

COMMON COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 1983

Meeting is called to order at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. by the honorable Mayor James E. Dyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Council Members - Beverly Johnson, Constance McManus, Bernard Gallo, John McGarry, Russell Foti, Carole Torcaso, John Esposito, Robert Godfrey, Stephen Flanagan, Nicholas Zotos, Joseph Chianese, Thora Skoff, Anthony Cassano, Louis Charles, Ernest Boynton, Janet Butera, Joseph DaSilva, Joseph Durkin, Gene Eriquez, Mounir Farah, Edward Torian.

21 Present 0 Absent.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - to be held on the 21st day of November, 1983 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the following:

- 01 - RESOLUTION - Setting dates and times for regular Common Council meetings for 1983-1985.
- 02 - RESOLUTION - Special Meetings of the Common Council.
- 03 - Election of President of the Common Council
- 04 - RESOLUTION - Re: Caucus

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices delivered and served by Police Officers of the City of Danbury.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ & seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the CALL and RETURN OF SERVICE to be accepted.

01 ✓  
RESOLUTION

- Setting dates and times for regular Common Council Meetings for 1983-1985.

The Resolution was

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- Special Meetings of the Common Council  
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Election of President of the Common Council  
\_\_\_\_\_ placed the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
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RESOLUTION - Re: Caucuses

The Resolution was

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PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Common Council  
a motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ & seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
meeting to be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ O'Clock P.M.

RETURN OF SERVICE

By virtue of the within warning, I have served Notice on each of the members of the Common Council of the City of Danbury, of the Special Meeting of said Board, each Notice duly signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, by leaving such written Notice with each of the following members of said Common Council, to-wit:

	<u>NAME</u>		<u>TIME</u>
1.	CONSTANCE McMANUS	11-19-83	0435
2.	BEVERLY JOHNSON	11-19-83	0421
3.	BERNARD GALLO	11-19-83	05:30
4.	JOHN MCGARRY	11-19-83	1447
5.	RUSSELL M. FOTI	11-19-83	1436
6.	CAROLE TORCASO	11-19-83	1425
7.	JOHN ESPOSITO	11-18-83	1850
8.	ROBERT GODFREY	11-18-83	1838
9.	NICHOLAS ZOTOS	11-18-83	1820
10.	STEPHEN T. FLANAGAN	11-19-83	1406
11.	JOSEPH CHIANESE	11-19-83	1330
12.	THORA C. SKOFF	11-18-83	0620
13.	ANTHONY J. CASSANO	11-19-83	1345
14.	LOUIS T. CHARLES	11-18-83	1800
15.	ERNEST BOYNTON	11-18-83	1835
16.	JOSEPH DaSILVA	11-19-83	0430
17.	GENE ERIQUEZ	11-18-83	1843
18.	JOSEPH J. DURKIN	11-18-83	1825
19.	JANET A. BUTERA	11-18-83	1810
20.	EDWARD T. TORIAN	11-19-83	0446
21.	MOUNIR FARAH	11-19-83	05:13

Each Notice so served upon each member, all having been done by me on this date 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.

P.O. Robert Fleury  
Attest: P.O. Fish  
Policemen of the City of  
Danbury

CITY OF DANBURY

To: Common Council - City of Danbury

A special meeting of the Common Council \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Danbury will be held on the 21st day of November 1983 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., at the City Hall in said Danbury.

For the purpose of acting upon the following:

- 01 - RESOLUTION - Setting dates and times for regular Common Council Meetings for 1983-1985
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Dated at Danbury, this 18th day of November,

1983

[Signature] Mayor  
[Signature] Clerk



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

November 21, \_\_\_\_\_ A. D., 1983

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT, regular meetings of the Common Council of the City of Danbury shall be held at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut, on the first Tuesday of each month commencing December 6, 1983 and continuing on the first Tuesday of each month thereafter except that the meeting in September, 1984 shall be held on the Fifth day of September, 1984, and the meeting in November, 1984 shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of such month, November 8, 1984.

In 1985, regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut on the first Tuesday of each month except that the meeting in January shall be held on the Third day of January, 1985. The meeting in September shall be held on the Fourth day of September, 1985 and the meeting in November shall be held on the Seventh day of November, 1985.



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

November 21, A. D., 1983

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

Re: SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

1. When held - Special Meetings of the Common Council may be held whenever in the opinion of the Mayor, or in his absence, the acting Mayor, the interests of the City shall require, and shall be so held whenever seven members of the Common Council shall so require in writing.
2. Warning - All Special Meetings of the Common Council shall be warned by a written or printed Notice signed by the Mayor or Acting Mayor, and left with or at the usual place of abode or place of business of each member of the Common Council to be convened not less than 24 hours before the hour specified for said meeting, except in case of an emergency Special Meeting. Said Notice shall specify the time and place the meeting is to be held and shall be directed to any police officer of the City to serve and return.
3. Return of Service Of Warning - The Return of the Police Officer serving Warning of any Special Meeting of the Common Council shall be evidence that such meeting has been warned as stated in such return.
4. Items to be considered - Only those items of business listed on said Notice shall be considered, discussed and acted upon.

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Councilman Eriquez:

It is my pleasure to second the nomination of Joe DaSilva for Council President. Joe is a native Danburian and established a broad base from which he may reach out to in the City. He is aware of the old; he has worked for the development of programs for the youth and the elderly. He has worked to cooperate with the revenue of the City.

Joe DaSilva and his family stand for what is good in this City and I think Joe DaSilva as Council President would do what is best for the City.

It has been my pleasure to know Joe and his family for many years.

I have known him and worked with him very closely for the last two years as an elected official and I feel him to be a qualified and dedicated individual and a very competent individual to take over the reins of the Council President.

I consider it an honor to second the nomination for Joe DaSilva for Council President and I urge my colleagues to please vote for him.

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Hon. Mayor D. & hon. colleagues:

today we begin a new term in our office. Please allow me to take a few moment to reflect on our past term before we commence the present one.

by any measure or value the past two years have been marked by an impressive list accomplishments. Road bonds, fiscal responsibility, service to our senior citizens, funding of progressive programs and much more. the leadership of our mayor has been exemplary, and the leadership of our council has been responsible, cooperative and commendable to say the least.

As we meet the challenge of the present term we should keep in mind the value of experienced leadership. Connie as a president, J as ml and Ed as our leg leader have cooperated together, worked with us, represented us before the public and were our liaison with the exec. branch of our gov't. Their

work has been outstanding.

Now if an incumbent has demonstrated the ability to serve well and has expressed the desire to continue, I think it will incumbent upon us to ~~offer~~ <sup>provide</sup> that opportunity.

I have ~~to~~ the honor & the pleasure to second Connie's nomination for president, and

I implore everyone to support her ~~once~~ <sup>once</sup> the election is accomplished ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> that

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It is indeed an honor for me to place the name of Councilman Joe DaSilva in nomination for the office of Common Council President. I can say with the greatest confidence that he is the best person by far for the job. I truly believe that Joe is the most qualified member of the council to perform the duties of Common Council President. I know he can best exemplify the qualities we need in our president. He will be a strong leader in representing the Common Council. He has developed an excellent rapport with our mayor, a condition that is so necessary for the smooth, efficient running of city government. In addition, Joe is the person I would like to see as spokesman for the Common Council. He is a person who is respected for his knowledge, intelligence and integrity throughout the city of Danbury. He is well liked by everyone which shows his ability to get along with people in all walks of life.

Joe has shown his outstanding leadership ability over the past four years on the council. He has served as legislative leader for two years, majority leader for two years, chairman of the Public Works Committee for three years, chairman of the General Government Budget Committee for four years. (Chairman of the inter-local commission for septage with Brookfield and the Housatonic Valley regional plan, as well as serving as chairman of numerous ad hoc committees through out the past four years.) Through his diligent guidance the Common Council has taken great strides in the improvement in the quality of life in Danbury, in areas such as the Road Improvement Bond issue which was overseen by the Public Works Committee and the Capital Improvement Bond Issue which has just been approved in referendum.

For all the reasons I have stated here, I would urge my colleagues to support Joe DaSilva for Common Council President so that with his leadership we can continue the outstanding service this administration has given the city of Danbury for the last four years.

Councilman Gallo

FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS -

QUITE OFTEN OUR PRESIDENT IS THE VOICE OF THE COUNCIL ~~WHO~~ IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE MEDIA.

THE POSITION OF COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. OUR PRESIDENT TAKES ON THE ~~INDIVIDUAL~~ RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACTING AS ~~OUR~~ LIAISON ~~BETWEEN~~ WITH BOTH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD. INDEED, OUR PRESIDENT <sup>SERVES AS</sup> ~~BECOMES THE~~ ACTING MAYOR WHEN NECESSARY. ~~WHEN WE~~ <sup>IF</sup> WE PUT OUR COLLECTIVE FEET IN OUR MOUTHS, ~~WHEN~~ ~~DEALING WITH THE MEDIA~~, IT IS OUR PRESIDENT WHO MUST SOMEHOW RECONCILE <sup>OUR</sup> ~~OUR~~ VIEWS AND PRESENT A RATIONAL, CONSISTENT AND INTELLIGENT APPRAISAL OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING AND THE RESULTS WE ARE ACHIEVING. THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION IS ONE REQUIRING INTELLIGENCE, LOGICAL THINKING, ~~AN ALMOST INSANE DRIVE FOR WORK~~, DEDICATION, A SYMPATHETIC EAR TO ALL SIDES OF A QUESTION, <sup>AND</sup> ~~THE~~ ABILITY TO MOTIVATE AND MEDIATE. ~~AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, A SENSE OF HUMOR.~~

I WOULD NOT BLAME YOU IF YOU CONCLUDED THAT FINDING SOMEONE TO FILL THIS BILL WAS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. HOWEVER, I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE COUNCIL HAS A CANDIDATE THAT NOT ONLY MEETS THESE REQUIREMENTS, BUT ~~HAS SET~~ ~~THE~~ STANDARDS AGAINST ~~WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE EVALUATED~~, SURPASSES THEM.

~~IF~~

IT HAS BEEN MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION, OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THAT SHE BRINGS TO THE COUNCIL A RARE COMBINATION OF INTELLIGENCE AND COMMON SENSE. TIME AFTER TIME, IN COMMITTEE & CAUCUS, ON THE COUNCIL FLOOR AND DURING BUDGET TIME, I HAVE <sup>SEEN</sup> HER RESOLVE WHAT APPEARED TO MOST OF US AS OVERWHELMING INTRA-COUNCIL DIFFERENCES OF THOUGHT AND OPINION. ~~AND~~ WHILE I DID NOT ALWAYS AGREE, THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT HER ACTIONS WERE ~~TOWARD~~ DIRECTED BY A SINCERE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THE BEST FOR THE CITY OF DANBURY AND IN SO DOING, TO <sup>GENERATE</sup> ~~RECEIVE~~ CREDIT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR <sup>THE WORK OF</sup> ~~OUR~~ THE COMMON COUNCIL.

~~I THINK THAT IN MY OWN EYES,~~ A SENSE OF HUMANITY RATES HIGH IN MY EYES - THE ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHERS IN AN HONEST, <sup>EQUAL</sup> ~~AND SINCERE~~ WAY - <sup>THE ABILITY</sup> ~~TO BE ABLE~~ TO LISTEN <sup>TO</sup> AND SHARE IDEAS, ~~AND DO~~ AND OPINIONS; AND DO IT WITH ALL SINCERITY. MY NOMINEE MEETS THAT CRITERION, IN SPADES. I HAVE NEVER HESITATED, ~~AND~~ <sup>AS</sup> I'M SURE MOST OF <sup>YOU</sup> ~~US~~ HAVE NEVER HESITATED, TO DISCUSS WITH HER, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. BOTH ~~IN~~ IN AND OUT OF THE CONTEXT OF COUNCIL BUSINESS. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT ASSURED OF AN ATTENTIVE, THOUGHTFUL AND HELPFUL RESPONSE.

FINALLY, I THINK IT OVERWHELMINGLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR PRESIDENT POSSESS A LARGE APPETITE FOR HARD WORK AND AN EQUALLY LARGE SENSE OF HUMOR TO GO ALONG WITH IT. ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER USUALLY MEANS DISASTER. MY NOMINEE HAS SHOWN, OVER THE PAST 4 YRS, AND MORE APPROPRIATELY, ~~CERTAINLY~~ ~~FOR~~ THE PAST TWO YEARS, AN ABILITY ~~TO~~ ~~SUCCESSFULLY~~ TO SUCCESSFULLY, AND CORRECTLY, MIX THE ~~SEVERAL~~ BUSINESS OF OUR COUNCIL WITH THE BUSINESS OF BEING HUMAN. SHE HAS SHOWN THE ABILITY TO DO WHATEVER ~~IS~~ MUST BE DONE, AND WHENEVER IT MUST BE DONE, ~~FOR~~ FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CITY. BUT JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, SHE HAS SHOWN THE ABILITY TO LAUGH AT OUR FOIBLES AND, IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT, TO GET US BACK ON THE TRACK.

I AM PRIVILEGED TO NOMINATE, AND I HAVE NO RESERVATIONS IN RECOMMENDING TO YOU, AS OUR NEXT ~~COUNCIL~~ ~~OF~~ COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MRS CONSTANCE McMANUS.

Councilman Cassano