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MEETING NOTICE

Who: City Council – Ad Hoc Committee

When: **6:30 P.M. – Thursday, January 25, 2024**

Where: 3C, 3rd Floor
City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue

Purpose: Review of Elderly Tax Relief Programs

**Agenda Item on file in the Legislative Assistant's Office*

Committee Members, Department Representatives & Petitioners:

Benjamin Chianese, Chair
Frank Salvatore, Council
Emile Buzaid, Council
Corporation Counsel Representative
Dan Garrick, Finance Director
Donna Murphy, Tax Assessor
Mayor's Office

Posted: Town Clerk Information Board City Website Calendar

8. RESOLUTION - CT DOT Click It Or Ticket Grant Program - Police

Receive the communication and adopt the resolution authorizing Roberto Alves, Mayor of Danbury, or Chief Patrick Ridenhour as his designee, to accept grant funding not to exceed \$9,700 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety through the "Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Enforcement Program with no city match required as presented.

9. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Sewer Main Ext.- 22 DePalma Lane

Receive the reports from the Director of Public Works/City Engineer and the planning commission and adopt their positive recommendations for the sewer main extension at 22 DePalma Lane.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gartner, and was seconded by Councilman Duane Perkins, to accept the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

ADD-ON:

Item # 12 – BRT Brookview Commons Tax Deferral (333 Main Street)

A motion was made by Councilman P. Buzaid, seconded by Councilman Chianese, to add the item provided to everyone and request and consider the modification of the agreement to defer the increase in tax assessment for BRT's Brookview Commons project, and add this item as item 12 on our agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA:

1. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Appointment - Russell Tompkins

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Salvatore, to receive the correspondence and confirm the appoint of Russell Tompkins to the position of Certified Police Officer in the Danbury Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

2. COMMUNICATION - Request to review Elderly Tax Relief Programs

A motion was made by Councilman Chianese, seconded by Councilman Salvatore, to refer this to an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Corporation Counsel, Director of Finance, Tax Assessor, and a representative from the Mayor's Office. So ordered.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Chianese in the chair, along with Councilmen Salvatore and E. Buzaid.

3. COMMUNICATION - CT DECD Community Investment Fund Grant

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson to refer this to an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Corporation Counsel, Director of Public Works, City Engineer, the Planning Department, and a representative from the Mayor's Office. So ordered.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Britton in the chair, along with Councilmen Perkins and E. Buzaid.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2023

The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Hawley, Rickert, Simone, Gartner, Salvatore, Peter Buzaid, Emile Buzaid, Coelho, Lapine, Ratchford, Dennis Perkins, Masi, Palma, Robinson, Britton, McAllister, Duane Perkins, Chianese, Rotello, Giordano, Tomchik

___ **PRESENT** ___ **ABSENT**

PUBLIC SPEAKING

MINUTES - Minutes of the Council Meeting held November 9, 2023

CONSENT CALENDAR

AGENDA

1. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Appointment - Russell Tompkins
2. COMMUNICATION - Request to review Elderly Tax Relief Programs
3. COMMUNICATION - CT DECD Community Investment Fund Grant
4. COMMUNICATION - Donation from Danbury Kitchen Warehouse - Fire Dept.
5. COMMUNICATION - Funding Request for Technology Expenses - Danbury Public Schools
6. COMMUNICATION - Additional Funding Request for Special Education - Danbury Public Schools
7. RESOLUTION - ARPA Allocation of Funds - Finance
8. RESOLUTION - CT DOT Click It Or Ticket Grant Program - Police
9. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Sewer Main Ext.- 22 DePalma Lane
10. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Sewer Main Ext - Fairfield Ave. & Morton St.
11. REPORTS - Engineering & Planning: Water Main Ext. - Fairfield Ave. & Morton St.
- ADD ON - BRT Brookview Commons Tax Deferral – 333 Main St.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police, Fire, Health & Human Services, Public Works, Permit Center, U.N.I.T., Elderly Services, Public Library, Tax Assessor

ADJOURNMENT

Copies of Agenda Items are available in the Legislative Assistant's Office and on the City's website.



City Council

December 5, 2023

The Honorable Roberto Alves
Mayor, City of Danbury

Members of the City Council

Re: Elderly Tax Relief Programs

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council

We are here-by requesting that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to review all the current Elderly tax relief programs including both the Local and State programs. The purpose of such a committee is to make recommendations, update provisions in language or make changes, as deemed necessary. Included with the letter is a summary of the current programs currently being offered.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Chianese
Councilman – 6th Ward

Joseph W. Britton
Councilman – 4th Ward

Paul T. Rotello
Councilman – 6th Ward

Jeff Tomchik
Councilman – 7th Ward

Duane Perkins
Councilman – 5th Ward

Enclosure: Elderly Tax Relief Summary



CITY OF DANBURY TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Telephone Number: (203) 797-4556

*****APPLICATIONS TAKEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY WITH MARIE*****

ELDERLY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS - 2022 GRAND LIST

STATE PROGRAM

Income: Single - \$40,300 Married - \$49,100

BENEFIT - 10%-50% or \$150.00 - \$1,250.00 off based on income

LOCAL PROGRAMS – MUST BE A RESIDENT OF DANBURY FOR 5 YEARS PRIOR*

CITY LOCAL PROGRAM

Income: Single - \$50,300 Married - \$59,100

BENEFIT - \$450.00-single \$600.00-married

CITY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Income: Single- \$63,000 Married - \$71,800

BENEFIT - \$250.00-single \$350.00-married

FREEZE PROGRAM

Income: Single - \$53,600 Married - \$60,800

SAVE PROGRAM – Annual Filing

Income: Single - \$63,000 Married - \$71,800

BENEFIT - \$700.00 off taxes (Taxpayer must volunteer 100 hours of work with a non-profit agency)

CITY DEFERRAL PROGRAM - Annual Filing

Income: Single – \$52,500 Married – \$59,200

BENEFIT- 25% of Real Estate Taxes with a lien of 5% per annum (maximum net assessment \$300,000)

VETERANS PROGRAMS – 2022 GRAND LIST

STATE ADDITIONAL VETERANS PROGRAM

Income: Single - \$40,300 Married – \$49,100

BENEFIT – Increase on your current veteran status

CITY LOCAL VETERANS PROGRAM

Income- Single – \$65,300 Married – \$74,100

BENEFIT – Up to 10% off the assessed value of your property

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY EXEMPTION

No income required. Award letter from Social Security stating when you first became 100% disabled.

BENEFIT – 1,000.00 off ASSESSMENT on your property or motor vehicle.

- TAX RELIEF FILING PERIOD- FEBRUARY 1 - *MAY 15 EACH YEAR * (MAY 15, 2023)
- INCOME PROOF REQUIRED- INCOME TAX RETURN AND ALL 1099s. GROSS INCOME
- VETERANS FILING PERIOD- FEBRUARY 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 30 EACH YEAR
- MUST BE OWNER OF PROPERTY BY OCTOBER 1ST TO APPLY FOR TAX CREDITS
- RESIDENT OF DANBURY FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR BY DECEMBER 31ST FOR STATE BENEFIT
- DANBURY MUST BE YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE & MOTOR VEHICLES MUST BE REGISTERED IN DANBURY
- TAXPAYERS NEED TO BE 65 BY DECEMBER 31ST PRIOR YEAR OR 100% DISABLED