
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 5, 2006

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The July 5, 2006 meeting of Common Council was called to order in Common Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Mark D. Boughton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER: The Pledge and prayer were led and recited by Mr. Cutsumpas.

ROLL CALL: The roll was called and recorded by City Clerk Jean Natale.

Present : Louise McMahon, Shailesh Nagarsheth, James Johnson, Charles Trombetta, Michael Calandrino, Duane Perkins, Fred Visconti, Benjamin Chianese, John Esposito, Thomas Saadi, Joseph Cavo, Pauline Basso, Paul Rotello, Jane Diggs, Mary Teicholz, Theodore Cutsumpas, Robert Riley, Colleen Stanley, and Lynn Taborsak were present, total of nineteen.

Absent : Mary Saracino and Gregg Seabury were absent. Mayor Boughton explained that Mrs. Saracino and Mr. Seabury are on vacation.

PUBLIC SPEAKING :

- Lynn Waller, 83 Highland Avenue, spoke in favor of #8 Communication, Public Access Broadcast of Council Meetings, stating that City business should be made available on public access television.
- Christina Halfar, 8 Settlers Hill Road, spoke in favor of #8 Communication and volunteered to operate the camera.
- Margaret Mitchell, 1 Park Place, spoke in favor of #8 Communication and related her experiences with a similar broadcast procedure in Colorado.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Boughton stated there will be rededication of the Parking Garage in honor of Terry McNally at 2 p.m. on July 14, 2006. Mayor Boughton said the grand opening of the new Magnet School is also coming up.

MINUTES : Mr. Saadi reminded the Council that the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held June 6, 2006 need to be accepted. Mr. Cavo motioned to waive the reading of the minutes as all members have copies and copies are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Mrs. Basso presented the following items for the Consent Calendar:

1. RESOLUTION – Per Capita Grant. Receive the communication and approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton to apply for and accept the per capita grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, in the amount of \$74,641.49.
2. RESOLUTION – Preventative Health Care Block Grant. Receive the communication and approve the resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton to apply for and

accept the Preventative Health Care Block Grant from the State of Connecticut for \$ 13,879.

3. RESOLUTION – Irving Place. Receive the communication and approve the resolution authorizing Corporation Counsel to acquire the additional easement as outlined in the communication.

4. RESOLUTION – Hawthorne Terrace Water System Acquisition. Receive the communication and approve the resolution authorizing Corporation Counsel to acquire the strips of land as outlined in the communication.

9. COMMUNICATION – Poet’s Landing, 16-18 Hayestown Road. Receive the communication and authorize the transfer of road widening strips and drainage easements pending approval of the Engineering Department.

10. COMMUNICATION – Building Committees – Various School Projects. Receive the communication and approve the appointments to the school facilities committees, as presented.

13. COMMUNICATION – Reports regarding Saugatuck Ridge Road. Receive the communication and take no action at this time.

14. COMMUNICATION – Report regarding 73 North Street. Receive the communication and take no action at this time.

15. COMMUNICATION – Reports regarding 278 Main Street. Receive the communication and take no action at this time.

16. REPORT – Request to Accept Carla Drive. Receive the report and approve the Committee recommendation to accept Carla Drive as a City road, subject to the recommendations of Corporation Counsel.

17. REPORT – Request for Sewer and Water Extensions – 60 Forest Avenue. Receive the report and approve the Committee recommendation to grant sewer and water extension approval to 60 Forest Avenue, subject to the required eight steps.

18. REPORT – Request for Sewer and Water Extensions – 20 Eastwood Road. Receive the report and approve the Committee recommendation to grant the request for sewer and water extensions at 20 Eastwood Road, subject to the required eight steps.

19. REPORT – Request to Lease Land on Garamella Boulevard and Maple Avenue. Receive the report and approve the Committee recommendation to deny the request for a lease for parking of land at the corner of Garamella Boulevard and Maple Avenue, and to explore the possibility of other potential parking lots, including Redevelopment Parcel Nine.

Mr. Cavo moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mr. Chianese. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Cavo made a motion to add #21 to the calendar, seconded by Mr. Nagarsheth. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cavo made a motion to move item #21 to the beginning of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Nagarsheth. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Danbury Fire Department Promotions and Appointments. Promotions within and appointments to the Fire Department were recommended in a July 5, 2006 letter from Mayor Mark D. Boughton.

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- Motion to promote Steven Williams to Assistant Chief was made by Mr. Trombetta, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to promote Gary Arconti to Captain was made by Mr. Trombetta, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to promote Tyler Bergemann to Lieutenant was made by Mr. Trombetta, seconded by Mr. Calandrino. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to appoint Robert Sean Hanson as Firefighter was made by Mr.

- Cutsumpas, seconded by Mr. Riley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to appoint Nicholas Walter Cabral as Firefighter was made by Mr. Cutsumpas, seconded by Mrs. McMahon. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to appoint Kyle Lee Houser as Firefighter was made by Mr. Cutsumpas, seconded by Mr. Visconti. Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATION – Donation to the School Based Health Center of \$250 from the United Jewish Center. Motion to approve receipt of the donation and to send a letter of thanks was made by Ms. Stanley, seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATION – Donation to the Library of \$57.35 from Robert and Deborah Feinson. Motion to approve receipt of the donation and to send a letter of thanks was made by Mr. Nagarsheth, seconded by Ms. Teicholz. Motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMUNICATION – Request for Ad Hoc Committee – License Agreement Review, Total Landscaping and Tree Service. Mrs. McMahon moved to refer the communication to Corporation Counsel for a 30-Day Report. Seeing no objection, the referral was so ordered by Mayor Boughton.

8. COMMUNICATION – Public Access Broadcast of Council Meetings. Mr. Cavo moved to refer this item back to the established Committee, including Mr. Cavo, Mrs. Basso and Mr. Perkins. Seeing no objection, the referral was so ordered by Mayor Boughton.

11. COMMUNICATION – Water Main Extension – 38 Old Ridgebury Road. Mr. Riley moved to refer this item to an Ad Hoc Committee, including Ms. Teicholz, Ms. Diggs and Mr. Visconti, with Corporation Counsel, City Engineer, and a 30-Day Report from the Planning Commission. Seeing no objection, the referral was so ordered by Mayor Boughton.

12. COMMUNICATION – Danbury Code of Ordinance Section 11-2(b) (c). Ms. Teicholz moved to refer this item to Corporation Counsel and the Coordinator of the Permit Center for 30-Day Reports. Seeing no objection, the referral was so ordered by Mayor Boughton.

20. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Police Chief, Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Health and Housing, Public Works, Permit Center, Building Department, Elderly Services, Welfare, Dream Homes. Mr. Cavo moved to waive the reading of departmental reports as all members have copies and copies are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Riley questioned Fire Chief Siecienski about volunteers, incentive program, civil service and advertising. Fire Chief Siecienski responded that, as a former volunteer, there is a point system through civil service, and it is rare to get volunteers from outside Danbury. Mrs. Basso thanked Chief Siecienski.

Ms. Taborsak questioned Scott T. LeRoy, Health Director, regarding the Dream Homes Report, point of entry, the number of homeless residents, their ages and the reasons for homelessness. Mr. LeRoy replied that he did not prepare that report. The Association of Religious Communities (ARC) did the report and is the point of entry. Ms. Taborsak asked about serving as a homeless point of entry. Attorney Yamin said it is not on line yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Boughton extended all committees.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Calandrino. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Lee, Secretary
ATTEST:

Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
