

TO: Mayor Gene F. Eriquez and Members of the Common Council

RE: Minutes of the November 4, 1999 Common Council Meeting

Mayor Eriquez called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were recited. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT – Scalzo, McAllister, Arconti, Smith, Boynton, Dean Esposito, Machado, Shuler, Coco, Setaro, John Esposito, Levy, Abrantes, Pascuzzi, Basso, Moore, Saracino

ABSENT – Buzaid, Falzone, Gallagher

17 Present - 3 Absent

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Lynn Waller, 83 Highland Avenue – spoke on item 22
2. Lorraine Seder, 224 Great Plain Road – spoke on item 14
3. Debbie Legg, 215 Great Plain Road – spoke on item 14
4. Margaret Mitchell, 67 Main Street – spoke on item 25

(At 8:00 P.M. Matthew Gallagher arrived and was marked present)

5. Gil Brouliette, 217 Great Plain Road – spoke on item 14
6. Diane Sanders, 15A Weindorf Lane – spoke on item 32

MINUTES – Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held October 5, 1999. Mr. Setaro made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and waive the reading as all members have copies which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mr. Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR – John Esposito presented the following items for the Consent Calendar:

2 - Approve application and resolution for Association of School Based Health Centers Husky Outreach grant for school based health center outreach - \$6,275.00

3 - Approve application and resolution for State Local Substance Abuse Prevention Council grant to benefit Stand Together Make a Difference via the City - \$5,675

4 - Approve application and resolution for State Department of Health Services School Based Health Center Continuation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$304,000

6 - Confirm appointment of Albert Mead, Jr. to the Richter Park Authority

7 - Confirm reappointment of Thomas Quinn, Walter Wayman and Seth Sanford to the Commission on Aging

11 – Approve reappropriation of donated funds from Elderly Services Donations Account to Commission on Aging budget for professional service fees and printing and binding

15 – Receive positive report from Planning Commission regarding proposed property acquisition at Tarrywile Lake and approve acquisition of the parcel from RFC Properties, II, Inc.

17 – Approve twelve month extension of time for sewer and water extension on Broad Street

- 20 – Approve application and resolution for State Local Capital Improvement Grant for various municipal projects - \$293,865
- 22 – Approve appropriation of \$2,660 from Contingency Fund to Registrar of Voters line items for costs related to primary
- 24 – Approve twelve months extension of time for sewer extension on Joe’s Hill Road
- 26 – Receive request to purchase city-owned lots E17059 and E17060 on Ye Olde Road and refer item to Corporation Counsel and Purchasing Agent for to rebid parcels
- 27 – Approve agreement between City and Robinson Van Vuren Associates for operations of air traffic services at Danbury Airport Traffic Control Tower
- 30 – Receive status report from Director of Public Works and City Engineer regarding drainage issues resulting from Hurricane Floyd
- 31 – Receive report from the Director of Public Works and City Engineer regarding drainage issue on Wedgewood Drive and take no action
- 32 – Receive report from Director of Public Works and City Engineer regarding grading issue on Weindorf Lane and take no action
- 33 – Receive positive reports from Planning Commission, City Engineer, Director of Finance and Director of Planning regarding request to purchase City owned parcels on Ye Olde Road and refer item to Corporation Counsel and Purchasing Agent to rebid parcels
- 34 – Receive positive reports from Planning Commission, Director of Planning and City Engineer regarding offer to sell to the City road widening strips on Joe’s Hill Road and approve transfer of the property subject to receipt of documents satisfactory to Corporation Counsel
- 35 – Receive negative report from Planning Commission regarding offer to sell to the City land on Miry Brook Road and Old Sugar Hollow Road and take no action at this time
- 36 – Receive negative reports from Planning Commission, Director of Planning, City Engineer and Corporation Counsel regarding offer to sell to the City property at 178 Middle River Road and take no action
- 37 – Receive negative reports from Planning Commission, Director of Planning, Corporation Counsel, Director of Finance and City Engineer concerning a request to purchase property and take no action
- 38 – Receive positive reports from Planning Commission, City Engineer, Director of Planning and Corporation Counsel regarding request to purchase City owned property on Fox Den Road, declare parcel surplus and offer for sale to petitioner for the amount of taxes owed
- 41 – Receive report and approve recommendation to take no action regarding offer of exchange of land at 2 Mountainville Road
- 42 – Receive report and approve recommendation to take no action regarding request for sewer and water extensions at 42A Main Street
- 43 – Receive report and approve recommendation to take no action regarding procedure for mailing tax bills

44 – Receive positive report and approve recommendations regarding contract between City and Minolta Business Systems, Inc. and the Board of Education

45 – Receive report and approve positive recommendations regarding water runoff problem on Great Plain Road subject to receipt of drainage rights from affected property owners in a form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel

Mr. Setaro made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of the removal of item 32. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

1 – **ORDINANCE** – Sewer Use Charges. Dean Esposito asked that this be deferred to public hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

2 – RESOLUTION – Husky Outreach Funds

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers, through the Connecticut State Department of Social Services, is making funds available for local school based health centers to facilitate and conduct outreach to target populations; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury School Based Health Center, through the Danbury Health and Housing Department, is desirous of using these funds to conduct such a program for the Danbury High School, the Alternative Center for Education and the Middle Schools; and

WHEREAS, no local match is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Gene F. Eriquez, or his designee in the City of Danbury Health and Housing Department be and hereby is authorized to apply for and to accept such funding and to execute such documents as may be required for the purposes hereof.

The application and resolution for Associations of School Based Health Centers Husky Outreach grant in the amount of \$6,275.00 was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3 – **RESOLUTION** – Stand Together Make A Difference

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, 1999 through June 30, 2000;

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.

The application and resolution for State Local Substance Abuse Prevention Council grant to benefit Stand Together Make A Difference via the City in the amount of \$5,675 was approved on the Consent Calendar.

4 – **RESOLUTION** – School Based Health Center

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

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 \$304,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant term will cover a two year period of July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 for \$202,000 and a second year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 for an additional \$102,000 with no 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 is 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 is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

The application and resolution for the State Department of Health Services School Based Health Center Continuation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$304,000 was approved on the Consent Calendar.

5 – **COMMUNICATION** – Appointment to Position of Firefighter

Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointment of Johanan Maia to the position of firefighter in the Danbury Fire Department. Mr. McAllister made a motion to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Mr. Maia. Seconded by Mr. Pascuzzi. Motion carried unanimously.

6 – **COMMUNICATION** – Appointment to the Richter Park Authority

Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointment of Albert Mead, Jr., to the Richter Park Authority for a term to expire September 1, 2000. The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

7 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reappointments to the Commission on Aging

Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting the confirmation of the reappointments of Thomas Quinn, Walter Wayman and Seth Sanford to the Commission on Aging for terms to expire October 1, 2002. The reappointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

8 – **COMMUNICATION** – Donations to the Library

Request from Library Director Betsy McDonough for permission to accept donations to the Library from the Girl Scout Council of SW Connecticut, Troop 832 in the amount of \$20; from Joanna M. Salvo in the amount of \$30; from Tracy Winters in the amount of \$40; and from the Danbury Hospital Nurses Alumni Association in the amount of \$25. The donations will be credited to Books and Office Supplies. Mr. Scalzo made a motion to receive the communication, accept the donations, credit the proper line items and send letters of thanks. Seconded by Mr. McAllister. Motion carried unanimously.

9 – **COMMUNICATION** – Donation to the Health Department

Letter from Health Director William Campbell requesting permission to donate a Motorola Tele-TAC 250 cellular telephone to the Health and Housing Department. Mrs. Abrantes made a motion to receive the communication, accept the donation and send a letter of thanks. Seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

10 – **COMMUNICATION** – Donations to the Department of Elderly Services

Letter from Director of Elderly Services Leo McIlrath requesting permission to accept donations in the total amount of \$227 for the use of the Senior Center. Mr. Arconti made a motion to receive the communication, accept the donations, credit the proper line items and send letters of thanks. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

11 – **COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION** – Reappropriation of Donated Funds

Request from the Director of Elderly Services that the sum of \$597 be transferred from the Elderly Services Donations Revenue Account to the Commission on Aging budget. A certification of funds was attached. The reappropriation of donated funds in the amount of \$597 was authorized on the Consent Calendar.

12 – **COMMUNICATION** – Damage from Hurricane Floyd

Request from Captain Charles Coakley of Padanaram Hose Co. #3 requesting reimbursement for damage caused by the flood. Mr. McAllister asked that this be referred to the Director of Finance. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

13 – **COMMUNICATION** – Report from Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Ryerson regarding Skate 2000. Mr. Setaro asked that this be referred to the Mayor's Office for referral to the Community Skate Committee. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

14 – **COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION** – Support of Proposed Zoning Amendments – Regulating Cellular Towers

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Zoning Commission of the City of Danbury has proposed an amendment to the City of Danbury Zoning Regulation pertaining to the placement of wireless telecommunications facilities, towers and antennas; and

WHEREAS, said amendment would serve to properly secure the rights of providers of these products and services, while also safeguarding the interests, public health, safety, convenience and property values of the residents of the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Danbury and its residents that such an amendment is supported in a way in which these goals may be accomplished;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Common Council of the City of Danbury supports the consideration of such Regulations in a manner intended to serve the dual needs of the Danbury community.

Mr. Setaro made a motion to receive the communication and adopt the Resolution in support of regulation of cellular towers. Seconded by Mrs. Saracino. Motion carried unanimously.

15 – **COMMUNICATION** – Report from Planning Commission on Property Acquisition at Tarrywile Lake

A positive report from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed property acquisition at Tarrywile Lake. The positive report of the Planning Commission was received and the acquisition of the parcel from RFC Properties, II, Inc. was approved on the Consent Calendar.

16 – **COMMUNICATION** – Request for Water Extension on Federal Road

Request from Stew Leonard's for Water Extension on Federal Road. Mr. Arconti asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Superintendent of Public Utilities, the City Engineer and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallagher, Arconti and Basso to the committee.

17 – **COMMUNICATION** – Request for Extension of Time –Broad Street

Request from Attorney Ward Mazzucco, representing Broad Street Associates, for an extension of time to complete sewer and water extensions on Broad Street. A twelve-month extension of time for sewer and water extensions on Broad Street was approved on the Consent Calendar.

18 – **COMMUNICATION** – Acceptance of Sewer Line on Park Avenue

Request from Barden Corporation that the City of Danbury accept the sewer line that runs from Barden down Park Avenue to the Wooster Street intersection. Mr. Machado asked that this be referred to the Superintendent of Public Utilities, the City Engineer, the Planning Commission and the Corporation Counsel for reports back within thirty days. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

19 – **COMMUNICATION** – Offer to sell land on Beckerle Street

Offer from Stanley Wayman offering to sell land on Beckerle Street to the City. Mr. Scalzo asked that this be referred to the Planning Director, the City Engineer, the Director of Finance and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

20 – **COMMUNICATION** – Local Capital Improvement Grant

Amended projects list for the Local Capital Improvement grant funds that are available. The application and resolution for the State Local Capital Improvement Grant for various municipal projects in the amount of \$293,865 was approved on the Consent Calendar.

21 – **COMMUNICATION** – Acceptance of Donation for Conference

Request from Melanie Bonjour, the SBHC Coordinator, for permission to accept funds in the amount of \$700 from the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers which are being offered to off-set a portion of the costs

related to her participation in the 73rd annual American School Health Association National Conference on Health. Mrs. Abrantes made a motion to receive the communication, accept the donation and sent a letter of thanks. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

22 – **COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION** – Request from Registrars of Voters for reimbursement of funds in the amount of \$2,660 to cover the cost of the September primary. A certification of funds was attached. The transfer of funds was authorized on the Consent Calendar.

23 – **COMMUNICATION** – Request to purchase City Property on Rockwood Lane

Request from Stacey A. Cassidy to purchase lot #B08042 on Rockwood Lane. Mr. McAllister asked that this be referred to the City Engineer, the Planning Commission, the Director of Planning and the Director of Finance for reports back within thirty days. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

24 – **COMMUNICATION** – Request for Extension of Time – Joe’s Hill Road

Request from Peter and Barbara Mulready for an extension of time for the installation of a sewer line at 1 Joe’s Hill Road. A twelve-month extension of time was granted on the Consent Calendar.

25 – **COMMUNICATION** – Water Problems at 65 Main Street, Park Place

Request that an ad hoc committee be formed to address flooding problems at 65 Main Street and several lots on Park Place. Mr. Setaro asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Superintendent of Public Utilities, and the City Engineer. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Levy, John Esposito and Saracino to the committee.

26 – **COMMUNICATION** – Request to Purchase Land on Ye Olde Road

Request from Adam J. Negri to purchase lot nos. E17059 and E17060 on Ye Olde Road. The communication was received and the item referred to the Corporation Counsel and the Purchasing Agent to rebid parcels on the Consent Calendar.

27 – **COMMUNICATION** – FAA Agreement with Airport

Revised agreement submitted by the Federal Aviation Administration stating that as of November 3, 1999 the FAA has notified the City that Robinson Van Vuren Associates, Inc. will operate and provide the Air Traffic services at the Danbury Airport Traffic Control Tower. The agreement was approved on the Consent Calendar.

28 – **COMMUNICATION** – Application for Deferral of Assessment Increases – Bedoukian Research

Letter from Director of Planning Dennis Elpern stating that he has reviewed the application for a deferral of assessment increases attributable to construction and improvements submitted by Robert H. Bedoukian on behalf of Bedoukian Research at 27 Augusta Drive. He has determined that the applicant is eligible. Mr. Setaro made a motion to receive the communication and approve the deferral of assessment increases. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

29 – **COMMUNICATION** – Water Extension – 99 Beaver Brook Road

Request from BRT Self Storage for a water main extension at 99 Beaver Brook Road. Mr. Scalzo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Superintendent of Public Utilities, the City Engineer and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Machado, Coco and Saracino to the committee.

30 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding Flood Control Measures

Reports from the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Utilities outlining the efforts being made to correct the flooding problems caused by Hurricane Floyd. They are working with Congressman Maloney's Office with the specific goal of a comprehensive drainage study consisting of three components. The status report was received on the Consent Calendar.

31 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding Wedgewood Drive

The reports from the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works regarding Wedgewood Drive were received on the Consent Calendar and no action taken.

32 – **COMMUNICATION** – Grading Issue – Weindorf Lane

Reports from the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works stating that the City has no responsibility regarding this issue on Weindorf Lane. Mr. Setaro asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Machado, Shuler and Moore to the committee.

33 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding property on Ye Olde Road

Reports from the Planning Commission, the City Engineer, the Planning Director and the Director of Finance giving positive recommendations to sell the two parcels. Mrs. DeFabritis withdrew her offer to purchase.

34 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding Road Widening Strip on Joe's Hill Road

Reports from the City Engineer, the Director of Planning and the Planning Commission recommending acceptance of the road widening parcel on Joe's Hill Road. The positive reports regarding the offer to sell to the City road widening strips on Joe's Hill Road and approve transfer of the property subject to receipt of documents satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel was approved on the Consent Calendar.

35 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding offer to sell land on Miry Brook Road and Sugar Hollow Road to the City Of Danbury

Reports from the Planning Commission, the Airport Administrator, the Corporation Counsel, the Director of Finance, the Planning Director and the City Engineer regarding the offer to sell land on Miry Brook Road and Sugar Hollow Road to the City. The negative reports were received on the Consent Calendar and no action taken.

36 – **COMMUNICATION** – Report regarding offer to sell property at 178 Middle River Road

Reports from the Planning Commission, the Director of Planning, the City Engineer and the Corporation Counsel regarding the offer to sell property at 178 Middle River Road to the City. The negative reports were received on the Consent Calendar and no action taken.

37 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding request to purchase property on Deepwood Drive

Reports from the Planning Commission, the Director of Planning, the Corporation Counsel, the Director of Finance and the City Engineer regarding the request to purchase property on Deepwood Drive. The negative reports were received on the Consent Calendar and no action taken.

38 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding the request to purchase land off Fox Den Road

Reports from the Planning Commission, the City Engineer, the Director of Planning and the Corporation Counsel regarding the request to purchase City owned property off Fox Den Road. The parcel was declared surplus and offered for sale to the petitioner for the amount of taxes owned on the Consent Calendar.

39 – **COMMUNICATION** – Reports regarding Down on the Farm Property

Reports from the Planning Commission and the Corporation Counsel regarding the Down on the Farm property. Mr. McAllister asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Corporation Counsel and a representative of Hospice. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallagher, Smith and Moore to the committee.

40 – **COMMUNICATION** – Linron Gardens – WITHDRAWN

41 – **REPORT** – Offer of Exchange of Land at 2 Mountainville Road

Mr. Buzaid submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the offer for an exchange of land at 2 Mountainville Road did not meet due to the fact that the petitioner has no interest in going forward with the offer.

Mrs. Basso made a motion to recommit the report. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Eriquez appointed Council Member Dean Esposito as the third member of the committee.

42 – **REPORT** – Request for Sewer and Water Extension – 42A Main Street

Mr. Buzaid submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for sewer and water extensions at 42A Main Street met on October 21, 1999 at 7:50 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Buzaid and Dean Esposito. Mrs. Saracino was absent.

Mr. Esposito made a motion to take no action at this time because the petition has been withdrawn. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

The report was received and the recommendation to take no action was approved on the Consent Calendar.

43 – **REPORT** – Procedure for Mailing Tax Bills

Mrs. Smith submitted the following reports:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the procedure of mailing tax bills met on October 21, 1999 at 8:03 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Smith, Scalzo and Moore. Also in attendance were

Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Mrs. Isabel Sobel and Council Members Dean Esposito and Tom Arconti, ex-officio.

Mrs. Smith stated that the purpose of this meeting was to address the issue of tax bill mailings. She asked Mrs. Sobel to give an overview of her experience. Mrs. Sobel stated that she has lived in Danbury for over forty years. She also maintains a residence in New York City. She spends the winter months in New York and has had her tax bill sent there. She moved from one apartment in New York to another about one year ago and notified the post office of her change of address. She never received a tax bill for last year. She saw a notice in the newspaper stating that if you had not received your tax bill you are still responsible for paying your taxes. She received a call asking if she wanted the money applied to last year's bill or this year's bill. She then learned she was responsible for over \$400 in interest and penalties.

Mr. Setaro stated that he had the bill that was returned by the Post Office that said there was no forwarding address. They could not send the bill for Forty Acre Mountain Road because the request on file was to send it to New York. Mr. Setaro said that they are over 1500 tax bills returned each year. Mr. Arconti asked if it would be feasible to send a letter to the property address. Mr. Setaro said that it would be feasible but they have never had a problem with real estate tax bills. There were 158 tax bills returned this year. It would be a time consuming process and a burden on the existing staff to research where to forward bills.

Mrs. Smith asked how Mrs. Sobel's concerns could be alleviated. She asked if a letter could be sent out after a certain amount of time. Mr. Setaro said it could, but he did not know if they would because of the staffing problem. Mr. Setaro stated that he could not abate Mrs. Sobel's interest due to State Statute. Mr. Arconti stated that because we do charge high interest and cannot waive it, he would like to make sure every effort is made to contact the taxpayer. Mr. Moore stated that he agreed with Mr. Arconti's idea. Sending out letters to the 158 returned taxpayers might give us a good return.

Mr. Scalzo made a motion to take no action on this matter, but to have the Tax Collector's Office make every effort to forward or find the taxpayer whose bill has been returned, specifically limited to the taxable address. Seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

The report was received and the recommendation to take no action was approved on the Consent Calendar.

44 – **REPORT** – Contract between the City of Danbury and Minolta Business Systems, Inc. – Board of Education

Mr. Gallagher submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the contract between the Danbury Schools and Minolta Business Systems met on October 25, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Gallagher, Scalzo and Saracino. Also in attendance were City Finance Director Dominic Setaro, Superintendent of Schools Tim Connors, Schools Director of Finance John Torok and Schools Director of Technology Art Colley.

Mr. Torok, in giving a brief overview, stated that the school system had sought RFP's from various copier systems and after three interactions Minolta's proposal was selected. Minolta's proposal included a full time technician and various donated equipment (see attachment). Mr. Connors pointed out the technological advantages of the Minolta proposal, as well as the savings of \$60,000-\$70,000 per year in outside services. Mr. Setaro stated that the proposal had been reviewed by his office as well as by the Corporation Counsel's office.

Mr. Scalzo moved to recommend to the Common Council approval of the lease of multi-functional digital copier systems, between the City of Danbury Public Schools and Minolta Business Systems. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Saracino and passed unanimously.

The report was received and the recommendations approved on the Consent Calendar.

45 – **REPORT** – Water Run-off Problem on Great Plain Road

Mr. Arconti submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the water run-off problem on Great Plain Road met on October 19, 1999 at 7:45 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Arconti, Smith and Basso. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, the petitioner, Gary Renz and Council Member Dean Esposito, ex-officio.

Mr. Renz gave a history of the run-off problem. Up until 1980 everything was fine until the property next to him was developed. The individual who bought the property decided to fill it in. Water backs up and leaches down over and under the ground. Mr. Buckley pointed out the property and where the problem occurs on a map. Mr. Buckley explained why and how the problem occurs.

Mr. Buckley suggested that the solution to the problem might be to offer the neighbors 70 feet of pipe and let them install it. However, this raises the question as to whether the City should be putting pipe on private property. Mrs. Basso suggested that Mr. Buckley be given the opportunity to offer the pipe to the neighbor.

Mr. Renz said that he would be willing to work with the neighbor to install the pipe. Mr. Buckley said that he would like a description of how they plan to install it. Mr. Buckley also stated that there are many more of these problems occurring throughout the City and a solution to them should be looked into.

Mrs. Smith made a motion that the City provide up to \$1,000 worth of pipe and materials to the petitioner for the sole purpose of connecting the drain to the brook, contingent upon agreement of the neighbors. Seconded by Mrs. Basso and passed unanimously.

The report was received and the positive recommendations regarding water runoff problem on Great Plain Road subject to receipt of drainage rights from affected property owners in a form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel approved on the Consent Calendar.

46 – **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Police Chief, Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Health and Housing, Department of Elderly Services, Public Buildings, Public Utilities, Welfare. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the reports be accepted as presented and the reading waived as all members have copies which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mrs. Saracino. Motion carried unanimously.

47 – Mr. Setaro made a motion to add item 47, Lake Kenosia Sewer Project to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Levy. Motion carried with Mr. Gallagher voting in the negative.

Letter from Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk stating that in order to go forward with the Lake Kenosia Associates Sewer Project the acquisition of an easement from Lake Place Condominium Association will be required. Because of this State law requires that the City hold a public hearing prior to going forward. Mr. Levy asked that this be deferred to public hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

48 – Mr. Setaro made a motion to add item 48, a report regarding sewer and water extensions on Terre Haute Road. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Esposito submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for sewer and water extension on Terre Haute Road met on November 3, 1999 at 6:30 P.M. in the Common Council Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Dean Esposito, Emile Buzaid and Mary Saracino. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley and Attorney Michael Kaufman for the petitioner.

Mr. Esposito noted the positive report of the Planning Commission. Mr. Buckley outlined the plan submitted by the engineer for the developer showing how the sewer installation would be carried out. Mr. Buckley has no problem with the plan as submitted, but did not approve of an alternate plan also submitted by the developer. Mr. Buckley stated that water is no problem. Mr. Buckley suggested approval subject to the normal eight steps.

Mrs. Saracino made a motion to approve sewer and water extensions to the Terre Haute Road lots, subject to the normal eight steps. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Setaro made a motion to receive the report and adopt its recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eriquez extended all committees.

Mayor Eriquez acknowledged that Council Members Christopher Setaro, Michael Falzone and Ernie Boynton were leaving the Council. He thanked them for their efforts and for volunteering their time.

Mrs. Abrantes presented Council President Setaro with a gift from the Common Council and thanked him for his friendship and leadership. Mayor Eriquez presented him with a proclamation from the City. Mr. Setaro thanked his colleagues for their generosity. He thanked the Mayor, all department heads, the City Clerk's Office and all of the people of the City of Danbury for their support over the years.

Council Members Basso, Gallagher, John Esposito and Levy thanked Mr. Setaro for his service. Dean Esposito thanked Chris, Ernie and Mike for their service, as did Mr. Arconti. Mr. Scalzo thanked Ernie and Chris for their service. Mr. Boynton thanked the Mayor and his colleagues, as well as the police and fire departments.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. Setaro for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk