

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, March 1, 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 9:23 p.m. by President Domonkos.

INVOCATION: By Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville

“Dear lord cleanse our hearts and minds of all malice, all hatred, all jealousy, that may linger here tonight. Let us approach our duties with an open mind and friendliness toward all other fellow board members. Let us not forget that our fellow citizens have placed us on this board, which has grown and developed through the sacrifices and labor of the many faithful who have gone before it. Let us quickly recognize that our greatest contribution to the public service will be honesty, integrity, and the application of the principle of the golden rule. In your 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; Reps. Drucker and Alswanger excused; and two (2) vacancies.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: The machine was in good working order.

PAGES:

FILING OF VACANCY:

President Domonkos read a letter of resignation from Representative Paul Ventura and declared a vacancy in the 13th District. Representative Loglisci moved the nomination of Mr. Harry Day; said motion was seconded by Representative Fedeli. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. Representative Loglisci cast one vote for approval of the appointment of Mr. Harry Day to fill the vacancy in the 13th District. President Domonkos then administered the oath of office.

President Domonkos spoke of the loss of Representative George Johnson, stating he was a giant with his constituents. She stated it is very difficult when a member of our Board passes and tonight the Board will honor him and remember him.

Rep. Bobby Owens extended his sincere thanks, on behalf of George's family and himself, to all the people who came out in support of George's family during his untimely passing. He added that George was a mild-mannered person with a penetrating way of entering everyone's heart. He was a gentleman, as most people know. Rep. Owens stated that he can't say enough good things of how George handled the community, making sure people who were hungry had food to eat, and people who were in need of housing found a place to lay their heads. Rep. Owens stated that most of all, George helped the children in the community. George was always there and willing to help. He was a part of the community center, and filled in where help was needed.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:
George Johnson, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Stanley F. Cooper, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Joseph Santagata, Jr., by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Harold "Hal" Selznick, by Reps. Giordano and Mellis
Joseph Edward Vuone, by Rep. Giordano;
Mickey Lione, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Catherine Burriesci Sicilia, by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Joseph F. Carrigan, by Reps. Giordano, Loglisci, Lyons, and White;
Ruth M. Penfield, by Rep. Mellis;
John R. Zelinsky, Sr., by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Mr. Dura Sweeney, by Rep. Boccuzzi;
Paul R. Esserman, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Antonio Musilli, by Rep. Mellis;
Carmella Iozzo, by Rep. Mellis;
Joseph V. Toner Sr., by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Marie Pagen, by Reps. Fortunato and Fedeli;
Theresa Ursone, by Rep. Loglisci;
Anthony J. Obzud, by Rep. Loglisci;
Herbert Leach Jr., by Rep. Loglisci;
Eleanor Mueller, by Rep. Domonkos;
Frances Mayette, by the 25th Board of Representatives.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 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.

Rep. Owens moved to take the following Item, Resolution No. 1, out of order. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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| 1. | SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD Resolution
acknowledging the efforts of the Annual Toys For
Tots Program.
01/31/99- Submitted by Reps. Giordano, Owens,
Gaztambide, Corelli and Loglisci | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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Rep. Owens stated that he would speak tonight of two courageous people – Robert Darling and George Duchanick – for their work with the US Marine Corps Reserves 1998 Toys for Tots Lower Fairfield County Program. Rep. Owens stated these gentlemen have gone beyond the call of duty with their work with the US Marine Corps.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair
No meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room and
6:30 p.m. - March 1, 1999 - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 1999. Present were Committee Members Reps. Martin, Owens, Nanos, Mellis, Loglisci, DeLuca, Giordano, Sherer and Shapiro. Reps. Poltrack and Green-Carter were excused. The Fiscal Committee also met on March 1, 1999 at 6:40. Present at that meeting were Reps. Green-Carter, Loglisci, Giordano, Mellis, Nanos, Poltrack, Martin, and Owens.

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| 1. F25.145
\$125,731.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
Budget); 911 Telecommunications; grant from Conn.
Department of Public Safety; funds to be used for four
dispatchers, salary, overtime and differential
02/04/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
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03/01/99 - Committee approved 9-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Waived

2. [F25.144](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$43,941.00 Budget); Police Department; Safe Neighborhood; to
fund shortage in cost center created by settlement of
police contract (2 years) and error in previous year's
budget that excluded contractual raises.
02/02/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Concur

3. [F25.143](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$500,000.00 Budget); Police Department; to fund overtime costs
incurred during transitional phase of department from
911- response based to a community-based ,
decentralized entity encompassing district commands
and neighborhood partnerships.
02/02/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 8-0-1

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

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4. [F25.142](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$935,119.00 Budget); Police Department; to fund settlement of the
police contract in the current year; this settlement
includes two years of increases at 2.0% and 2.5%.
02/02/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Concur

5. [F25.141](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$17,982.00 Budget); Stamford Public Schools; School Resource
Officer; to fund support services provided by School
Resource Officers in programs including After School
Program for At Risk Youth and SAVE Program;

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ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

source of funds: grant.
02/02/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
03/01/99 - Committee approved 9-0-0

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

6. [F25.140](#) \$12,701.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Social Services Administration; Salaries; to fund a higher salaried replacement employee for a retired administrative assistant; also to fund \$3,687 in overtime expenses associated with "Operation Safe House."
01/29/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Housing/Community Development/Social Services

Concur

7. [F25.139](#) \$3,853.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Social Services; Part Time Salaries; to cover retired administrative assistant's part time services during July and August 1998.
01/29/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

8. [F25.138](#) \$5,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Law Department; Stenographic Services; to fund stenographic services due to large number of depositions associated with a major litigation matter.
01/29/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 6-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules

Concur

9. [F25.137](#) \$100,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Under Age Drinking Grant; will fund a coordinator, increased enforcement activities and youth leadership training; source of funds: US Department of Justice Grant.
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

01/27/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
03/01/99 - Committee approved 9-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Waived

10. [F25.136](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$10,000.00 Budget); Personnel Department; College Tuition; to
fund contract-mandated tuition expenses for an
employee.
01/27/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
03/01/99 - Committee approved 9-0-0

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Concur

11. [F25.135](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$18,000.00 Budget); Information Services; Technical Services;
Account No. 01410603403; to fund Information
Services' support of the Board of Education's wide
area network through June 30, 1999; Board of Ed to
reimburse City \$3,000 per month after 7/1/99.
01/27/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Held in Committee

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committees: Education and Information and Technology

12. [F25.133](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
\$50,000.00 Springdale Fire Department; Roof Replacement; to
replace 24-year old roof due to significant leaking.
01/20/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/26/99 - Approved by Planning Board
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/16/99 - Committee approved 7-1-0

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE (Rep.
Shapiro opposed)**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

13. [F25.146](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
\$250,000.00 Board of Education; Davenport Ridge Asbestos
Abatement; acceleration of \$250,000 out of \$950,000
capital project for asbestos abatement and floor

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ON CONSENT
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replacement work to be performed over the summer.
02/09/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/09/99 - Approved by Planning Board
02/16/99 - Committee approved 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

14. [F25.147](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED**
\$825,000.00 Board of Education; Athletic Fields Renovation; for **BY VOICE**
Phase II of Westhill High School athletic field **VOTE (Rep.**
renovations, including concession stand, **Deluca opposed)**
reconfiguration of entrance drive and improvement to
baseball and softball fields.
02/09/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/09/99 - Approved by Planning Board
02/16/99 - Committee approved 7-1-0

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

Rep. Martin stated that the budget season is upon us and that the Fiscal Committee will be having its joint public hearing with the Board of Finance on Monday, March 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, February 22, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, February 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Reps. Nakian, Gasparrini, Lasko, Mitchell, Skigen, Spandow and Fedeli. Rep. MacInnis was excused. Also present were Rep. Owens; Andrew McDonald, Corporation Counsel; Sandra Goldstein, DSSD; Gerry Fox and James Rubino, Board of Finance; and Pat Broom, Director of Operations.

1. [LR25.006](#) REVIEW; City of Stamford's existing Code of **HELD IN**
Ordinances to determine if any additions, deletions **COMMITTEE**
or changes are necessary.
01/20/99 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos (D-18)
02/2/299 - Held in Committee

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| 2. LR25.037 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Section 137-13 of the Code or Ordinances concerning regulations for the collection of garbage, rubbish and refuse to provide for a new fine.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 3. LR25.038 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Section 137-46 of the Code of Ordinance regarding littering and dumping to provide for a new fine.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 4. LR25.039 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Section 137-35.1G of the Code of Ordinances regarding separation and recycling of certain materials to provide for a new fine.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 5. LR25.040 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Chapter 65, Article II of the Code of Ordinances regarding city-owned property and commercial advertising to provide for enforcement by civil citation.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 6. LR25.041 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Section 97-13 of the Code of Ordinances concerning civil citations for violations of said Code to provide for a new fine.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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| 7. LR25.042 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Chapter 123 (Fees), Article VI of the Code of Ordinances regarding non-city projects funded entirely by City funds to provide for the waiver of building permit fees.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 8. LR25.043 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 amending section 137-23 of the Code of Ordinances regarding private refuse collection to provide for a new fine.
 01/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 9. LR25.045 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Chapter 140 of the Code of Ordinance regarding Graffiti to provide for a new fine.
 01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 10. LR25.046 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Chapter 141 of the Code of Ordinance regarding Hairdressers and Cosmeticians to provide for a new fine.
 01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 11. LR25.047 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
 Amending Chapter 158, Article II of the Code of Ordinance regarding Loitering on Public Property to provide for a new fine.
 01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
 01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
 02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0</p> | <p>APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA</p> |
| 12. LR25.048 | <p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;</p> | <p>APPROVED</p> |

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| | Amending Chapter 160 of the Code of Ordinance regarding Microwave Transmitters to provide for a new fine.
01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0 | ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 13. LR25.049 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
Amending Chapter 167 of the Code of Ordinance regarding Numbering of Buildings to provide for a new fine.
01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 14. LR25.050 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
Amending Chapter 169, Article I of the Code of Ordinance regarding Display of Obscene Material to provide for a new fine.
01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 15. LR25.051 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
Amending Chapter 179, Article I of the Code of Ordinance regarding Street Vendors to provide for a new fine.
01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 16. LR25.052 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
Amending Chapter 179, Article II of the Code of Ordinance regarding Solicitors to provide for a new fine.
01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0
02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 17. LR25.053 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u>;
Amending Chapter 179, Article III of the Code of | APPROVED
ON CONSENT |

Ordinance regarding Itinerant Vendors to provide for a new fine. **AGENDA**

01/08/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian

01/25/99 - Committee approved publication 7-0-0

02/22/99 - Final Adoption approved 6-0-0

18. LR25.055 REVIEW; of the process of enacting Water Pollution Control Authority fees. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
02/01/99 - Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
02/22/99 - Held in Committee

Rep. Nakian stated that a state mandate requires a user charge system designed to produce adequate revenues required for the operation and maintenance of the water pollution control facility. She added that this means that the city must approve a budget which accomplishes this and the Board must approve rates that will raise the money to fund the budget. Rep. Nakian stated that there is no leeway in this policy, according to the State. She added that in the Committee meeting, it was noted that the State has given Stamford considerable latitude in allowing for Board approval of the WPCA budget as part of the City budget process. Additionally, it was the opinion of both Corporation Counsel and the Director of Operations that the State would not look favorably upon Stamford providing for an added step in this process, i.e., rate approval by the Board.

Rep. Nakian stated that adding additional provisions to the rate structure could trigger the State into intervening by holding the City to certain staffing, funding and maintenance requirements. She added that this has occurred in Bridgeport, and they were required to hire a large number of additional people to run their facility. Rep. Nakian stated that Stamford, because of its past record in running the plant, has been allowed to do it with fewer people than would be necessary under the State's very stringent directives. The Committee discussed the issue and decided that the best thing for the City would be to leave the process as it is now.

Rep. Nakian also stated that Mrs. Broom was asked if she still stood by her earlier promise to present with the budget the proposed rate schedule, and Mrs. Broom answered yes. Rep. Nakian stated that this year's problems resulted from inaccurate rate information collected from the Water Company. However, at the beginning of the next billing cycle, accurate information will allow the rate to be based on two actual winter quarters, and next year's budget should be the actual rate rather than a proposed rate.

19. [LR25.056](#) REVIEW; of Ordinance 8-4 and Board of Finance Policy No. 15.0 regarding review and approval process for all non-city capital projects. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
01/20/99 - Submitted by Mary Lou Rinaldi, Chair,
Board of Finance
02/22/99 - Held in Committee

20. [LR25.057](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; **for publication**; **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
amending Chapter 140 of the Code of Ordinances to create a graffiti abatement program in the Downtown Special Services District.
02/01/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
02/22/99 - Held in Committee

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
(Report) Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 1999. Present were Committee Member Reps. Skigen, Fedeli, Gasparrini, Loglisci, Owens, and Spandow. Representatives Fortunato, MacInnis, and Lasko were excused. Also present were Director of Human Resources Jim Haselkamp; Assistant Director of Human Resources Bill Stover; Personnel Specialist Fred Manfredonia; Board of Education Personnel Director Fay Rutolo; and Board of Education Affirmative Action Coordinator Howard Jennings.

1. [P25.040](#) APPROVAL; of agreement with Custodians' Union. **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**
12/11/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/19/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/01/99 - Held in Committee
02/24/99 - Committee Approved 6-0-0

Chair Skigen reported that the contract is in line with similar contracts.

2. [P25.028](#) REVIEW; of City of Stamford Affirmative Action Plan. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
08/07/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
09/16/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda
02/01/99 - Report Made
02/24/99 - Report Made

LAND USE COMMITTEE Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
(Report) Patrick White, Co-Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 1999
7:15 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Sherer stated that the Land Use Committee met on Wednesday, February 2, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. Present were Committee Member Reps. Nakian, O'Neill, Shapiro, Sherer, Spandow, White, and Loglisci.

1. [LU25.020](#) APPROVAL; of lease agreement between the City of Stamford and Avalon Bay Communities, Inc. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
01/27/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/11/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
02/03/99 - Approved by Planning Board
02/24/99 - Committee Approved 7-0-0

Chair Sherer stated that the lease agreement is for a small parcel of land and will be used by the construction company for a staging area for its building project.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Susan Nabel, Vice Chair
No Meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 1999(cancelled)
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(Report) 6:30 p.m. - March 1, 1999

Chair Fortunato stated that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on met on Monday, March 1, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee Reps. Corelli, DePina, Lyons, MacInnis, Movilio, O'Neill, Poltrack, Skigen, Terenzio and Fortunato. Representative Deluca was excused. Also present, Frank Fedeli.

1. PS25.015 REVIEW; of street opening ordinance, fiber optic moratorium and ordinance and City's ability to purchase its lighting system. **REPORT MADE**
02/04/99 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato
03/01/99 - Report Made

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 1999
7:30 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, February 17, 1999. Present were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Imbrogno, Lyons, Nabel, O'Neill, Sherer. Also present were Rep. Giordano; Mike Dale, E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course; Mickey Docimo, Office of Operation; Members of the Golf Commission; Moira McNulty and Laurie Albano, Office of Operations; Andrew McDonald, Corporation Council; and Susan Elan, Stamford Advocate.

1. [PR25.021](#) APPROVAL; of E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course **APPROVED**
1999 rates and winter 1999 rates. **BY VOICE**
01/19/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **VOTE***
02/17/99 - Committee approved 6-0-0

Rep. Fedeli states that the Parks & Recreation Commission proposed a \$1.00 increase across-the-board of all rates for 1999, with no increases to the permit or golf cart fees. The Commission also discussed the matter of E. Gaynor Brennan becoming one of the entities which the City has designated to be self-sufficient, meaning the revenue that they generate must support the Golf Course, including any capital projects. Rep. Fedeli added that there is major work that needs to be done to the 19th hole building, so part of the revenue has to go to a capital project fund. She added that the course made a profit of approximately \$175,000 last year, even though they were down 2,500 rounds from the year before. Other matters discussed including the ratio of the rates for 18 holes v. 9 holes, and the Commission felt that this was fair in comparison to other area courses. Rep. Fedeli also stated that non-residents account for 14% of the rounds and 30% of the revenue and senior play accounts for 11,000 rounds. Rep. Fedeli moved the rates as submitted; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he is not in favor of the \$1.00 increase in all green fees, not because he is against the \$1, but because it is the principle of charging Stamford residents (especially senior citizens) more money to play golf in addition to higher property taxes and water pollution control authority fees. Rep. Zelinsky suggested an increase in the fees for non-residents and leaving the resident fees the same. Rep. Zelinsky moved that the non-resident rates increase by \$2.00 and leaving resident rates the same. Said motion was seconded.

* Rep. Zelinsky moved to amend the fees by restoring all fees back to their original rate and raising all non-resident fees by \$2; said motion was seconded by Rep. Lasko. Rep. Zelinsky then withdrew his motion and moved to return the item to committee; Rep. Lasko's second was not withdrawn; Rep. Zelinsky's motion to return to committee was seconded. The motion to return to committee failed by voice vote. The motion to amend the fees failed by machine vote (5-30-0). The main motion (i.e., to approve the fees as submitted) was approved by machine vote (29-3-4 - see attached vote record).

To clarify, Rep. Zelinsky stated the fees, with the \$2.00 increase for non-residents, would be: non-residents, weekdays -- 18 Holes \$30, 9 Holes \$20, Twilight \$19, and Junior \$12. Weekends, non-residents -- 18 Holes \$35, Twilight \$20, and Junior \$14.

Rep. Martin asked what percentage of rounds are non-residents. Rep. Fedeli states that 14% of the rounds are non-resident. Rep. Martin stated that with 86% of the play by residents, Rep. Zelinsky's proposal would result in a significant shortfall in terms of revenues.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the Golf Commission will sustain some extra costs now that is to be free standing. Rep. Fedeli said this was correct, and that they now have to pay for benefits, social security and other payroll expenses.

Rep. Loglisci stated that the increase in fees is necessary in order for them to try and stay even with some of the costs that they are going to incur. Rep. Fedeli stated that their intent is to start to at least take some of the revenue they generate and put it aside toward capital projects that they believe are coming quite soon.

Rep. Zelinsky withdrew his amendment and instead moved that the item be returned to Committee, so that the Committee could go back to the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission to ascertain how much non-resident rates would have to be increased in order to generate the same amount of revenue. Said motion was seconded and failed by voice vote.

A vote was then held on the amendment proposed by Rep. Zelinsky; i.e., to raise non-resident rates by \$2; said motion failed 5-29-0.

Chair Fedeli again moved the recommended \$1 increase on fees as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated that he does not have a problem with the fees but that he has a problem with the fact that the administration insists on E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course being self-sustaining. Rep. DeLuca asked why the golfers should pick up the capital improvements for the 19th Hole Restaurant especially because the restaurant makes a profit that it doesn't share with the golf course. Yet, the administration is saying that whatever profit made from the golfers go to pay for capital improvements of the golf courses and the restaurant. He states that he thinks this is wrong and something should be done.

Rep. Terenzio asked Rep. Fedeli if the owners of the restaurant are responsible for any upkeep of the building. Rep. Fedeli stated that she does not know the answer to that question, however, this matter will be on her agenda next month along with a review of the entire matter of E. Gaynor Brennan as a separate city entity and the ramifications thereof. A vote on the fees as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission was held; said motion was approved by machine vote 28-3-4.

2. PR25.024 REVIEW; of Sections 175-1 and 2 and 158-10 of the **HELD IN**
Code of Ordinances regarding opening and closing **COMMITTEE**

times of City of Stamford parks.
11/16/98 - Submitted by Reps. Nanos and Poltrack
01/21/99 - Held in Committee
02/17/99 - Held in Committee

3. [PR25.027](#) APPROVAL; of 1999 proposed fees for recreation programs and use of marinas. **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
01/27/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
02/17/99 - Committee approved 6-0-0

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
([Report](#))

Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 1999
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Mellis reported that the Education Committee met on Wednesday, February 17, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Reps. Esposito, Giordano, Imbrogno, Nabel, Poltrack, and Mellis. Reps. Green-Carter and Alswanger were absent. Also present were Operations Director, Patricia Broom; and Facilities Manager, Tony Lafaso.

1. E25.020 REVIEW; of acceptable school usage of modular classrooms other than for additional classroom space. **REPORT
MADE**
01/22/99 - Submitted by Reps. Mellis and Loglisci
02/17/99 - Report Made
2. E25.019 REVIEW; of costs of purchasing or moving modular classrooms vs. costs of building on to existing buildings to create classroom space. **REPORT
MADE**
01/22/99 - Submitted by Reps. Mellis and Loglisci
02/17/99 - Report Made

Chair Mellis reported that a written committee report has been provided to all representatives.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 1999
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 1999. Present were Committee Member Reps. Shapiro, Nakian, Summerville, Corelli, and Gasparri.

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
02/25/99 - Report Made

**REPORT
MADE**

Secondary Committee: Land Use

Chair Shapiro stated major items discussed at the meeting included senior housing. He reported that the residents of 26 Main Street were not happy with the alternative sites proposed, which were on either side of 22 Clinton Avenue. The Committee had previously asked the URC to show different sites for the senior housing, and the URC did not come back with any alternatives, rather they came back with reasons why this was the most cost effective place for the housing. The Committee then requested the URC come back with alternative sites, even if the cost would be higher.

Rep. Shapiro stated they also discussed affordable housing, and advised the URC that it wanted to see at least a 10% increase in the affordable housing in the zone. In theory, the URC agrees with that goal and they are looking to build more. The URC believes it needs to increase density in order to provide more affordable units, and is continuing to look at this relationship. The Committee felt that it does not want the area to get overly dense, and it will be watching these numbers.

Rep Shapiro stated the Committee also discussed parking because many members had expressed doubts that there would be adequate parking around the park for people to come and enjoy casual use of it. The URC had advised that there were approximately 125 - 140 spaces designated for casual use. The Committee stated that it would like to see the estimates for the number of park users; in addition the Committee noted that a discrepancy existed in the numbers of estimated parking spaces required for special events. The URC is planning on using existing parking facilities in the area, mainly the UCONN parking lot, the Government Center and perhaps one of the new buildings in blocks 8 and 9.

Rep. Shapiro stated the Committee also discussed the boundaries, and it has yet to decide if Riverbank Motors, Cornerstone Bank, the medical offices and part of Washington Boulevard will be in the zone.

Rep. Loglisci asked what kind of affordable housing the URC is planning; i.e., is it considering \$800 or \$1,800 monthly rents. Rep. Shapiro replied that the URC wants the right to decide the size of the apartments they replace and what the conveniences will be in those apartments.

Rep. Shapiro stated that the definition of affordability is typically about 80% of market rate. Rep. Shapiro noted that theoretically, a \$1,300 1 bedroom apartment would still be expensive at 80% of that amount. Rep. Shapiro stated that this is not the definition that is being considered for this project. The URC is concerned with replacing housing at the same rate and in the same numbers as currently exists in the zone. Currently, the URC is awaiting results from a consulting firm that has gone out into the zone, knocked on doors and talked to tenants and landlords to determine current rents. The URC states it is going to replace removed rentals with rentals that people can actually afford.

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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
Meeting: Saturday, February 13, 1999
9:30 a.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
- and -
Tuesday, February 16, 1999
6:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Mitchell reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on February 13, 1999. Present were Committee Members Reps. Green-Carter, Blackwell, Giordano, Mellis, Gaztambide and Mitchell. Reps. Drucker and Mobilio were excused. Also Present were Sandra Dennies and Tim Beeble.

Chair Mitchell also reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee Members Reps. Blackwell, Drucker, Gaztambide, Giordano, Mellis, Mitchell and Mobilio. Also present were Andrew McDonald and Tim Beeble. Representative Green-Carter was excused.

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| 1. HCD25.18 Resolution | 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
02/16/99 - Held in Committee | HELD IN
COMMITTEE |
| 2. HCD25.012 | REVIEW; of Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances | HELD IN |

concerning Community Development Block Grant funding. **COMMITTEE**
10/08/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mitchell (D-2)
11/04/98 - Held in Committee
12/04/98 - Held in Committee
02/16/99 - Held in Committee

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
No Meeting

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
No Meeting

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

1. H25.001 DISCUSSION; planning for 50th Anniversary Event **REPORT**
for present and former representatives. **MADE**
10/14/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PARKS Lisa Poltrack, Co-chair
Paul Esposito, Co-chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Rep. Esposito reported that the Special Committee on Parks met on Wednesday, February 17, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Esposito, Poltrack, Fedeli, and Imbrogno. Chair Esposito reported that the Special Committee did not have a quorum.

1. Parks25.002 APPROVAL; of Cove Island Pass Fee program. **HELD IN**
01/08/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **COMMITTEE**

SPECIAL REVALUATION COMMITTEE: Maria Nakian, Chair

MINUTES

1. [February 1, 1999 Regular Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

Rep. Fedeli made a correction to the minutes; she stated that she was quoted on the resolution regarding sewer fees as not voting and she states that she voted yes.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos announced that the Sasaki Group will present a draft of their Harbor Study on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at the Lathon Wider Center at 6:30 p.m.
2. President Domonkos announced that the joint Board of Finance/Fiscal Committee public hearing on the budget will be held on March 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Government Center cafeteria.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Representative Zelinsky thanked, on behalf of his mother and himself, those representatives who attended his father's wake and funeral and for the cards and expressions of sympathy he received from all representatives. Rep. Zelinsky further thanked the Board for the basket of fruit and cookie tray. He stated, "your kindness and thoughts are greatly appreciated."

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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