. At this month's meeting, the greatest amount of discussion was on approving the limit for contract approval. The Committee, by a vote of 4-3-0 approved a \$300,000 limit. The other major item for discussion was the letter of intent. The Committee approved placing a limit on that of 10% of the price of the contract. Two other changes made by the committee were that the Mayor's authorization letter must be sent to the Board at the time the contract is submitted; and the Board will now have sixty days or the second meeting from the date of submittal of the contract. With those changes, the Committee approved the ordinance by a vote of 7-0-0. Rep. Nakian moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Skigen moved the following amendments; said amendments were seconded and all were approved by unanimous voice vote:

(1) §23-18.4, Subparagraph (b), entitled “Contract Approval”: Change the reference in paragraph one from \$300,000 to **\$100,000**.

(2) §23-18.4, Subparagraph (b), entitled “Contract Approval”: In the second sentence in paragraph one, the language should read as follows: “... the Board of Representatives within sixty days or the second regular board of representatives meeting after **the Steering Committee meeting for which the contract was submitted-submission**, whichever occurs later...”.

(3) §23-18.4, Subparagraph (c): This entire provision is stricken.

(4) §23-18.4, Subparagraph (d)(2): The language should read as follows: “which exceed the contract price by 15% **or more** ...”.

(5) §23-18.4, Subparagraph (d), entitled “Contract Extensions”: The reference in the third sentence to \$500,000 should be changed to **\$100,000**.

5. LR25.035	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; regulating and governing the installation of telephone booths. 12/03/98 - Submitted by Frank Fedeli 12/21/98 - Committee approved 7-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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6. LR25.036	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ; amending Chapter 231, Vehicles & Traffic, Section 231-23 to provide for a \$90 fine. 12/07/98 - Submitted by Rep. DeLuca 12/21/98 - Committee approved 7-0-0	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
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Rep. Nakian moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

President Domonkos thanked Rep. Nakian, Rep. Loglisci and the Legislative & Rules Committee for their work on the purchasing ordinance special committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
 Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair

LAND USE COMMITTEE Gerald M. Fox III, Co-Chair
[*\(Report\)*](#) Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair

Meeting: Monday, December 28, 1998
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Sherer reported that the Land Use Committee met on Monday, December 28, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Sherer, Boccuzzi, Fox, Loglisci, Nakian, Spandow and White. Rep. Drucker was excused. Also present was Rep. Owens; David Anderson from the Stamford Partnership; Director of Legal Affairs Thomas Cassone; Assistant Corporation Counsel Bert Rosenberg; Len Miller and Charles Janson of Sound Waters, Inc.

1. [LU25.012](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for final adoption**; **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. White opposed)**
designating a portion of the City as an Entertainment District.
09/15/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/04/98 - Approved for Publication
12/02/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0 to **republish**
12/28/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

Rep. Sherer reported that the Committee voted Consent on this item. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Item was approved by voice vote (Rep. White opposed).

2. [LU25.013](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for final adoption**; **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
concerning withholding the approval of building permits when sewer use fees are delinquent.
10/05/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/04/98 - Held in Committee
12/02/98 - Committee approved 9-0-0
12/28/98 - Committee approved 6-0-0

3. [LU25.018](#) APPROVAL; of lease between City of Stamford and Soundwaters for the Holly Mansion property; terms of lease \$1 per year for 30 years. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (as amended)**
11/19/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/24/98 - Approved by Planning Board
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/28/98 - Committee approved 7-0-0

Rep. Sherer reported the Committee approved this item on consent. Rep. Sherer moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Fortunato moved the following amendment; said amendment was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Page 9, fifth line down should read: "At said time, Lessee shall provide a copy of the conceptual plans to the Stamford Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program for an advisory opinion."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the main motion was approved by unanimous voice vote, as amended.

4. [LU25.019](#) APPROVAL; of road acceptance for Bud Lane. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
11/18/98 - Submitted by Joseph A. Tomonto, c/o Bud Construction
12/28/98 - Held in Committee

Rep. Sherer stated Item No. 4 was held in Committee because the Engineering Department had not signed off on it.

Rep. Sherer moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 2; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 21, 1998
6:30 p.m. - Conference Room #2

Chair Owens reported the Operations Committee met on Monday, December 21, 1998. Present were Committee Reps. Owens, Imbrogno, Nabel, White, Martin and Zelinsky.

1. [O25.014 \(RFP\)](#) APPROVAL; of agreement with the City of Stamford and Enviro Recycling Corporation for recycling, collection and disposal; effective November 1, 1998 with a six months' termination clause. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
12/07/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/10/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, December 21, 1998
6:45 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

1. PS25.012 REVIEW; of Sections 175-1 and 2 and 158-10 of the Code of Ordinances regarding closing times of City of Stamford parks. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
11/16/98 - Submitted by Reps. Nanos and Poltrack

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
No meeting

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Ellen Mellis, Chair
(Report) Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, December 22, 1998
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Tuesday, December 22, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Mellis, Esposito, Giordano, Imbrogno and Nabel. Reps. Green-Carter and Poltrack were excused. Reps. Alswanger and Ventura were absent. Also present were Patricia Broom, Michael Nast, David Merkle, Rosa Quesada, and Board of Education President John Mallozzi and Board of Education Member Martin Levine.

1. E25.015 REVIEW; of Fuller & D'Angelo and Turner **REPORT**
Construction contracts regarding scope of alterations **MADE**
and work to be performed at Rippowam and
Scofieldtown Schools.
11/4/98 - Submitted by Rep. Martin (D-19)

2. E25.016 REVIEW; of number and working conditions of the **REPORT**
existing computers in the school system. **MADE**
12/02/98 - Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Mellis

Chair Mellis stated that a written report has been provided on this item, and, in summary, they are in Year 3 of the Plan, and some goals have been achieved. However, there is much work to be done in order to achieve equity across the schools.

3. E25.017 REVIEW; 1) of the number of modular classrooms **REPORT**
currently on order and the status of their delivery and **MADE**
installation; 2) the number of existing modular
classrooms and their location; and 3) the use of
modular classrooms at Roxbury School.
12/02/98 - Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Mellis

Rep. Mellis reported that a written report has been provided regarding Item No. 3. In addition, she reported that David Merkle addressed the Committee, especially those of Northeast and Roxbury Schools.

Rep. Loglisci stated that there is a lot of money involved in the thirty-two modular classrooms that are continually being moved around. He asked if there is a cost effectiveness analysis to see if we are really saving money by using these classrooms. Rep. Mellis responded that this was not brought up in Committee, but she could look into it. President Domonkos asked that Rep. Loglisci submit this item at next month's Steering Committee meeting.

4. [E25.018](#) APPROVAL; of contract between the City of Stamford and Viking Construction, Inc. for design/build of Northeast School Media Center; amount of contract: \$750,000.00.
12/03/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
12/22/98 - Committee approved 5-0-0
- APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Item No. 4 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, December 30, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, December 30, 1998.

1. [UR25.004](#) REVIEW; of the Urban Redevelopment Commission's actions regarding the Mill River Corridor Project, including its Statement of Policy and the Delineation & Eligibility Report.
09/11/98 - Submitted by E. Steinberg, Executive Director, URC
11/04/98 - Report Made
12/07/98 - Report Made
- NO
REPORT**

Secondary Committee: Land Use

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, Dec. 21, 1998
6:30 p.m. - Conference Room #1

Rep. Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Monday, December 21, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. Mitchell, Blackwell, Drucker, Giordano, Mellis and Mobilio. Reps. Green-Carter and Johnson were excused. Also present were Tim Beeble, Director of Community Development; Rob Rimmer and John Hamilton from Liberation/Meridian Programs; John Byrne, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; and Bob King, Director of Yerwood Center.

1. [HCD25.17](#) REVIEW; of Liberation-Meridian Programs operations and presentation by Bob Rimmer, President.
11/09/98 - Submitted by Rep. Shapiro (D-11)
12/07/98 - Held in Committee
- REPORT
MADE**

Rep. Mitchell stated a written report would be provided to all representatives. In summary, Liberation has merged with the Guenster House of Bridgeport and they offer care throughout Fairfield County. Over the past year, over 2,000 Stamford residents have been serviced; this year, they have serviced a total of 10,000 individual clients. She stated that over 40% receive financial assistance. She stated the City contributes \$110,000; \$80,000 is received from Greenwich and \$50,000 from Darien. \$2.5 million is spent on Stamford residents alone.

Rep. Mitchell added that there is detailed information regarding the Liberation-Meridian House in the Board Office.

2. [HCD25.015](#) APPROVAL; of agreement with Barun Basu Associates for architectural and engineering services related to the Yerwood Center Rehabilitation Project.
10/30/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
11/12/98 - Approved by Board of Finance
12/07/98 - Held in Committee
12/21/98 - Committee voted 4-2-0
- FAILED BY
MACHINE
VOTE (1-31-1)***

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

Rep. Mitchell stated that the committee voted 4-2-0 to approve this contract. She stated the proposed design includes a Police Academy on the second floor. This would be a secured area with two classrooms. Seventy-five percent of this space would be for the Academy, and twenty-five percent will be for the general population. The Yerwood Center can continue its after school students. Also included is a high school theme program, with five classrooms, for 80 to 100 students, with a capacity for 125 students. The design will be a multi-use classroom, that can be used by either the police academy

* Yes vote: Rep. Mitchell; Abstain: Rep. Giordano.

or the school. The contract price is \$128,000, plus \$25,000 for optional services, plus \$10,000 for services in connection with various approvals. The total cost is \$183,000.

Rep. Mitchell stated the Committee expressed its concerns regarding having a two-hour a day school. Mr. King assured the Committee that the program would be the same as the two high schools and Wright Technical. Westhill High School has a health academy, and Stamford High has a finance academy and Wright Technical has a tourism/travel academy. Yerwood would also house full academic programs. Rep. Mitchell moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Green-Carter stated that she cannot support this proposal with a clear conscience. She stated she believes that she is voting the conscience of her constituents and the community. She stated she voted against the original proposal to appropriate funds for the architectural plans that denoted some of the space in the Yerwood Center be used for a high school. Tonight, she still cannot support the proposed usage of Yerwood as a high school for eighty to one hundred children. Rep. Green-Carter stated that to vote in favor of this agreement means that we will be giving up on some of our children. She added that to give up on one child is one too many.

Rep. Green-Carter stated that if a school is placed in Yerwood, it will not have the same comprehensive programs as a regular public high school. Instead, it will be sanctioned as a playground for challenged teens to hang out. Rep. Green-Carter is not convinced that this is the best thing for our community and our children. She added that if one does not want their child to attend Yerwood as a theme high school, then think how her constituents would feel. Rep. Green-Carter said consideration should be given to building a new high school to accommodating the children.

Rep. Mobilio stated he voted against this item in Committee. He stated that Mr. Bob King from the Board of Education and John Byrne, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare were in attendance, and that they were vague and non-specific as to what would happen at Yerwood, the type of school. Mr. King advised that there may be a charter school at Yerwood, and when asked what the theme would be, Mr. King didn't know. In addition, Mr. King stated that the Domus Foundation may conduct classes in the building, although no specifics were available. Rep. Mobilio added that Mr. Byrne was able to provide some detail, such as assuring the Committee that the Police Academy would have a secure area, in particular firearms lockers. Rep. Mobilio felt that overall the information he received was vague, and he believes \$183,000 is a significant amount of money to give to an architect to design a building that no one knows what will be done with.

Rep. Sherer stated that when discussions came about a few months ago concerning the high school situation, the Mayor proposed that there be five theme high schools scattered around the community. At that time Rep. Sherer heard a lot of community dissatisfaction, and a lot of the representatives were dissatisfied with this option, and yet the Mayor now proposes this item. Rep. Sherer asked whether the Board plans to approve this contract and later find out that no one wants this project. Rep. Sherer also

was concerned that later on we would be faced with the argument that the idea was already approved by virtue of approving this contract. Rep. Sherer felt that there should be a comprehensive plan for our high school students in the next millenium, and a theme program spread across the community is not in the best interest of our students. Rep. Sherer also stated that when people come before the Committees, the information is suspect. For example, it was suggested that the Police Academy and a theme high school will utilize these classrooms, and this would involve the same daytime hours.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he concurred with Rep. Green-Carter's comments. He also stated he is concerned whether a community center is the proper place for a police academy.

President Domonkos asked Chair Mitchell whether the usage of the facility was clarified during the Committee meeting. Chair Mitchell responded that the classrooms could be used by either the Police Academy or the School. Further, she was advised that the hours of utilization would be 9:00 to 5:00 or 8:00 to 4:00. This was to enable the Center to continue the after school program.

Rep. Mellis stated that she believed the Police Academy was scheduled to occupy the second floor, and the classrooms for students would be on the first floor. Rep. Mitchell stated that the rooms on the second floor could also be used by the school.

Rep. Loglisci requested a machine vote. Said motion failed by machine vote (1-31-1). A record of the vote is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The voting machine may have malfunctioned, and Mr. Imbrogno stated he was voting No.

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| 3. HCD25.012 | REVIEW; of Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances concerning Community Development Block Grant funding.
10/08/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mitchell (D-2)
11/04/98 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 4. HCD25.18 | APPROVAL; of the year 25 Schedule for the community Development planning and budgeting process for the Year beginning 7/1/99; discussion of Citizen Participation Plan and Community Development Plan; discussion of community development priorities for Year 25.
12/11/98 - Submitted by Tim Beeble, Director of
Community Development | REPORT
MADE and
HELD IN
COMMITTEE |

Chair Mitchell reported that the Committee approved the following schedule:

January 25, 1999, the proposals for Year 25 are due in the Community Development Office.

January 29, 1999, the proposals will be forwarded to the Committee and the Mayor.

February 4, 1999, a public hearing will be held in the Board of Representatives Chambers.

February 13, 1999, the Committee, the Mayor's Office and Community Development will make recommendations and approve same.

Chair Mitchell stated that this item will be on going and will be held in committee while in process.

5. [HCD25.19](#) REVIEW; of community development's office staffing. **REPORT MADE**
12/11/98 - Submitted by Tim Beeble, Director of
Community Development

Rep. Mitchell stated that a report will be forwarded to all representatives.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
([Report](#)) Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, December 29, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca stated that the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, December 29, 1998. Present were Committee Members Reps. DeLuca, Nanos and Zelinsky. Also present was Bert Rosenberg, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

1. [T25.014](#) REVIEW; of prototype lease for the Transportation Center. **REPORT MADE**
11/21/98 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos

Chair DeLuca stated that due to the small amount of money involved that the prototype lease system be continued. He added that Mr. Rosenberg is going to review the liquidated damages clause, which presently is \$100 per day. Since this was instituted in 1991, it will be updated.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair
No meeting.

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair
Meeting: To be scheduled

1. H25.003 REVIEW; matter of heat in the caucus rooms during the evening hours.
11/18/98 - Submitted by Rep. Summerville (D-6) **NO REPORT**

2. H25.001 DISCUSSION; planning for 50th Anniversary Event for present and former representatives.
10/14/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda **NO REPORT**

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PARKS Lisa Poltrack, Co-chair
Paul Esposito, Co-chair

Rep. Esposito stated that the Committee did not have a meeting, but he wanted to report that the Committee will be meeting with the Administration this Thursday at 1:00 to come up with a proposal for the entire Board. He asked that any representative with a comment or question regarding this issue contact a committee member or attend the meeting.

SPECIAL REVALUATION COMMITTEE: Maria Nakian, Chair

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Scott Morris on his new position with the National League of Cities.
12/16/98 - Submitted by Reps. Summerville, Fortunato and Zelinsky **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

2. Congratulating the recipients of citations at the 1998 annual Stamford Fire & Rescue Department Medal Day Ceremony.
12/31/98 - Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Sherer opposed)**

3. Congratulating the winners of the 1998 Human Rights Day Essay Contest.
12/31/98 - Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Sherer opposed)**

MINUTES

1. [December 7, 1998 Regular Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE (as
corrected)**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Rep. Skigen reported that, as a member of the committee (along with Rep. Mobilio) that is reviewing RFPs for emergency medical services, the responses are in and the committee will be meeting next week to review the responses. If any representatives have concerns that they specifically want addressed, they should contact either Rep. Mobilio or Rep. Skigen.
2. Rep. Summerville reported that the 50th Anniversary Committee is meeting on January 11, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. She added that by the end of the month the price will be determined and all logistic parts will be organized.
3. Rep. Summerville reported that the NAACP asked that she announce that there will be a small reception on the 4th Floor on January 7, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. for the new officers and executive committee of the NAACP, and they invite Board members to stop by and meet them.
4. Rep. Nakian questioned whether the Internet version of the Code is up to date and if it includes the latest ordinances.
5. President Domonkos announced that the new Code books will be provided next month.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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