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MEETING NOTICE

- Who:** City Council – Ad Hoc Committee members
- When:** **6 P.M. – Wednesday, July 26, 2023**
- Where:** 3C, 3rd Floor Conference Room
City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue
- Purpose:** Request to change Ordinance: Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority

Agenda item on file in the Legislative Assistant's Office and on the City's Website.

Committee Members/ City Staff /Petitioner:

Vinny DiGilio, Chair
Emile Buzaid, Councilman
Paul Rotello, Councilman
Corporation Counsel
Mayor's Office
Dan Garrick, Director of Finance
Sean Hanley, Superintendent of Public Buildings
Brigid Guertin, Executive Director DMHS Authority

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.

DM | DANBURY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 26, 2023

Mr. Vinnie DiGilio
City Council President
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear Council President DiGilio,

On behalf of the Danbury Museum Board of Trustees, we ask that you might turn yours and the council's attention to a potential discussion regarding prospective updates and changes to the ordinance outlining the creation, powers, and responsibilities of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority. Specifically, and after much deliberation on the board level, the Danbury Museum Board of Trustees hope to have the opportunity for further discussion regarding the following changes.

CURRENTLY:

Currently Article IX: Sec. 30–265. Creation; powers and responsibilities.

(b) (1) To administer, operate and maintain Museum properties, including all structures;

(b) (2) To contract and be contracted with in order to administer, operate, and maintain said Museum;

(b) (9) To appoint or dismiss an executive director and to adopt an annual budget for the administration of the Museum under the overall direction of the Authority, the fiscal year of said budget to commence on October 1 of each year.

SUGGESTED CHANGES:

Article IX: Sec. 30–265, Creation; powers and responsibilities.

(b) (1) (rev.) To administer and operate Museum properties, including all structures;

(b) (2) (rev.) To contract and be contracted with in order to administer and operate said Museum;

(b) (3) (new) The City of Danbury will assume the expenses or provide the services to maintain said Museum. These expenses and/or services will include, but not be limited to, utilities, insurance, telephone, alarm, trash removal, cleaning, general maintenance, emergency maintenance, sewer and water, 20 hours of staffing time, and the City mandated audit.

(b) (9) (rev) To appoint or dismiss an executive director and to adopt an annual budget for the administration of the Museum under the overall direction of the Authority, the fiscal year of said budget to commence on July 1 of each year.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Most sincerely,



Brigid Guertin,
Executive Director, Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority

ARTICLE IX. DANBURY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUTHORITY¹

Sec. 30-265. Creation; powers and responsibilities.

- (a) *Creation.* The City Council of the City of Danbury (hereinafter referred to as "City"), a municipality of the State of Connecticut, hereby creates a public body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority").
- (b) *Powers.* Such Authority shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
- (1) To administer, operate and maintain museum properties, including all structures;
 - (2) To contract and be contracted with in order to administer, operate and maintain said museum;
 - (3) To make, amend and repeal bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with general law to carry out its purposes;
 - (4) To construct and reconstruct museum facilities as authorized by law;
 - (5) To fix and revise from time to time and to charge and collect fees, rents and other charges for the use of any project or facilities thereof on behalf of the museum and in an amount sufficient to pay operating and maintenance expenses, the annual principal and interest on bond heretofore or hereafter issued by the Authority to finance the construction and reconstruction of museum facilities and the principal and interest of any obligations the Authority may incur;
 - (6) To make an annual audit, consistent with general law, of the financial transactions of the Authority. The Treasurer elected by the members of the Commission shall be bonded in an amount determined by the Authority;
 - (7) To issue its bonds, notes or other obligations as authorized by C.G.S. §§ 7-130a to 7-130w, to be paid solely from the revenues of the Authority;
 - (8) To accept loans or grants from the City or any other person, government or agency thereof, for the purposes of the Authority;
 - (9) To appoint or dismiss an Executive Director and to adopt an annual budget for the administration of the museum under the overall direction of the Authority, the fiscal year of said budget to commence on October 1 of each year; and
 - (10) To promote, encourage, educate and involve the general public in the mission, purpose and history of the museum and Danbury.

(Code 1961, § 13A-61; Ord. No. 671, 10-22-2007)

Sec. 30-266. Articles of incorporation.

The articles of incorporation of the Authority are as follows:

¹State law reference(s)—Public recreational facilities authorities, C.G.S. § 7-130a et seq.

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- (1) The name of the Authority and the address of its principal office shall be:
 - a. Name: Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority;
 - b. Address: City Hall, Danbury, Connecticut.
 - (2) The Authority is created under C.G.S. §§ 7-130a through 7-130w.
 - (3) The participating political subdivision is the City of Danbury, Connecticut.
 - (4) The initial members of the Authority, their addresses, and terms of office, shall be as appointed by the City.
 - (5) The Authority is created for the sole purpose of administering museum property with the power granted to such Authority by this enacting ordinance from which this article is derived.

(Code 1961, § 13A-62; Ord. No. 671, 10-22-2007)

Sec. 30-267. Commission of museum

(a) *Appointments; membership; terms.*

- (1) *Members.* The Mayor, with the approval of the majority of the City Council, shall select and appoint the members of said Authority which shall consist of nine (9) members. Said members will possess backgrounds in preservation, museums or local history. All appointments will be made for a term of three (3) years.
- (2) *Alternate members.* Three (3) alternate members to the Authority shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The term of office of said alternates shall be for three (3) years or until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

(b) *Compensation of members.* No members of such Authority may receive any compensation for their services, but they shall be entitled to reimbursement for the amount of actual expenses incurred by them in performance of their duties.

(Code 1961, §§ 13A-63, 13A-64; Ord. No. 671, 10-22-2007)

Sec. 30-268. Perpetual existence.

The Authority shall remain in existence perpetually unless terminated by the City.

(Code 1961, § 13A-65; Ord. No. 671, 10-22-2007)