

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were recited. The members were recorded as :

PRESENT - Scalzo, Arconti, Smith, Boynton, Buzaid, D. Esposito, Machado, Shuler, Setaro, J. Esposito, Levy, Abrantes, Charles, Basso, Fox, Gallagher, Moore, Saracino

ABSENT - McAllister, Adames, Falzone. Mr. McAllister and Mr. Falzone were working.

18 Present - 3 Absent

**NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING** - There will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Danbury to act upon the items listed below. Mr. Setaro made a motion to adopt the call and accept the return of service. Seconded by Mr. Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Bob Soares, 36 Lindencrest Drive; Ed Moyer, 7A Cedarcrest Drive.

1 - RESOLUTION - COPS MORE '98

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Policing Services (COPS) will be making available funds in the amount of \$365,912.00 for the purchase of Technology and equipment and to procure support resources (including civilian personnel);

WHEREAS, this program called COPS MORE '98 is designed to expand the time available for community policing by current law enforcement officers and to provide laptop computers in the patrol cars on which the police can do their daily reports; and

WHEREAS, a local cash match in the amount of \$91,478 will be required; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is July 1, 1998 through June 1, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized to apply for the said grant and to sign such documents as are necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mrs. Abrantes. Motion carried unanimously.

2 - RESOLUTION - AIDS Grant Application 1998-2000

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Services, through its AIDS Prevention Program, has made grant funds available to full-time health departments to provide HIV health education information and expanded services for the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 1998-1999 grant funds not to exceed \$235,399 and for fiscal year 1999-2000 \$232,767 requiring no local match, will be made available to the Danbury Health and Housing Department for its AIDS Risk Reduction Outreach Education Program. HIV Counseling and Testing Services, its Needle Exchange Program and its Ryan White Title II Case Management Program, upon approval of a grant application therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Health and Housing Department will provide these services to the general public with particular attention given to individuals concerned about possible exposure to HIV, serving both residents and non-residents with no restrictions on who may be served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury or William J. Campbell, Director of Health, as his designee, is authorized to apply for said grant and to accept the grant award on behalf of the City of Danbury, if such award is made. Any prior actions of the Mayor or the Director of Health regarding this application are hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Gene F. Eriquez is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the City of Danbury all contracts/agreements or amendments thereof, which do not require expenditure of City funds, with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Services regarding said grant, and to take all actions necessary to accomplish the purposes of these programs.

Ms. Fox made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3 - RESOLUTION - School Based Health Center Grant

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services has notified the Department of Health and Housing of the City of Danbury of the City's eligibility to apply for a School Based Health Center Continuation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant term will cover the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, with a 25% in kind local match required; and

WHEREAS, the State's purpose in providing these funds is to enable the City's Health and Housing Department to provide the age appropriate accessible and affordable medical and mental health care services of Danbury High School students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, and the Danbury Health and Housing Department, acting through William J. Campbell, Director of Health, are hereby authorized to apply to the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services for said grant funds and to accept the award if offered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor Gene F. Eriquez and William J. Campbell, Director of Health are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Mrs. Abrantes made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4 - RESOLUTION - Airport Improvement Grant

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration of the United States Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Connecticut Department of Transportation make funds available through the Airport Improvement Act of 1987; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury intends to rehabilitate the general aviation apron at Executive Air Service, LLC and do a wildlife study at the Danbury Municipal Airport which will improve the safety and efficiency of airport operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury will make application for a federal and state grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,655,200.00 with a local match of two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) equaling an amount not to exceed \$41,380.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the City of Danbury, Gene F. Eriquez, is hereby authorized to make application for said grant, and that any and all additional acts necessary to effectuate said program be and hereby are authorized.

Ms. Fox made a motion to accept the communication, accept the donation, adopt the Resolution and send a letter of thanks. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

5 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro requesting approval of a transfer of funds in the amount of \$116,000 to the existing Capital line item entitled "Technology/City" from attached accounts. Mr. Levy made a motion to accept the communication and authorize the transfer of funds. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro requesting approval of a transfer of funds in the amount of \$11,000 from the Contingency Fund of which \$10,000 would be appropriated to G.O.A.L.S./Green Chimneys and \$1,000 to Stand Together. This is

necessary due to an error in the formula. Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and authorize the transfer of funds. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Agreement between the City of Danbury and Business Systems, Inc. (BSI), an affiliate of Danbury Health Systems, for the continued provision of the City's Emergency Medical Services. This is an extension of the original five year arrangement. Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and authorize the agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Abrantes. Ms. Fox asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Setaro, Levy and Basso to the committee, as well as Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk, Fire Chief Carmen Oliver, the Planning Commission and a representative of BSI.

8 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Council Member Pauline Basso that the original six streets for a proposed sanitary sewer project - Birchwood Drive, Cedarcrest Drive, Lindencrest Drive, Driftway Point Road, Elmcrest and the north end of Driftway Point Road be resubmitted. Mrs. Basso asked that this be referred to committee. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Levy, Shuler and Basso to the committee, as well as City Engineer William Buckley and Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley.

9 - RESOLUTION - Local Substance Abuse & Prevention Grant

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, Stand Together Make A Difference has requested that the City of Danbury, acting solely as its fiduciary agent, apply to the State of Connecticut Local Substance Abuse Prevention Council for a grant amount of \$5,675; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, if awarded, will be used for the Student Assistance Programs for substance abuse prevention and intervention currently offered at Danbury High School, the Alternative Center for Education, Broadview Middle School and Rogers Park Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the grant will cover the period from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY THAT the City of Danbury, acting through its Mayor, Gene F. Eriquez, is hereby authorized to apply for said grant funds on behalf of Stand Together Make a Difference and that Mayor Gene F. Eriquez is authorized to sign the Letter of Award and accept said grant, if approved, in the capacity of its fiduciary, to sign all documents and do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes of said program.

Mrs. Abrantes made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made at 7:05 P.M. by Mr. Gallagher for the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA  
Assistant City Clerk