

Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
City Council Members

Mayor Mark D. Boughton called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:35 PM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

Present were Council Members: Philip Colla, Michael Halas, Charles Trombetta, Joseph Cavo, Jack Knapp, Duane E. Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Peter Nero, Thomas J. Saadi, Paul T. Rotello, Mary Teicholz, Sal Tumino, Robert F. Arconti, Philip Curran, Nancy Deep Damici, Gregg Seabury, Colleen A. Stanley,

Absent were Council Members: Donald Taylor and Fred Visconti were sick and Shay Nagarsheth and Bob Riley were out of town.

PRESENT: 17 ABSENT: 4

Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant; Robert J. Yamin, Corporation Counsel and Laszlo L. Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: Matt Madden from Troop #9 led everyone in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Curran led everyone in the room in a prayer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

MINUTES – Councilman Cavo moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 5, 2010 as Council members have copies and copies are also available in the Clerk’s Office, seconded by Councilman Perkins. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

Councilman Seabury presented the following items for the Consent Calendar:

1 - Receive the communication and approve the appointment of William J. Mills (D), Bruce Lees (D), Craig D. Westney (R) and Matthew N. Rose (R) to serve as members of the Environmental Impact Commission.

2 - Receive the communication and approve the appointment of Roberto Perez (D), Frank M. Reed (R) and Frances C. Ryan (R) to serve as members of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

3 – Receive the communication and approve the appointment of Mary I. Principe, Brett A. DeWeese and Ellen Cavallo Buccitti to serve as Alternate Members of the Charles Ives Authority for the Performing Arts.

10 – Receive the communication and approve request from the Registrar of Voters for the transfer of funds for line items 1060.5040, 1060.5315, 1060.5324, 1060.5334, and 1060.5601 totaling \$23,800.00 for the purpose of covering the cost of the Democratic Town Committee Primaries to be held on March 2, 2010.

11- Receive the communication and approve the 18 month extension of time as requested to secure the required easements for Sewer and Water lines on Reynolds Road.

14 – Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the availability of funds totaling \$6,250.00 for the City’s share of the Airport Grant and that said funds will come from “Maintain Airport Account 9200.5511”.

15 - Receive the communication and adopt the updated Resolution so that the City of Danbury may receive monies due from the State of Connecticut.

16 - Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Danbury Fire Department to apply for the SAFER grant which allows for grant funds for a 2 year period to hire new firefighters and/or to rehire firefighters that have been laid off.

17 - Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the City of Danbury to acquire drainage easements at 91 Shelter Rock Rd as described.

18 - Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the City of Danbury Health, Housing and Welfare Department to accept additional funding for its WIC (Woman, Infant and Children) program from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Additional funding is not to exceed \$45,276.

20 – Receive the communication and approve the Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Extensions for Gallagher Lane based on the positive reports from the Planning Commission and the City Engineering Department and subject to the eight steps as described.

21 - Receive the communication and accept the report of the Ad Hoc committee recommending to approve the re-establishment of the Flood and Erosion Control Board and the Tarrywile Park Authority and refer it to a public hearing.

22 - Receive the communication and accept the report of the Ad Hoc committee and approve the amended lease agreement with Wireless Edge Communications, LLC subject to the approval of the Planning Commission, a Public Hearing and proper postings as required by State Statutes.

Councilwoman Teicholz moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented, seconded by Councilman Cavo. *Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

1 - COMMUNICATION - **Reappointments to Environmental Impact Commission**
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the appointments approved.

2 - COMMUNICATION - **Reappointments to the Commission with Disabilities**
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the appointments approved.

3 - COMMUNICATION - **Appointments - Alternate Members to Charles Ives Authority**
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the appointments approved.

4 - COMMUNICATION - **Donation to the Library**
Jean Natale read the communication. **Councilwoman Stanley moved to receive the communication and accept the donation from the estate of Jane Shalley Mansfield, deposit the funds into LIBRARYFUND.4651 Donations and send a letter of thanks.** Councilman Chianese seconded the motion. *Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

5 - COMMUNICATION - **Donation to the Police Department - Defibrillator and Carrier**
Jean Natale read the communication. **Councilman Colla moved to receive the communication and accept the donation of a defibrillator and storage carrier from Danbury Hospital.** Councilman Seabury seconded the motion. *Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

6 - COMMUNICATION - **Donation to the Police Department - NCIC Green Software**
Jean Natale read the communication. **Councilman Arconti moved to receive the communication and accept the donation of NCIC Green software from Law Soft, Inc. in exchange for testing and demonstrations for other Connecticut police departments.** Councilman Seabury seconded the motion. At the request of Councilman Saadi and Councilman Rotello, the Chief advised that there would not be any ongoing licensing fees, training costs and transitioning interruptions to critical services. The demonstrations would be handled by on-duty dispatchers. In order to secure the donation, valued at \$5,000, an agreement would be entered into to serve as a demonstration site. *Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

7 - COMMUNICATION - **Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department - Dance Floor**
Jean Natale read the communication. **Councilman Knapp moved to receive the communication and accept the donation for the installation of a new dance floor at Hatter's Park Hall by Generation Floors.** Councilman Trombetta seconded the motion. *Motion passed by unanimous vote*

8 - COMMUNICATION - **Purchase Agreement - 2 Pumpers - Fire Department**
Jean Natale read the communication. **Councilman Curran moved to accept the communication and enter into an agreement to purchase two new Pierce Arrow XT Fire Pumpers.**
Councilwoman Teicholz seconded the motion. Upon the request of Councilman Perkins, Chief Herald gave an overview of the typical use of a pumper. Pumpers are a primary response vehicle for fire, medical and other emergencies. They are complicated machines containing among other things, a pump system, computer, roll over protection and air bags and will meet the most recent NFPA standards. Maintenance costs make it no longer cost effective to continue to repair the current machines. David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance, stated that the previous lease payment has retired and he will conduct research to secure the best rate possible. The Chief indicated that he would like to act as quickly as possible to secure the best price. *Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

9 - COMMUNICATION - **Adjunct Parking Lease - 20 Backus Avenue**
Jean Natale read the communication. **Councilman Cavo requested an Ad Hoc** with Corporation Counsel, the Director of Planning, Airport Administrator, a report from Planning and a public hearing. Mayor Boughton appointed Councilman Knapp, Councilwoman Teicholz and Councilman Rotello to the committee.

10 - COMMUNICATION - **Request from Registrar of Voters - Primary Funds**
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the transfer request approved.

11 - COMMUNICATION - **Request for Sewer and Water Extension of Time - Reynolds Road**
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the 18 month extension approved.

12 - ORDINANCE - **Amendments to Traffic Code - Chapter 19**
Councilwoman Stanley requested referral to a public hearing.

13 - RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE - **Health & Human Service Fees - Section 9-8 & Section 11-7**
Councilman Seabury requested referral to a public hearing.

14 - RESOLUTION - **Airport State/Federal Grant- Snowblower**
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution adopted.

15 - RESOLUTION - **Airport Funds - Miry Brook Road Area**
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution adopted.

16 - RESOLUTION - **Fire Department - SAFER Grant**
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution was adopted.

17 - RESOLUTION - **Storm Drainage Easement - 91 Shelter Rock Road**
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution was adopted.

18 - RESOLUTION - **WIC Grant - Additional Funding**
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution was adopted.

19 - REPORT/RESOLUTIONS - **Sewer Assessments**

Councilman Cavo read the Ad Hoc Report. **Councilman Cavo moved to adopt the Sewer Assessment Resolutions for Kenosia Avenue Area, Payne Road, Old Farm Road Area and East Pembroke Road/Wood Street.** Councilwoman Stanley seconded the motion. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

20 - REPORT - **Sewer and Water Extension - Gallagher Lane**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the sanitary sewer and water main extensions approved subject to conditions.

21 - AD HOC REPORT - **Governmental Entities and Review**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the re-establishment of the Flood and Erosion Control Board and the Tarrywile Park Authority were referred to a public hearing.

22 - AD HOC REPORT - **Wireless Edge Lease**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and approved with conditions.

23 - AD HOC REPORT - **Amendment Code of Ordinance - Section 12-33 Shopping Carts**

Councilman Curran read the Ad Hoc Report. **Councilman Colla requested referral to a public hearing.**

24 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Police, Fire, Health-Housing & Welfare, Dream Homes, Public Works, Permit Center, UNIT, Elderly Services, Library

Councilman Cavo moved to waive the reading of the Department Reports as Council members have copies and copies are also available in the Clerk's Office, seconded by Councilman Seabury.

Upon request from Councilman Saadi, Antonio Iadarola, P.E., Director of Public Works, stated that the manufacturer and contractor have made modifications to the police station and its HVAC system at no cost to the City since the building is still under warranty.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Boughton extended all committees. He advised that some committees would be sunset at the next meeting and new members would be appointed to other committees.

Mayor Boughton appointed Councilwoman Stanley, Councilwoman Damici, Councilman Reilly, Councilman Arconti and Councilman Chianese to the Education Budget Committee.

Mayor Boughton noted that some members have voiced concerns regarding members leaving or walking around on the dais. There is an ordinance in place concerning this issue and he asked council members to keep movement on the dais to a minimum.

As there was no further business to come before the City Council, **a motion was made at 8:25 P.M. by Councilman Seabury to adjourn the meeting.** seconded by Councilman Trombetta. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

Respectfully submitted,

Doratheia A. Gulya-Stasny
Recording Secretary

Attest,
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor