

Mayor Mark D. Boughton called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Present were Council members: Robert Arconti, Philip Curran, Nancy Deep-Damici, Greg Seabury, Philip Colla, Shay Nagarsheth, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Jack Knapp, Peter Nero, Benjamin Chianese, Paul T. Rotello, Joseph Scozzafava and Mary Teicholz

PRESENT: 15 ABSENT: 6

Council Members Riley and Stanley were ill, Taylor and Halas were attending family functions, Trombetta was away on family business and Perkins was working.

Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant and Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER:

Council Member Deep-Damici led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Curran led everyone in a prayer.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Charles Setaro, Deer Hill Avenue, spoke on items 14 and 15.

Tom Devine, 261 Main St. and other properties, spoke on item #13.

Andrea Gartner, 16 Hayestown Road and Executive Director of City Center, spoke on item #13.

Mayor Boughton read the announcements for the month.

State Rep. Jan Giegler was recognized for a presentation. Rep. Giegler read a proclamation from the General Assembly naming Council Member Mary Teicholz as an "honored hero" for her work with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Council Member Teicholz received a standing ovation.

Antonio Iadarola, P.E., Director of Public Works was called upon to give an update on the storm restoration. Director Iadarola advised that out of 200 blocked roads there were approximately 60 remaining. Some schools are still without power. Some water and sewer pump stations are on emergency generators and are closely monitored. Equipment has sustained damage from the storm work and will need to be repaired. He emphasized that the magnitude of the storm has created very serious damage and the crews have been working very hard to get the roads open for the passage of emergency vehicles and restoration crews. Every piece of usable equipment has been put into service.

CL&P's communication has been less than acceptable. There is a lack of guidance and supervision for the crews coming into the area for assist with tree removal and the restoration. He encouraged Council Members and residents to contact CL&P to voice their frustration.

Mr. Iadarola thanked the entire public works staff and managers for their untiring efforts. All divisions of the Public Works Department are putting forth a team effort and working long hours to facilitate the clean-up from this very serious storm.

Mayor Boughton reiterated that it is a repeat of the same issues as the hurricane in September.

Mayor Boughton thanked his office staff for working extra hours on the weekend. He expressed his appreciation to Paul Estefan, Emergency Management, for his efforts in coordinating the emergency operations for the City. The Public Works and Police Departments were also

recognized for all of their efforts. Mayor Boughton also thanked the War Memorial, Red Cross, YMCA, Sinapi Pizza, ARC, Western CT Health Network, City Center, Danbury Fair Mall and Waters Construction for their assistance to the residents. He asked residents to check on their neighbors, especially the elderly.

Mayor Boughton thanked Council Members Deep-Damici, Riley and Arconti, who were not seeking re-election, for their service to the council. Council Member Arconti shared his personal thoughts on his council service.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Council Meeting held October 4, 2011

Council Member Cavo moved to waive the reading of the minutes as all members have copies and additional copies are on file in the Office of the Legislative Assistant, seconded by Council Member Nagarsheth. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Seabury read the Consent Calendar.

2 - Receive the Communication and authorize the Purchasing Department to dispose of Surplus Pipe, Valves and Fittings with an estimated value between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 pursuant to the requirements set forth by Section 2-153 of the Code of Ordinances.

3 - Receive the Communication and allow the Connecticut Counseling Center to assist the City of Danbury's Emergency Homeless Center in providing a full range of licensed outpatient services. The amount utilized for these services is not to exceed \$2,000.00. There is no local match required.

4 - Receive the Communication and allow the City Emergency Shelter to accept services of work, materials and labor from the New Opportunities, Inc. Weatherization Division as a result of their recent energy audit. The amount utilized for these services is not to exceed \$3,000.00. There is no local match required.

7 - Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Department of Health and Human Services to apply for and accept funding for a "Lead Poison Prevention" program. This funding not to exceed \$9,461.00, will be used to provide education regarding lead poisoning awareness and to help implement State regulations. There is no local match required.

8 - Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Department of Health and Human Services to accept funding for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. This funding, not to exceed \$168,792.00, covers the period of 8/10/2011 - 8/9/2014 and requires no local match.

9 - Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Department of Health and Human Services to accept additional funding from the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services for daily operations of the City's homeless shelter. The current approved funding period began 10/1/10 and extends 2 years, ending on 9/30/12. This additional funding, not to exceed \$15,796.00, increases year 2 of the contract. No local match is required.

10 - Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution that will allow Mayor Mark D. Boughton to enter into an agreement and accept funding from the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board. This funding, not to exceed \$36,000.00, will allow the Danbury

Youth Services to enroll approximately 15 Danbury students into the 2011 School Year Youth Employment program. No local match is required.

12 - Receive the reports and approve the positive recommendations of the City Engineer and the Planning Commission for water main and sanitary sewer extensions at 30 Reynolds Road.

14 - Receive the Communication and adopt the Committees recommendations.

Council Member Knapp moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented, seconded by Council Member Chianese. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

1 - COMMUNICATION - Donation from the Charles Ives Authority
Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant, read the communication. **Council Member Knapp moved to accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Charles Ives Authority for the Performing Arts and the donation divided into thirds between the Danbury Fire Department, Police Department and EMS,** seconded by Council Member Chianese. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

2 - COMMUNICATION - Disposal of Surplus Pipes, Valves & Fittings
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar authorization to the Purchasing Department granted.

3 - COMMUNICATION - Connecticut Counseling Center
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar the request of the Connecticut Counseling Center granted.

4 - COMMUNICATION - Weatherization of City Emergency Shelter
The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and the services from the New Opportunities, Inc. Weatherization Division accepted.

5 - COMMUNICATION - Relocation of Sanitary Sewer Forcemain - WCSU
Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant read the communication. **Council Member Teicholz moved to refer the item to Engineering and Planning for reports.** Mayor Boughton so ordered.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Request for Renewal of Sewer and Water Extension -25 Reynolds Road
Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant read the communication. **Council Member Curran moved to refer the item to Engineering and Planning for reports.** Mayor Boughton so ordered.

7 - RESOLUTION - Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution adopted.

8 - RESOLUTION - Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution adopted.

9 - RESOLUTION - DSS Shelter Grant - Additional Funding
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution adopted.

10 - RESOLUTION - Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board (NRWIB)
The communication and Resolution were received on the Consent Calendar and the Resolution adopted.

11 - REPORT - Renaming of Pocono Lane By-Pass Road to Neil's Way
Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant, read the report. **Council Member Seabury moved to approve renaming Pocono Lane to Neil's Way**, seconded by Council Member Saadi.
Council Member Saadi read a letter of thanks from Linda Van Valkenburg, daughter of Neil Van Valkenburg. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

12 - REPORT - Water and Sewer Extension - 30 Reynolds Road
The reports were received on the Consent Calendar and the extension approved.

13 - AD HOC REPORT & ORDINANCES - Expansion of City Center District
Council Member Cavo moved to waive the reading of the report and refer the item to a Public Hearing and Committee of the Whole. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

14- Ad HOC REPORT - Danbury Aviation- Lease Renewal
The report were received on the Consent Calendar and the recommendations adopted.

15 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Police, Fire, Health-Housing & Welfare, Dream Homes, Public Works, Permit Center, UNIT, Elderly Services, Library
Council Member Cavo moved to waive the reading of the Department Reports as all members have copies and additional copies are on file in the Office of the Legislative Assistant, seconded by Council Member Nagarsheth. ***Department Reports were accepted by unanimous vote.***

Mayor Boughton wished all of those running, good luck in the upcoming election.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made at 8:25pm by Council Member Rotello to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Nagarsheth.
Motion passed by unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Doratheia A. Gulya-Stasny
Recording Secretary

Attest:
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor