

COMMON COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 11, 1982    8:45 P.M.

Meeting is called to order by the Honorable Mayor, James E. Dyer  
at 8:45 O'Clock P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Council Members - Elder, Gallo, McGarry, Foti, Torcaso, Eriquez,  
Esposito, Repole, Zotos, Eppoliti, McManus, DaSilva, Torian,  
White, Cassano, Charles, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Evans, Farah.

21 Present    \_\_\_\_\_ Absent.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING to be held on the 11th day of May, 1982

at 8:45 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the following:

1. Adoption of the Mayor's Budget re:

Education Amendments

Public Works Amendments

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

A motion is made by \_\_\_\_\_ & seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the Call  
and Return of Service to be accepted.

1. Education Amendments:

The amendments were -

Public Works Amendments

Application (Municipal Budget)  
 8:45 P.M.  
 MAY 11, 1982  
 JAMES E. DYER  
 MAYOR  
 DANBURY, CT

CITY OF DANBURY

To: Common Council - City of Danbury

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Dated at Danbury, this 10th day of May, 1982.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

To the sheriff or any policeman of the City of Danbury:

You are hereby required to notify the above named member \_\_\_\_\_ of the Common Council of the City of Danbury of the special meeting of said board by leaving with or at the usual place of abode or place of business of such member not less than 24 hours before the hour specified for said meeting, a notice in form annexed, and to make due return thereof at the time of said meeting.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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ELDER	✓	
GALLO	✓	
McGARRY	✓	
FOTI	✓	
TORCASO	✓	
ERIQUEZ		✓
ESPOSITO		✓
REPOLE	✓	
ZOTOS	✓	
EPPOLITI		✓
McMANUS	✓	
DaSILVA	<i>captain</i>	
TORIAN	✓	
WHITE	✓	
CASSANO	✓	
CHARLES	✓	
BOYNTON		✓
BURKE		✓
BUTERA		✓
EVANS	✓	
FARAH	✓	

TOTALS

*Positive personal list.*

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ELDER	✓	
GALLO	✓	
McGARRY	✓	
FOTI	✓	
TORCASO	✓	
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COMMON COUNCIL EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT 1982-1983 Budget

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The School Board is asking the City to pick up this \$111,457 or the total amount that the Federal Government is taking out. We have been assured by the School Board that the 308,173 estimated revenue from the Federal Government will not be lost if the City fails to provide the \$111,457.

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97.4 of request  
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Respectfully submitted

Chairman

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# CITY OF DANBURY

COMMON COUNCIL

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

May 11, 1982

## MINORITY REPORT

### BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I submit this minority report to outline my reasons for opposing that portion of the Board of Education Liaison Committee Budget Report that recommends a cut-off of funding to an educational program which I believe to be of fundamental importance in meeting the needs of Danbury's students.

At the outset, I wish to make it clear that this report reflects my opinions and concerns and that I believe it represents the feeling of many constituents.

In addition, it should be noted that I am in agreement with a majority of the reductions suggested by the Liaison committee. Also, I am in general agreement with and support the reductions proposed by the other budget committees.

The Board of Education Liaison committee has presented the Council with their report that identifies reductions in the School Board budget totalling \$730,069. Included in this amount is \$111,457 for local support of Title I funding.

I take exception to the elimination of funding for the Title I program. The Committee report states that no programs have been cut in total as a result of the committee's recommendations. This appears to be true.

However, I sincerely believe that a cut of this magnitude would severely reduce the Title I level of effectiveness, destroying avenues for development of academic and readiness skills made available through these programs.

At present, twenty-four (24) teacher's aides provide direct instructional services (on a one-to-one basis) to our City's disadvantaged and underprivileged youth. Reading, language and mathematics are among the skills being reinforced enabling these students to keep pace with their classmates.

Another program, Multi-Opportunities for Youth, is designed to decrease the drop-out rate and provide counseling for related school, work or family problems.

These services, and others, which are made possible by Title I funding, the committee has proposed to cut. No replacement or substitutes have been recommended by the committee, nor does it propose to address the disadvantage these students would be under without the full operation of this program.

I believe that a continuation of these programs would not force the City to spend additional tax monies. The simple fact is that continuing these programs would not cost the taxpayer one additional "red" cent.

In short, the over-riding concern of any municipal fiscal plan must be fairness. The Liaison Committee has worked long hours in a good faith attempt to reconsider the competing interests of educational needs and fiscal health. However, in this one area, both these interests are serviced by retaining these programs.

In the absence of any proof to the contrary, I must oppose any attempt to eliminate Title I funding.

SUMMARY

Recommended Reductions:

Liaison committee Report	\$730,069.
Title I Funding (Local)	<u>(111,457)</u>
Minority Report	\$618,612.

Respectfully submitted

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Councilman Gene Eriquez

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*27,695,855*

Respectfully submitted

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## PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT - 1982 - 1983

Committee Members - A. Cassano, Chairman, J. DaSilva, D. Eppoliti,  
G. Eriquez, J. Esposito, C. McManus, F. Repole,  
C. Torcaso.

As the result of budget review meetings, including meetings with Public Works Department management, the Public Works Budget Committee recommends that the following changes be incorporated in the 1982-1983 Budget as proposed by the Mayor:

	<u>Mayor's Proposal</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
<u>01-222 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>		
010100 - Regular Salaries (Increase Superintendent of Public Bldgs by \$1,243 to read \$22,500 in T.O.)	156,312	157,555
042000 - Heating Fuel (Recommend that General Gov't Budget Committee include \$6,000 in Parks & Rec. Budget Acct.08-130, Line 042000 to cover Hatters Park heating fuel	6,000	-0-
<u>BOTTOM LINE:</u>	203,490	198,733.
<u>01-224 - CITY HALL BUILDING</u>		
020300 - Communication Services (Recommend that General Gov't Budget Committee include funding in Comptroller's budget Acct.01-141, line 020300, in an amount deemed necessary to cover communication service expenses for City Hall.	61,500	-0-
<u>BOTTOM LINE:</u>	211,167	149,667.

The Public Works Budget Committee recommends no changes in the following accounts in the 1982-1983 Budget as proposed by the Mayor:

- 01-225 - Library
- 01-226 - Police Station
- 01-228 - Old Library
- 01-229 - Water Use City Depts.
- 03-109 - Director of Public Works.
- 03-110 - Highways
- 03-111 - State Aid - Highway Project
- 03-112 - Snow & Ice Removal
- 03-113 - Street Lighting
- 03-115 - Bridges & Rivers
- 03-116 - Public Bldgs Maint-Repair
- 03-124 - Storm Water Drains
- 03-126 - Solid Waste Management

03-130 - Engineering Department

03-142 - Septic Waste Lagoon

08-145 - Tree Warden/City Forester

Sewer operations budget - All accounts

Water Department Budget - All Accounts

The above recommended changes result in a net decrease, over all the considered accounts, of \$66,257.00 in the Mayor's proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted

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Anthony Cassano

Chairman

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Joseph DaSilva

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Diane Eppoliti

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