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MEETING NOTICE

Who: City Council – Ad Hoc Committee

When: **6:15 P.M. – Thursday, June 22, 2023**

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

Purpose: Request for Honorary Street Name – Elm Street

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

Committee Members & Department Representatives:

Mike Henry, Chair
Jay Eriquez, Councilman
Ben Chianese, Councilman
Corp. Counsel Representative
Mayor's Office Representative
Joanne Pearsall Evans, Petitioner

Posted: Town Clerk
Information Board
City Website Calendar

12. COMMUNICATION - Request to Change Ordinance Sec. 13A-61 – Danbury Museum And Historical Society Authority

A motion was made by Councilman DiGilio, to refer this to an Ad Hoc consisting of Corporation Counsel, Director of Finance, Superintendent of Public Buildings, a representative from the Mayor's Office, and a representative from the petitioner. So Ordered.

The Mayor appointed Councilman DiGilio in the chair, along with Councilmen Buzaid and Rotello.

13. COMMUNICATION - Request for Honorary Street Name – Elm Street

A motion was made by Councilman Knapp, to refer this to an Ad Hoc with Corporation Counsel, a representative from the Mayor's Office, and a representative from the original petitioner. So Ordered.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Henry in the chair, along with Councilmen Eriquez and Chianese.

14. COMMUNICATION - Donation – \$5,000 from FirstLight Power Services, LLC for boat dock extension at Candlewood Lake – Public Works/Emergency Services

**CONSENTED* - as received.

15. COMMUNICATION - Annual Suspense List – Tax Collector

**CONSENTED* - as received.

16. COMMUNICATION - Application for Renewal of Water & Sewer Extensions – 100 Saw Mill Rd

A motion was made by Councilman Henry, to refer this to the City Engineer and Planning for reports.
So Ordered.

17. RESOLUTION - Ambulance & Advanced Life Support Agreement – Western CT Health Network – Fire Dept.

**CONSENTED* - as received.

18. RESOLUTION - Emergency Communication System – AT&T – Emergency Services

A motion was made by Councilman Eriquez, seconded by Councilman Esposito, to receive the communication and adopt the resolution to authorize Mayor Dean Esposito to execute the aforesaid agreements, each in a form approved by the Danbury Office of Corporation Counsel and to take such additional actions as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose hereof. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thode explained to Councilman Rotello that the emergency communication system will increase coverage on the southern end of the City. Councilman Visconti noted his support for the system.

19. RESOLUTION - FAA Grant – Airport Obstruction Removal Environmental Analysis Municipal Airport

**CONSENTED* - as received.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2023

The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Buzaid, Cavo, Eriquez, Knapp, Levy, DiGilio, Rotello, Visconti, Esposito, Halas, Esposito III, Fox, Masi, Palma, Henry, Britton, Merchan, Perkins, Chianese, Cammisa and VACANT

_____ PRESENT _____ ABSENT _____ VACANCY

PUBLIC SPEAKING

MINUTES - Minutes of the Council Meeting held May 2, 2023

CONSENT CALENDAR

AGENDA

1. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Promotion – Scott Fabich to Lieutenant
2. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Promotion – John Giafone to Sergeant
3. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Promotion – Brian Wakeman to Segeant
4. COMMUNICATION - Police Department Promotion – Travis Weber to Detective
5. COMMUNICATION - Fire Department Promotion – Sharon Gies to Lieutenant
6. COMMUNICATION - Fire Department Promotion – Kenneth Monteavaro to Lieutenant
7. COMMUNICATION - Appointment to Government Entity – Cultural Commission
8. COMMUNICATION - Appointment to Government Entity – Fair Rent Commission
 - A. Ron Agrad
 - B. Lisa Farmer
 - C. Estela Francis
9. COMMUNICATION - Appointment to Government Entity – Richter Park Authority
10. COMMUNICATION - Appointment to Government Entity – Zoning Board of Appeals
11. COMMUNICATION - Appointment to Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority
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City Council

April 26, 2023

Honorable Mayor Dean Esposito
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Ad Hoc Committee Request — Honoring Rev. Ruben L. Bush

Dear Mayor Esposito:

We have received a request from residents who reside on Elm Street to honor the late Rev Ruben L. Bush by allowing an honorary designation on Elm Street as Rev Ruben L Bush Way along with a plaque along Elm Street reflecting his accomplishments to the City of Danbury and Community over his life span. We have included a letter and a packet outlining Rev Bush's Accomplishments for your reference.

We respectfully request an ad hoc committee to be formed to consider the request.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Chianese

Benjamin Chianese
Councilman -6th Ward

Paul Rotello

Paul Rotello
Councilman -6th Ward

**To: Benjamin Chianese
City of Danbury, 6th Ward
And
The City Council, Danbury, CT**

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April 25, 2023

It is with genuine pleasure that the name, Rev. Ruben L. Bush, Sr., be introduced to some, and presented to others of the Danbury City Council.

Rev. Ruben L. Bush, Sr. was a Danbury resident, a community advocate, a minister and a "hat wearer" of numerous other titles.

His valued involvement in enriching the individual lives of many, and his collaboration with the Danbury community and agencies, led to a celebration sponsored by the then Mayor Boughton and the City of Danbury. It was at this celebration that Rev. Ruben Bush, Sr. was awarded the "Key To The City".

It is with above in mind, along with the additional accolades attached, that it is fitting that this request be presented before this City Council;

To approve adding to the existing, posted "Elm St" name, that of the "Rev. Ruben L. Bush, Sr., Blvd."

Thank you in advance,

**Joanne Pearsall Evans,
Elm Street, Beaver Street, Spring Street, Rose Street Communities,
Trinity Christian Tabernacle Church, and
Community Ministries**

REV. RUBEN L. BUSH, SR.
TRINITY CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE
91 ELM STREET - DANBURY, CT
FOUNDING PASTOR

Reverend Ruben L. Bush, Sr., lived in Danbury for over 40 years.

His strong ties to the community of Danbury originated from an old wooden house, on a cobblestoned road, named 'River Street'. It was from there that he and his wife, Rev. Annette Bush, began raising their ten children and eventually moving on, to purchase a home on East Pearl Street, in Danbury.

As members of the New Hope Baptist Church, they were encouraged into their ministry calling by the late Rev. Aaron B. Samuels, ordained as ministers in 1978 and encouraged to shepherd their own flock. They began with the home ministry, "House of Prayer".

In 1985, Trinity Christian Tabernacle Church was founded and for the coming years, having had services at Ethan Allen Inn and then in the community of the Laurel Gardens Projects, in 1992 the Danbury Community and the Trinity Congregation, led by Rev. Ruben L. Bush, participated in a Victory March into a permanent church building at 91 Elm Street., Danbury, Ct.

Encouraging Trinity members to be "doers of the Word", Rev. Ruben L. Bush, held the first yearly community Thanksgiving Dinner from his home, sponsored a yearly Christmas Celebration for Danbury's Senior Citizens, distributed food baskets and clothing to the needy and continues to be the first and only local ministry to baptize in the outdoor waters of Candlewood Lake.

Little did Rev. Ruben L. Bush know back in the 1940's that he would be elevated from the valley of Danbury's River Street to up the back hill just above it, to Trinity's building on Danbury's upper Elm Street. All for the purpose of being a shining beacon over the City of Danbury, to let others know that as God does, so did he love them and there was nothing they could do about it.

Rev. Ruben L. Bush was a part of Danbury's History and he left a legacy of God being active inside and outside of the church building. His spiritual and community commitment spiraled him to seats of leadership and to honors of respectability and reverence.

Reverend Ruben L. Bush, Sr. - The Light On The Hill