

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Loglisci

“We Pray oh God that we will use the abilities that you have given us in ways that benefit others. We ask your forgiveness when we miss the mark and when we do not act as the people you would have us be. May your precious spirit so touch our lives and the lives of every person that good works may flow from each of us. This is our prayer . 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-one (31) members present; one (1) vacancy and eight (8) members absent or excused. Excused were Reps. Fedeli, Green-Carter, Cannady, Sherer, Exposito, Cannady and Spandow; absent was Rep. Gaztambide.

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

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ELECTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVE: Upon motion duly made by Rep. Blackwell and seconded by Rep. Zelinsky, Mr. Victor Biancardi was nominated to fill the vacancy in the 9th District. President Domonkos declared the nominations closed; Rep. Boccuzzi cast one vote for Rep. Biancardi. Reps. Skigen and Gasparrini abstained. President Domonkos then administered the oath of office.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Charlotte M. Wilson, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Curtis T. Woods, by Rep. Giordano;
Jacqueline M. Waterboy, by Rep. Giordano and Zelinsky;
John F. Kennedy, Jr., by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Lauren Bessette, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Neil Finkelstein, by Reps. Mellis and Zelinsky;
Kristopher A. Buchetto, by Reps. Giordano, Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Verlette A.N. Johnson, by Reps. Giordano and Zelinsky;
John Maffucci, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
Carmelo DeCarlo, by Rep. Loglisci;
Vito Tortora, by Rep. Loglisci;
Annette A. Antonelli, by Reps. Loglisci and Corelli;
Dr. Louis DeFrancesco, by Rep. Loglisci;
Mary Kocot, by Rep. Loglisci;
Harry L. Bafundi, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky;
John Vincze, by Rep. Loglisci;
Patricia M. Pesiri, by Reps. Loglisci and Zelinsky; and
Thomas D. Roche, by Rep. Loglisci.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 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.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair

No meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE
(Report)

David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 19, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday July 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Reps. Martin, Owens, Poltrack, DeLuca, Giordano, Loglisci, Mellis, Nanos, Shapiro and Sherer.

1. [F25.150](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **HELD IN**
\$1,000,000.00 Administration, Year 2000 Compliance; to replace **COMMITTEE**
existing computer chips at Board of Education; to
upgrade computer fueling system for Operations; to
upgrade Operations facilities.
02/28/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/09/99 - Approved by Planning Board
03/30/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
04/05/99 - \$50,000 approved, \$1,000,000 Held
07/06/99 - Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: Administration & Technology

2. F25.182 REVIEW; of liquid waste capital investment study by **REPORT**
WPCA. **MADE**
06/11/99 - Submitted by Rep. Martin
07/06/99 - Report Made

Secondary Committee: Operations

Rep. Martin stated that the overall report was well-studied and well-prepared and resulted in a recommendation that, for a variety of reasons, the City should move forward with the planned expansion, the nitrogen reduction program and the removal of the contaminated soil. Regarding the Board's concerns whether any of these projects can be postponed or whether the costs can be reduced, they recommended that the City be very careful in negotiating this expansion with the State, especially in view of the City's upcoming permits for nitrogen reduction.

In addition, it was revealed that the State requires approval of sewer connections for large construction projects, and there is some question as to whether the City has been complying with these requirements. Secondly, there is some concern that the planned capacity for the plant expansion may not be sufficient for the City. Jeannette Brown will be looking into this further as well as reviewing the growth over the last five years.

President Domonkos stated that there is a marketing study that has been done and that tentative approval has been given to a pelletizing facility that will be added to the sewage

treatment plant. This pelletizing facility will provide a means for disposing of the sludge after it has been processed. President Domonkos added that another consultant has recommended that Stamford utilize pelletizing, which produces a form of fertilizer which then can be sold or used by citizens in the community. President Domonkos stated that the Board had a marketing study done in order to make sure the fertilizer would be marketable, and that Stamford would not have to pay to have it hauled away. This marketing study has just been received, and President Domonkos added that if anyone would like a copy of the study, he/she should contact the Board office.

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| 3. F25.183
\$4,800.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Operations, Leisure Services Administration; Overtime. to cover overtime expenses associated with the Babe Ruth World Series Event.
07/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/99 - Committee defeated 2-8-0 | FAILED BY
MACHINE
VOTE (6-25-1) |
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Chair Martin moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that for some reason the newspaper seemed to portray those that were opposed to this appropriation as being against using City funds for Babe Ruth, and that this is not the fact. Rep. Loglisci stated he wanted to reiterate that since the department has overtime funds currently available, he felt that the department should expend those funds before requesting an additional appropriation.

The item failed by a machine vote 6-25-1.

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| 4. F25.184
\$7,012.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Health Department; WIC; Salaries; increase to allow for expanded hours of work for the Spanish speaking nutrition aide; source of funds: grant.
07/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/99 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

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| 5. F25.185
\$383.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Health Department; WIC; increase to grant to pay for seasonal clerical help; source of funds: grant.
07/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance | APPROVED
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07/19/99 - Committee approved 10-0-0

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| 6. F25.186
\$125,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Weed and Seed; funds to pay for overtime, conferences, training and travel, office supplies and will subcontract funds to CTE for training and job placement; source of funds: grant.
07/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/99 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

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| 7. F25.187
\$200,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Brownfields Job Training; Contracted Services; to provide for 35 individuals from target areas to be trained in environmental technology; source of funds: Federal Environmental Protection Agency grant.
07/01/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/99 - Committee approved 10-0-0 | APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE |
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Secondary Committee: Land Use

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Chair martin moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. O'Neill stated that he is extremely pleased that Stamford has received this grant, and supports the vital mission of cleaning up our brownfields. Rep. O'Neill added that he is dismayed that individuals who live outside of the target area are not eligible to receive this training, and he feels it is important that individuals who need work and/or training, regardless of where they live, should be eligible for these jobs and should be able to apply for them.

The item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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| 8. F25.188
\$251,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Smith House; to fund 1998-1999 deficits in salary, overtime and permanent part time accounts; source of funds: revenues.
07/08/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | APPROVED
BY MACHINE
VOTE (24-6-1) |
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07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/99 - Committee approved 7-2-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

Rep. Martin moved the item; said motion was seconded . Rep. Martin stated that this item will fund previously-approved contract settlements that were actually approved a year ago. Rep. Martin added that Smith House management failed to come forward with the required appropriation request at that time, and these deficits were discovered at the close of the fiscal year.

Rep. Martin added that this request is to fund the deficit. During the Committee's meeting, the AFL-CIO, the union representing some of the workers at Smith House, raised concerns regarding the intended use of state funds that are coming to Stamford and Smith House. These funds were recently appropriated by the State and are intended to supplement staff and/or increase wages. While this matter was raised by the AFL-CIO, the fact is that this appropriation is entirely related to the contract that was approved approximately one year ago and has nothing to do with the State funds.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he is going to vote against the item because he thinks it is premature; he added that after listening to the concerns of the Union, he feels the Committee does not have all of the facts nor does it know all of the ramifications of appropriating these funds. Further, he added that he does not believe this is an emergency expenditure.

The item was approved by machine vote (24-6-1).

9. [F25.189](#)
\$73,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Smith House; Smith House; transfer to General Fund; to revise annual 98-99 budget to reflect increased expenditures; source of funds: revenues.
07/08/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/08/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/19/99 - Committee approved 7-2-0

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE (Reps.
Day, Imbrogno,
Loglisci, Corelli,
Mobilio and
DeLuca opposed)**

Secondary Committee: Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Concur

Rep. Martin moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin reported that in 1998-999 the City began charging various departments in the City expenses related to risk management that were associated with those departments. While the same charges were calculated for Smith House, the expense was never worked into the budget. Thus, this actually amends the budget created a year ago, as has been done this year, basically making a correction to that budget to account for the risk management funds that are associated with operating the facility. Rep. Martin added that the Committee voted in favor (7-2-0).

Said item was approved by voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 4, 5 and 6, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE Maria Nakian, Chair
(Report) William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 26, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday July 26, 1999 at 7:00. Present were Committee Members Reps. Nakian, MacInnis, Gasparrini, Skigen, Spandow, Day, Sherer and Fedeli. Rep. Mitchell was excused. Also present was Rep. Shapiro, Loglisci, Giordano, Lyons and Andrew McDonald, Corporation Council. A public hearing was held on Nos. 3, 6 and 7 and 2 people who spoke in favor of number 3 the TV Camera ordinance.

1. LR25.061 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; **APPROVED BY**
amending Chapter 194 of the Code of Ordinances **UNANIMOUS**
regarding Closing Out Sales. **VOICE VOTE**
04/09/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
04/26/99 - Held in committee
05/17/99 - Held in Committee

Chair Nakian moved the item; said motion was seconded. Chair Nakian moved an amendment to the ordinance as follows:

Section 194-3.B.: The application fee is changed from \$500 to \$100. Section 194-3.C. is amended to read: "... such stock of goods, ware or merchandise or until the date on which the state license expires, whichever is sooner."

Said amendment was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. The main motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. [LR25.058](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; for **HELD IN**
property located at 1616 Washington Boulevard and **COMMITTEE**
owned by Friends of Laurel House.
03/11/99 - Submitted by Elyse Deutscher, Laurel Hse.
05/03/99 - Approved for publication
05/17/99 - Held in Committee
06/28/99 - Held in Committee
07/26/99 - Held in Committee

3. LR25.062 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption;
limiting the use of traffic cameras.
04/09/99 - Submitted by Rep. Jim Shapiro
04/26/99 - Held in committee
06/28/99 - Committee approved 6-3-0
07/26/99 - Committee approved 6-1-1
- APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE
(Reps. Giordano,
MacInnis and
Lyons opposed;
Rep. Nakian
abstained)**

Chair Nakian moved the item; said motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

4. LR25.087 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;
amending Chapter 220 of the Code of Ordinances to
provide eligibility for tax abatements for newly
qualifying organizations.
05/12/99 - Submitted by Steering Committee
06/28/99 - Held in Committee
07/26/99 - Committee approved 8-0-0
- APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

5. LR25.088 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication;
precluding any member of the Board of
Representatives from serving on any board,
commission or authority whose members are
appointed by the Board of Representatives.
06/07/99 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos
06/28/99 - Held in Committee
07/26/99 - Committee defeated 4-4-0
- APPROVED
BY MACHINE
VOTE (23-8-0)**

Chair Nakian moved the item; said motion was seconded. Chair Nakian moved to amend the item as follows: ** Under 1) Dual Office Holding Prohibited: delete the words “approval or”. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Day stated that he strongly opposed this ordinance as he believes the ordinance is a remedy in search of a problem. Rep. Day is concerned that the Board is providing some rationale for what it did with respect to Dr. Conrad. Rep. Day stated that if this issue has to do with potential conflict, he will take the position that conflicts abound in this City and government in general. Therefore, he states, the solution generally is disclosure, and if there are abuses that result from dual service, there are remedies. Rep. Day stated these remedies include the Board taking action against itself, the press can pick up any abuse, and the voters can chose not to elect someone if they do not like what was done.

Rep. Day added that this Board passes on a number of appointments for individuals that it has little information about. Rep. Day stated that the Board at least knows its own members as well as the other people it approves, and that surely this Board knows whether one of its

members are qualified to serve in a different capacity. Further, this Board should be able to evaluate whether a particular members is able to address issues of conflict and therefore can act responsibly.

Rep. Day stated that he does not feel the City is well-served by this ordinance; he feels that the City is best served by allowing qualified good people to devote time, energy and commitment for the betterment of this City. Rep. Day added that the reality is there are far too few people willing to serve, and he does not feel this ordinance is in the City's best interest.

Rep. MacInnis stated that it is very important that the Board pass this particular ordinance because, in its history, the Board has never named one of its own to a board or commission. Rep. MacInnis stated that all the Board is doing tonight is codifying tradition, putting into ordinance what has been the Board's past practice for fifty years. Rep. MacInnis added that many state legislatures, including Connecticut, has passed laws banning dual office holding, and added that it is interesting to read the tenor of the debates leading to the passage of these laws. These debates focus on the potential misuse of the legislative body to obtain appointments as rewards for political favors and party loyalty. Third, Rep. MacInnis stated that these laws are intended to prevent the concentration of governmental power in the hands of a few.

Rep. MacInnis added that participation in local government should be broadened, not narrowed. Therefore, Rep. MacInnis stated that the argument that not enough volunteers can be located to fill vacancies may have some truth, but not much. Rep. MacInnis stated that we now have more than 170 Stamford citizens serving on various boards and commissions, and he feels that in the City with more than 100,000 more can be found. Rep. MacInnis stated that he feels part of the problem is the process, especially in that some 14,000 unaffiliated voters, or 29% of the electorate, are excluded. Rep. MacInnis proposed a task force, consisting of representatives of the major parties and the mayor's office, be formed to ensure that some unaffiliated voters are appointed to some of the major boards and commissions. For these reasons and for the sake of democracy in action and good government, Rep. MacInnis urged the passage of this ordinance.

Rep. Loglisci stated that this matter has never been a problem in Stamford and perhaps the Board is looking for a problem. Rep. Loglisci stated he does not know anyone on the this Board who has the power to put people in positions of power, and he feels the Board shouldn't compare itself to state and national groups, which have their hands in a lot more things and function as sources of money. Rep. Loglisci stated this Board just takes what is given to it and distributes it evenly; it also tries to create ordinances to see that the City is run properly. Rep. Loglisci stated he is going to vote against the ordinance.

Rep. Loglisci added that if we don't include all the other elected boards, whether it be the Boards of Education, Board of Finance and other commissions, we shouldn't single ourselves out as the exception to the rule.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that this ordinance is not necessary. He stated that in the history of the Stamford Board of Representatives there have been only two situations that have occurred concerning this matter. Rep. Zelinsky stated that unfortunately there are never enough citizens who want to serve on boards or commissions because of family and work conflicts. Therefore, Rep. Zelinsky stated, if there are individuals who have the time and want to volunteer it in a dual situation, so as long as they are qualified and there is no apparent conflict of interest, he/she should be allowed to do so, with the consent of the Board of Representatives.

Rep. Zelinsky added that we do not know what the future holds in store for us, and this ordinance may come to haunt us in the near future. He stated that the members of all boards and commissions, including the Board of Representatives, serve without any compensation in an effort to better our Stamford community and its residents.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that Section 1 of this proposed ordinance prohibits dual office holding and Section 2 exempts certain representatives who, because of charter requirements or by ordinance or resolution have to sit on other appointed boards and commissions. This language contradicts the purpose and the intent of the ordinance. He stated that this ordinance is an overkill of something that may or may not happen in the future. Rep. Zelinsky stated that he believes the individuals that serve on our Board are intelligent and respected individuals who will not misuse their office. Rep. Zelinsky added that members of state legislative bodies receive annual salaries and we do not. Rep. Zelinsky stated he will not vote to approve this ordinance.

Rep. Martin stated that it is unthinkable that we should ever consider dual office holding, and until recently he had not thought this was a problem either. Rep. Martin stated that as Mr. MacInnis pointed out, there are a number of states that have similar legislation for very basic and fundamental reasons. Rep. Martin stated that he feels the Board had a wake up call here, and the Board should not wait for a problem to occur. Rep. Martin stated that the Board cannot support the possibility that some mayor, in conjunction with some group or members of this Board, find itself deciding that the members themselves want to be on different boards and commissions. Rep. Martin stated that after we have crossed a certain line, it will become very hard for us to get back as this Board fights a battle such as this with the support of a Mayor who is busy appointing members of this Board. Rep. Martin agreed that this is not a big problem for today, but we have received a wake up call. Rep. Martin added that he believes this ordinance is appropriate.

Rep. Martin, addressing Rep. Loglisci's concerns regarding including other boards, agrees we should in that he does not feel that anyone from any other board or commission should hold dual office. Rep. Martin stated he is in favor of the ordinance.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he is in favor of this ordinance. He stated that none of us wants to sit through what happened a few months ago. Rep. Boccuzzi added that this matter has nothing to do with compensation for board members or whether there are adequate numbers of citizens willing to serve. He added that in a City of 107,000, there has got to be enough people who are willing to serve in some capacity.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that the problem is members of this Board voting to put one of its own members on another board. He feels that this Board is a legislative body that deals with legislation, approving of the City's budget, and its members should not be concerning themselves with sitting on other boards or commissions. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that what this ordinance does is stop this right now.

Rep. Lyons stated that he keeps hearing people cloak the opposition of this ordinance behind the lack of eligible and smart people to fill these positions. He feels that they are actually talking about ineffective or attendance-related problems of those appointed to some of these positions. Rep. Lyons agrees that there is a shortage in filling these positions, however, a vote against this ordinance is a clear vote for potential conflict of interest. Rep. Lyons added that it strikes squarely against the core principles of this legislative body and the people who sent us from our districts. Rep. Lyons stated that voters did not send us here to sit on boards and commissions, they sent us here to be a member of the Board of Representatives. Rep. Lyons stated that if you vote against this ordinance, it is voting against the legislative principles of this body.

Rep. Loglisci stated that this is not personal, and it certainly is not a vote against our constituents. Rep. Loglisci stated he believes that this is a matter that can be looked at from both sides and can be argued one way or another. He stated that people who don't see shortages should note that there are people serving on boards well after their time has expired because we have been unable to replace them. Rep. Loglisci added that some people have stated that the parties stand in the way of other individuals who want to sit on boards.

Rep. Loglisci added that he does not look to serve on any other board while he is a member of the Board of Representatives, however he is looking at it in perspective – we are always beating on ourselves but we not looking at some of the other boards nor are we looking at the people who serve on some of those boards – to see if they have conflicts. Rep. Loglisci stated he does not feel the Mayor will be looking to place us on other boards or commissions, and that is why he has a problem with this.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he has to agree with Rep. Loglisci in that he does not want to sit on any other board or commission, as most representatives probably feel. However, Rep. Boccuzzi asked that everyone consider who will be sitting on this Board in five years, and are they all going to feel the same way as we do. Rep. Boccuzzi stated we are protecting this City and the Board down the road by saying we are not going to have a small group of people, not only voting on money and legislation, but also on land use and other items.

Rep. Day stated that with respect to the arguments made, specifically Rep. Martin's statement that this is a wake up call, the fact that the situation is so rare and so hypothetical is a reason why we don't need the legislation. Rep. Day added that what we are doing is depriving ourselves of the rare occasion when it may be tremendously advantageous for the City, because of the unique qualities and capabilities of an individual who is willing to devote his/her time and effort. Rep. Day stated he against the underlying reason in approving legislation to assure that this body in the future never commits abuses. He added that the

reason for enacting an ordinance or not enacting an ordinance has to do with public policy now and in the future, and this is a balancing issue. Rep. Day added that we ought to preserve for ourselves this ability, in the occasional unique situation when where we as a city benefit by the talents and devotion and commitment of an individual.

Rep. Nakian stated that even if one of us was the best qualified person in the City to sit on another boards or commission, she would still be against it. She stated that she can't think of anything more contrary to the concept of a free and open government, and that if a less qualified individual is appointed, it would be worth the benefit of our government being spread among various people and boards and commissions, and each part of government can make its own decisions. Rep. Nakian added that that if members of this body are sitting on other boards and commissions, decisions will get melted together, there won't be the same freedom, and co-representatives will look upon that person differently. Rep. Nakian stated that we would have to constantly think how a position, idea, or vote differs from the person holding a position on this or that board.

Rep. Nakian also stated that if there are not enough people to fill all these positions, the answer is not for us to fill them, the answer is to open up the system even further by accepting independent, unaffiliated voters. Rep. Nakian added that it is just not that there are no other people in the City to serve, it is that the government has put restraints on who can serve. She stated she is entirely in favor of this ordinance, and added that she would agree to amending the ordinance to include all elected persons.

Rep. Martin moved the question; said motion was seconded and the item was approved by voice vote.

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| 6. LR25.089 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ;
Amending Chapter 40, Article I of the Code of
Ordinances concerning the Position of Risk Manager.
07/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
07/26/99 - Committee approved 8-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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| 7. LR25.090 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for final adoption</u> ;
Amending Chapter 40, Article III of the Code of
Ordinances concerning miscellaneous provisions.
07/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian
07/26/99 - Committee approved 8-0-0 | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
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| 8. LR25.091 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u> ;
amending Chapter 40, Article XVI of the Code of
Ordinances concerning the Director of Parks and
Recreation.
07/06/99 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian | APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA |

07/26/99 - Committee approved 6-0-0

9. [LR25.092](#) RESOLUTION; concerning suggested ways to finance the purchase of open space in Connecticut. **FAILED BY MACHINE VOTE (6-22-4)**
06/17/99 - Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
07/26/99 - Committee defeated 0-6-0

Chair Nakian moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated he encouraged the board to vote in favor of this resolution, especially in light of recent news coverage of the fact that Connecticut has the highest tax burden of any state in the country. Rep. DeLuca stated that earlier Rep. Martin talked of a “wake up call” regarding dual office holding, and that, in essence, the property owners of Stamford received a wake up call when the State attempted to pass a bill tacking on an additional conveyance tax. Rep. DeLuca stated he has heard arguments that the issue is moot because the State did not act on it, however, he is concerned that in the next session Senator Jepsen will resurrect the bill.

Rep. DeLuca stated he has also heard arguments that Stamford should not get involved in telling the State what to do, however, he feels we should be active in telling the State that the City of Stamford is not interested in any additional taxes. Rep. DeLuca recalled when Stamford made recommendations regarding the helicopter regulations, which resulted in enhanced fines.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the resolution tells the State that there are alternative ways to acquire open space. He added that the State has a habit of just adding taxes without the public realizing what is going on. For example, he cited the State’s recent education tax on building permits.

Rep. DeLuca stated by passing this resolution, the Board will be acting proactively. Rep. DeLuca recalled the Board’s retreat wherein representatives were advised to become more proactive and not wait until things happen.

The resolution failed by machine vote 6-22-4.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 4, 6, 7, and 8, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Randall Skigen, Chair
Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, July 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Reps. Loglisci, Fortunato, MacInnis, Gasparrini,

Cannady, and Skigen. Also present, were Bill Stover, Fred Manfredonia, from Human Resources Department and Debra Schmidt from Smith House.

1. [P25.056](#) APPROVAL; of a tentative agreement with the Registered Nurses Union AFSCME #465 to roll over the current contract for one year with a three percent wage increase. **APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**
07/08/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/15/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/28/99 - Committee approved on Consent

2. [P25.028](#) REVIEW; of City of Stamford Affirmative Action Plan. **REPORT
MADE**
08/07/98 - Submitted by President Domonkos
09/16/98 - Placed on Pending Agenda
02/24/99 - Report Made
03/10/99 - Placed on Pending Agenda
07/28/99 - Report Made

Rep. Skigen stated that all representatives have received a copy of the Power Point slides that Fred Manfredonia presented. Rep. Skigen reported that the bottom line is the plan had called to hire 24 minorities in the first 6 months of 1999, and the City was successful in hiring 23 minorities. Rep. Skigen explained that while the recruiting had been successful, the actual numbers of minority employees is only up by 9 even, despite the hiring of 23 minority employees due to the loss of many minority employees.

Rep. Skigen added that they were not able to find out exactly what positions were vacated by existing minority employees, however the information has been requested and Human Resources will provide it to the Committee. Rep. Skigen stated that retention is always important, and the Committee asked that exit interviews be conducted to determine the reason for resignations.

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
([Report](#)) Patrick White, Co-Chair
Meeting: Thursday, July 29, 1999
7:30 p.m.- Democratic Caucus Room

Chair White states that the Land Use Committee met on Thursday, July 29, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Committee members Reps. Loglisci, Nakian, O'Neill, Sherer and White. Also present was Ellen Bromley.

1. [LU25.026](#) RESOLUTION; Discontinuing a portion of Pressprich Street and Southfield Village Court. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
06/16/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/29/99 - Committee Approved Consent

Chair White stated that all representatives have been provided a report.

Chair White moved Item No. 1, LU25.026; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Susan Nabel, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair Owens states that the Operations Committee met on Wednesday, July 28, 1999 at 7:00. Present were Committee member Reps. Nanos, Owens, Imbrogno, Lyons, and Zelinsky. Also present Rep. Domonkos.

1. [O25.020](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption; concerning assessment of sewer projects. **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Owens opposed)**
06/11/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
06/24/99 - Committee approved 5-1-0
07/28/99 - Committee approved 4-1-0

Rep. Owens moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Owens stated that many property owners came to this public hearing, and most of them were from the Clay Hill area, where sewers are proposed.

Rep. Owens stated that the Committee amended the ordinances draft dated June 11, 1999. Rep. Owens moved the amendment by adding Item No. 4 that reads: "The City may establish repayment schedules for benefit assessments in equal annual installments for a period of not less than ten (10) years and not more than twenty (20) years." Said motion was seconded. Rep. Owens stated that the Committee felt the amendment was not

significant enough to require republication. The amendment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The item was approved by voice vote, as amended.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH
COMMITTEE**
(Report)

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Corelli states that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Wednesday, July 28, 1999. Present were committee Deluca, Lyons, MacInnis, O'Neill, Poltrack, Skigen and Fortunato.

1. PS25.019 UPDATE; regarding Stamford Health System **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
(formerly Stamford Hospital).
04/07/99 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato
06/07/99 - Held in Committee
07/27/99 - Held in Committee

2. [PS25.021](#) APPROVAL; of SEMS Contract and lease. **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
07/14/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel. P. Malloy
07/15/99 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/27/99 - Committee approved 6-0-0

Chair Corelli moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Skigen moved to vote to hold this item because of two concerns of the Committee. He stated that the first, Section 3.1A that states the City is going to pay the full amount of the contract within ten days of the execution of the contract. Rep. Skigen stated the Committee wanted to work out a payment schedule calling for quarterly or bi-annually payments in order to maintain some managerial control. Rep. Skigen reported the second concern, Section 3.1B, where the language says if the City renews the contract with SEMS they will pay the prior year's funding amount within ten days of July 1st, even if the funding is not approved by July 1st.

Rep. Martin stated that he concurs with Rep. Skigen's motion, and he hopes they can get quarterly payments. Rep. Martin added that quarterly payments may slightly increase the amount the City has to pay SEMS due to a loss of interest income.

3. PS25.022 REVIEW; accomplishments of Stamford Fire and **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
Rescue during the past year.
7/14/99 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE Herman P. Alswanger, Co-Chair
Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Ellen Mellis, Chair
Philip Giordano, Vice Chair

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Jim Shapiro, Chair
Joseph Gasparini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Shapiro reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, July 21, 1999. Present were committee members Reps. Shapiro, Nanos, Nakian, Fedeli, Corelli, Loglisci, and Domonkos. Also present were Steve Osmond, URC Staff, Reverend Winton Hill, and Phil McCain, CTE.

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| 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
05/03/99 - Report Made
07/21/99 - Report Made | REPORT
MADE |
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Secondary Committee: Land Use

Rep. Shapiro reported that this area has been declared eligible because it contains an adequate amount of substandard housing. This substandard housing depends on the definition of "deficiency" and housing can be deficient for a number of reasons, some of which aren't necessarily glaring or particularly hazardous. Rep. Shapiro stated that the redevelopment is driving this area to being declared substandard, and, in addition, there are other factors that are contributing to the delineation of this area, including environmental hazards, and the fact that this area is within the 100 year flood plain. Rep. Shapiro added that only one building in the entire zone is compliant with the new flood plain regulations, the Senior Center at 26 Main Street. Further, the URC has labeled certain commercial uses as being inconsistent with the type of neighborhood, in particular, gas stations and parking lots and garages.

Rep. Shapiro stated that most of the committee believes the URC report and feels that this area would probably be eligible for urban revitalization, but he thought it would be useful if

members actually took a tour of the Mill River Corridor. The URC has agreed to conduct such a tour.

Rep. Shapiro reported that the Committee reviewed the Affordability Study, and it confirmed a lot of the beliefs about the Mill River project. Many people with lower incomes reside in this area, with approximately 85% of those responding to the Study earning than \$45,000. Other items of note include: 1) the neighborhood was not as crowded as expected and has an average of about 3.2 people per unit, although there was some over crowding in certain buildings; 2) households have about 1.5 cars each, which means parking is going to be very important in this area; 3) a modest but significant home ownership component exists with about 32 of the 152 units owned; 4) people are paying a variety of rents, for example, a one bedroom runs between \$400 - \$900 a month. Rep. Shapiro stated that this Study is an important component to the project. Rep. Shapiro added that the Committee was encouraged in that the URC reconfirmed its position by stating it would find housing for the people in this zone at the rents they are paying now. The URC added that the rents will not necessarily be what the tenants could or should pay so that people would not experience a jolt as soon as the new housing is built. Rep. Shapiro added that another positive outcome from this review occurred through Reverend Hill's participation, and the Committee is thinking about other ways of achieving affordable housing through public private partnerships and/or non-profit partnerships. Rep. Shapiro stated that groups such as New Neighborhoods understand the people and have the people's best interests in mind. Rep. Shapiro inquired as to the issue of how long the affordability will last, and it is up to the Board to determine that.

Rep. Shapiro also reported that the residents in the Mill River area are concerned about where they are going to live and how they are going to be treated under this plan. He stated that it is important that the URC, who is ultimately responsible for drafting this plan, understands these concerns and disseminates truthful and comforting statements to the people in the area.

Rep. Loglisci stated that one of the plans for financing the purchase of land is through Tax Incremental Financing. Rep. Loglisci illustrated this financing: the Dreyfuss property currently brings in \$100,000 in tax revenue, a building is erected and this would bring in \$1,000,000, the difference between the \$100,000 and \$1,000,000, or \$900,000, is placed in a fund which is used as a basis for borrowing thereby maintaining the City's financial strength. Rep. Loglisci stated that the concept is that whatever income is generated through the project would be converted to pay off the bonds and would be set aside in a side budget (like the WPCA budget). Rep. Loglisci stated that if this type of funding is used and if the project runs into a tough time, income cannot be created from that area.

Rep. Summerville stated that she was excused from the URC Committee meeting due to a meeting with the Nominating Committee of the Democratic City Committee on the same night.

President Domonkos requested that Rep. Shapiro coordinate the tour; she also advised that there is a book listing each property in the proposed area with each property assessed by Mr. Steinberg as to whether it is standard or substandard.

Rep. DeLuca asked if Mr. Steinberg prepared the book himself or whether he hired consultants. Rep. Shapiro stated that he is under the impression that Mr. Steinberg prepared the book on his own, noting that Mr. Steinberg is qualified to do so. President Domonkos stated that there was a list of independent criteria. Rep. Shapiro stated that it looks pretty easy under the statute to create a zone in that the requirements are not very descriptive and give broad discretion on creating a zone. President Domonkos stated that in August of 1998 a report was provided to the Board that outlines the criteria for the zone; any representative requiring a copy, entitled the Mill River Corridor Project Delineation and Eligibility Report, should let Valerie know.

Rep. Summerville asked Rep. Shapiro how the URC learned of income levels of residents. Rep. Shapiro replied that a phone poll was conducted, and consultants knocked on doors and talked to residents.

President Domonkos thanked Rep. Shapiro for his hard work as well as that of the Committee.

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

Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Vincent Mobilio, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 26, 1999
6:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

No report.

1. [HCD25.012](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for final adoption;
amending Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances
concerning Community Development Block Grant
funding.
10/08/98 - Submitted by Rep. Mitchell (D-2)
06/22/99 - Committee approved 5-0-0 **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

2. [HCD25.026](#) APPROVAL; of a request by the Housing
Development Assistance Fund (HDF) to assign Year
24 and 25 funds for the Adopt-A-House Program to
HDF.
07/08/99 - Submitted by Tim Beeble, Director,
Community Development **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
([Report](#)) Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, July 29, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chair DeLuca reported that the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, July 29, 1999 at 7:00. Present were committee members Reps. DeLuca, Nanos, Giordano, and Zelinsky. Also, present Mandy Poola, and Amanda Christal.

1. [T25.016](#) [RESOLUTION](#); authorizing the Mayor to file an **APPROVED BY**
application with the Federal Transit Administration **UNANIMOUS**
for a New Starts Project - Stamford Urban **VOICE VOTE**
Transitway
07/13/99 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/29/99 - Committee approved 4-0-0

Chair Deluca moved Item No. T25.016; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Gloria DePina, Chair
Ellen S. Mellis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 19, 1999
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(In conjunction with the Fiscal Committee)

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

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

SPECIAL REVALUATION COMMITTEE: Maria Nakian, Chair

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. [July 6, 1999 Regular Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos advised that plans of the Kiwanis Park design are on display in Conference Room No. 2.
2. President Domonkos announced that a public hearing on the Dock Street Connector Project – now called the Urban Transitway – will be held on August 23, 1999 in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.
3. President Domonkos stated that she is reviewing attendance at all committee meetings due to problems with some committees having quorums. Any representative who wishes to be off a committee or who cannot regularly attend committee meetings should speak with her.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rep. DeLuca announced that the annual Softball Game will be held on August 19, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at Troy Field, Cove Island.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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