

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

RE: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held March 2, 1993

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT - Scalzo, Falzone, Arconti, Coladarci, Boynton, Dennehy, Setaro, DaSilva, John Esposito, Dean Esposito, Outlaw, Cassano, Charles, Butera, Cipriani, Scozzafava, Trocolla, Yamin

ABSENT - Fazio, Gallo, Gogliettino

18 Present - 3 Absent

Mr. Fazio had another meeting and Mrs. Gogliettino was working.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Dan Curtin, DAYO - spoke regarding item 28. Spoke regarding the functions of DAYO. DAYO needs to have a certain amount of hours of use of the athletic fields. WCSU uses the fields and cuts into the time needed. Accomodations need to be made for DAYO and were not reflected in the report under item 28.

2. Roland St. Amand, Westville Avenue - Spoke regarding item 7 - Resolution regarding Regionalization. All you people would be out of work. This was outlawed by President Regan in 1982.

(At 7:40 P.M. Mr. Gallo arrived and was marked present)

3. Janet Gershwin, 93 Boulevard Drive - Spoke regarding item 7. Resolution regarding Regionalization. Read a prepared text which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

4. Bob McCloud, 28 Cannon Drive - Spoke regarding DAYO. DAYO is totally made up of volunteers. Lack of field use undermines efforts of volunteers. Needs the support of the City as to when the fields will be available.

5. John Dixon, Long Ridge Road - Supports the Scenic Road Ordinance. Long Ridge Road meets all the criteria of the Ordinance.

6. Lynn Waller, 83 Highland Avenue - Spoke regarding item 7 - Resolution regarding Regionalization. Regionalization is unconstitutional. Read a prepared statement which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

7. Ron Blonski, 18 Griffing Avenue - Spoke on item 7. Is against regionalization. Disappointed that no action was taken. Spoke regarding item 19. Candlewood Lake Sewers is a form of rgionalization. Core of the City should be built.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 6th - Council Member Thomas Arconti's birthday
March 6th - City Clerk Betty Crudginton's birthday
March is Red Cross Month
March 4th - AIDS Memorial Quilt Kick-Off
March 5th - Women's History Month Dinner - Amber Room
March 5th - JayCees DSA Dinner - Lewis Wallace will be honored
March 5th - DART Benefit for Amos House
March 6th - Local History Room at Library will open
March 6th - Read-In at Barnes & Noble
March 6th - Dream Come True Dinner
March 10th - Youth Commission Leadership Conference at Hilton
March 11th - Red Cross Celebrity Waiters Breakfast
March 13th - Cancer Society Mardi Gras Ball
March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Flagraising at City Hall -12 Noon
March 25th - Hospice 10th Anniversary honoring Rita Thal
March 28th - 9:00 A.M. MS Super Cities Walk

MINUTES - Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held February 2, 1993 and the Special Meeting held February 22, 1993. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the minutes be accepted 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. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- 4 - Approve ARROW Grant for \$38,000
- 5 - Approve Resolution Laying Property Tax for Danbury Downtown Special Services District
- 6 - Approve Traffic Signal Systems Resolution- Central Business District
- 7 - Receive communication concerning regionalization and take no action at this time
- 8 - Approve appointment of Michael Chang as Student Advisor to the Youth Commission
- 9 - Approve reappointments of David Coelho and Carol Meeker to the Parks and Recreation Commission
- 10 - Approve reappointment of Jack Sullivan to the Redevelopment Agency
- 16 - Approve transfer of \$7,000 from Airport Escrow Account
- 17 - Approve appropriation of \$1,200 for Probate Court
- 19 - Approve authorization for Mayor to apply for DEP Grant
- 22 - Approve agreement between State of Connecticut and City of Danbury for Union Station
- 26 - Approve Modified Dam Consent Order DSO-91-07
- 29 - Approve the taking of no action concerning missing plot plans
- 30 - Approve request for sewer extension at 9 Pocono Lane
- 31 - Approve Progress Report concerning completion of long range planning goals at WCSU
- 32 - Approve Progress Report and recommendations for easement on Maple Avenue
- 33 - Approve Progress Report concerning the review of the cost of perpetual care

Mr. Falzone made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Mr. DaSilva asked that item 7 be removed. Motion carried unanimously.

1 - ORDINANCE - Enforcement. Mrs. Butera asked that this be deferred to Public Hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

2 - RESOLUTION & ORDINANCES - Flow Control of Municipal Solid Waste. Dean Esposito asked that these be deferred to public hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

3 - RESOLUTION - Donation to Homeshare Connections Program

WHEREAS, in July 1992 the Department of Elderly Services requested and received Common Council approval to apply for and accept a grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services under Title III of the Older Americans Act, which said grant was administered through the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Agency, Inc. to be used to develop a Homesharing Connection Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elderly Services received such grant and currently operates a Homesharing Connection Program which assists people to manage and maintain a shared home; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elderly Services has since applied for and received a grant of \$3,000 from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health through the Region I Department of Mental Retardation to further the purposes of said Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the actions of the Department of Elderly Services and the Mayor of the City of Danbury in applying for and accepting said funds are hereby ratified and authorization is given to transfer these funds into the Title III Grant/Match Additional Resources Section of the Homeshare Grant for the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. It is understood that no City matching funds are required.

Mr. Setaro made a motion that the Resolution be adopted, the donation be accepted and the proper line item credited. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (CADAC), an independent agency attached to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health has provided an ARROW GRANT, under its AIDS Prevention and Outreach Program, to the Danbury Health and Housing Department in the amount of \$38,000 for the time period of February 14, 1993 through December 31, 1993 with no local match required; and

WHEREAS, the grant would be used to provide AIDS prevention/risk reduction education to people who are at highest risk of exposure to HIV, including injection drug users and their spouses/companions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the actions of the Danbury Health and Housing Department and the Mayor of the City of Danbury in applying for said funds are hereby ratified and authorization is hereby given the Mayor and the Health and Housing Department to accept said grant for the purposes recited herein.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5 - RESOLUTION - A Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Danbury Downtown Special Services District.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE DANBURY DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1993 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1994

SECTION 1. The sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FOUR DOLLARS (\$118,204) representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury Downtown Special Services District of NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FOUR DOLLARS (\$98,204) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 and ending June 30, 1994, and minus indirect revenue of \$ - 0 -, and minus estimated available "Surplus" of \$ - 0 -, plus uncollectible taxes reserve in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) is hereby levied and assessed on all taxable interests in real property located within the City of Danbury Downtown Special Services District as set forth on the corrected annual Grand List as of October 1, 1992.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 and ending June 30, 1994 with respect to said property interests within said District shall be as follows:

TAX RATE: 1.765 MILLS

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as herein provided shall be due and payable in four equal installments on July 1, 1993, October 1, 1993, January 1, 1994 and April 1, 1994 except for taxes not in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which taxes shall be paid on July 1, 1993 in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, unless said date shall have lapsed before the effective date of this resolution in which case the Tax Collector shall fix the date as if said date had not been fixed herein as provided by law.

SECTION 4. The Tax Collector shall cause the said taxes above levied and assessed to be inserted on the tax rolls for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1993 and ending June 30, 1994.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled " Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the City of Danbury for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the Modernization and Coordination of Traffic Signals of the Central Business District.

The Agreement is identified by Agreement No. 9.09-03(92).

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

7 - RESOLUTION - Resolution rejecting regional government. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the Mayor submit a legislative monitoring report working with the CCM for a report back in thirty days. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

8 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez asking confirmation of the appointment of Michael Chang as a student advisor to the Youth Commission. The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

9 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez asking confirmation of the reappointments of David Coelho and Carol Meeker to the Parks and Recreation Commission for terms to expire December 1, 1994. The reappointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

10 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez asking confirmation of the reappointment of Jack Sullivan to the Redevelopment Agency for a term to expire January 1, 1998. The reappointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking permission to accept a \$250 donation from the News Times for the Danbury Youth Commission Youth Leadership Conference. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the donation be accepted, the proper line item credited and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

12 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from the Danbury News Times donating a tree to be planted on the grounds of the Ives House in memory of Cynthia A. Boyer. The value of the tree is approximately \$225. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

13 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Tree Supervisor Richard K. Smith asking permission to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from the Danbury Garden Club for the planting of a Freedom Tree. Mrs. Coldarci made a motion that the donation be accepted, the proper line item credited and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Susan Durgy seeking permission to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Wayne A. Butler to the AIDS Program. Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the donation, credit the proper line item and send a letter of thanks. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

15 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Leo McIlrath seeking permission to accept donations in the amounts of \$300 and \$25 for the Department of Elderly Services. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the donations be accepted, the proper line items credited and letters of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

16 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Airport Administrator Paul Estafan that the sum of \$7,000 be transferred from the Airport Escrow Account. A certification of funds was attached. The transfer was authorized on the Consent Calendar.

17 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Probate Judge Dianne Yamin that the sum of \$1,200 be transferred to the Probate Court Postage Account for the remainder of the fiscal year. A certification of funds was attached. The transfer was approved on the Consent Calendar.

18 - CERTIFICATION - Letter from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro certifying that the sum of \$195,800 is available for various Public Works Departments needed for the remainder of the fiscal year due to various snow storms and the rough winter. Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and

authorize the transfer of funds. Seconded by Mr. DaSilva. Mr. Yamin asked if these funds will carry us through the remainder of the fiscal year. Mayor Eriquez stated that these are estimated figures and if any portion of these funds are not expended, they will not be expended for any other reason. Motion carried unanimously.

19 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Gene Eriquez requesting authorization for him to apply for a State of Connecticut DEP Grant to allow the City to secure funds for the purpose of constructing sewers for the Candlewood Lake Project. Permission was granted on the Consent Calendar.

20 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting that an ad hoc committee be formed to review the lease of the Health and Housing Department at 20 West Street. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Director of Health, the Planning Commission, the Director of Finance and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Arconti, Scalzo and Fazio to the committee.

21 - COMMUNICATION - Lease between the City of Danbury and Executive Air Service, Inc. Dean Esposito asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Airport Administrator, the Aviation Commission, the Planning Commission, the Director of Finance and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Falzone, Setaro and Scozzafava.

22 - COMMUNICATION - Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Danbury regarding Union Station authorizing a grant of \$120,000 for preliminary engineering/design services. The agreement and resolution were adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1992, the Mayor of the City of Danbury notified the Common Council that the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation advised the City that \$1.5 million dollars in federal funds would be made available for the restoration of Union Station; and

WHEREAS, the City is in receipt of a Grant Agreement (NO. 12.30-03(92) authorizing the grant of \$120,000.00 for preliminary engineering/design services; and

WHEREAS, said funds represent a portion of the anticipated eighty percent (80%) federal reimbursement of the restoration project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Gene F. Eriquez be and is hereby authorized to execute a certain Grant Agreement titled AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CITY OF DANBURY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES FOR ENHANCEMENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORICAL UNION STATION IN THE CITY OF DANBURY, and to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be required and necessary to obtain these funds and such additional funds as may be provided to the City of Danbury pursuant to the federal grant (The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1992).

23 - COMMUNICATION - Letter regarding the sale of Land to Hazard. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Tax Assessor and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Dennehy, Boynton and Scozzafava to the committee.

24 - COMMUNICATION - Request to purchase City owned lots bordering 54 Sand Pit Road. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to the Director of Planning, the Planning Commission, the City Engineer and the Tax Assessor for reports back in thirty days.

25 - COMMUNICATION - Offer of Three Parcels of Land in Candleview Ridge to the City. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Director of Planning, City Engineer, Director of Finance, Planning Commission, Director of Parks and Recreation and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallo, Cipriani and Yamin to the committee.

26 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Public Works Jack Schweitzer seeking authorization to sign a modified Dam Consent Order substituting the Padanaram Dam for the Margerie Lake Dike. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

27 - COMMUNICATION - Petition requesting that Long Ridge Road be designated a Scenic Road. Miss Dennehy asked that this be deferred to Public Hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

28 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Utilities, Highway, Department of Elderly Services. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the reports be accepted 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 Mr. Setaro Mrs. Coladarci asked that the Parks and Recreation Report on the use of athletic fields be referred to committee. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Arconti, DaSilva and Fazio to the committee, along with Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Ryerson and representatives of DAYO. Motion carried unanimously.

29 - REPORT - Missing Plot Plans

Mr. Setaro submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to review the extent of missing plot plans met at 7:00 P.M. on February 23, 1993 in Room 432 of City Hall. In attendance were committee members Setaro, Dennehy and Fazio. Also in attendance were Associate City Planner Susan DeCina, Building Official Leo Null and Assistant Corporation Counsel Laszlo Pinter.

Mr. Setaro read a letter submitted to the Common Council by then Councilman Boughton, stating that a home owner's plot plan which was recorded was missing from City records, and requesting that a committee investigate the extent to which plot plans may be misplaced and to consider granting amnesty to those effected seeking a building permit. Mr. Null explained that the Building Department does not maintain plot plans, that building permits are not issued until zoning approval is received, and submitted a letter to the committee from the Zoning Enforcement Officer stating that City Zoning Regulations require that plot plans be submitted with an application for a zoning permit. Ms. DeCina stated that plot plans which have been filed are located in the Town Clerk's Office in the land records, that plot plans were required to be filed for homes constructed only after 1982, and that she has not received any inquiries regarding missing plot plans in the past.

Attorney Pinter explained that surveys are to be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk whenever land is plotted for development, and that since plot plans are necessary for some land use approvals (i.e. zoning), if a filed plan is missing from the land records then it was removed. Mr. Fazio stated that if a filed plot plan has been removed, the burden of replacing it should not be borne by the taxpayer but by the City, which should have a system for confirming the existence of plot plans. Attorney Pinter explained that a system does exist as filed plot plans are cross indexed in the Town Clerk's Office by street and by name and that plot plans can also be obtained from the records of the surveyor. Mr. Null stated that he was familiar with the situation prompting the request for a committee investigation and that upon conferring with the Zoning Enforcement Officer learned that the individual at issue had in fact located his plot plan.

Mr. Fazio moved that the committee recommend to the Common Council that no action be taken due to the fact that the complaint regarding missing plot plans was not sufficiently substantiated. Seconded by Ms. Dennehy. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

30 - REPORT - Request for Sewer Extension -9 Pocono Lane

Mr. Trocolla submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for sewer extension at 9 Pocono Lane met on February 3, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Trocolla and Charles. Mr. Fazio was out on town on business. Also in attendance was Director of Public Utilities William Buckley and the petitioner Bhomma Bounkham.

Mr. Trocolla read a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Charles made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Bounkham explained that he had a failing septic system and would like to hook up to the sewer system rather than have a new system put in. Mr. Buckley explained that there was a new Ordinance giving Mr. Bounkham more than one way to proceed. After an explanation of both ways to proceed, Mr. Bounkham was advised to see his attorney.

Mr. Charles made a motion to approve the extension to 9 Pocono Lane subject to the normal required eight steps. Seconded by Mr. Trocolla. Motion carried un-animously.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

31 - PROGRESS REPORT - Completion of Long Range Planning Goals at WCSU

Mr. Dean Esposito submitted the following Progress Report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for completion of long range planning goals at Western Connecticut State University met on February 9, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Dean Esposito and Scozzafava. Mr. Falzone was ill. Also in attendance were Director of Planning Dennis Elpern, City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Dr. Francis Muska and Donald DeStefano of WCSU, Attorney Sandy Campbell representing St. Nicholas's Church and various members of the Church and the public. Mr. Esposito made a motion to waive the rules. Seconded by Mr. Scozzafava and passed unanimously.

Mr. DeStefano opened the meeting by explaining the plans of the University. He told how the closing of Seventh Avenue was important to their plans for expanding the building and campus grounds. Mr. Campbell stated that the members of St. Nicholas's Church were in favor of the closing only if the Church was sold to the University. The Church felt that if they were to stay at this location, they would need the Street open for access plus parking. Members of the Church agreed with this statement.

Dr. Muska explained how the School was in the process of buying the property and Church. The only thing they needed was a third appraisal to close the deal. The members of the Church said they would need something in writing before they could agree to the closing.

Mr. Scozzafava asked that the committee table this request for one month so that the State could have time to get all the paperwork done on the purchase. Mr. Esposito agreed that the committee should reconvene before making a recommendation to the full Council.

The Progress Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

32 - PROGRESS REPORT - Request for Easement on Maple Avenue

Mr. Arconti submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to consider the request for an easement on Maple Avenue met on February 9th and February 18, 1993 at 5:00 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Arconti, and Cipriani. Also in attendance were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Assistant Corporation Counsel Les Pinter, Nelson Carvalho, the petitioner and his attorney, Ward Mazzucco. Committee Member Scozzafava attended the meeting on February 18, 1993.

Mr. Carvalho has two requests regarding this parcel: (1) to obtain a fifteen foot easment which will allow his access to a parcel of land he recently purchased from the City; and (2) he is seeking permission to park cars on the remaining City land, in conjunction with his business (see attached map). The Planning Commission issued a positive recommendation for the easement. Mr. Schweitzer has no objection to the easement provided it is not inconsistent with the City's right of way. Mr. Schweitzer also has no objection to allowing the parking of cars on the City parcel, provided that the City retain the ability to access the land when required to maintain the brooks and retaining walls.

Mr. Cipriani moved to recommend that the Common Council grant a permanent easement, not inconsistent with the City's right of way to enable access between the two Carvalho properties; and that the Corporation Counsel negotiate a lease with Mr. Carvalho for the use of the City land, with the terms and conditions to be approved by the Common Council at a future meeting. Mr. Scozzafava seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Progress Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

Mrs. Coladarci submitted the following report:

The Subcommittee to review the cost of perpetual care met at 6:30 PM on February 22, 1993 in room 432 of Danbury City Hall. In attendance were Councilwoman Eileen Coladarci, Councilman John Esposito and Councilman Mike Fazio. Also in attendance were Deborah MacKenzie, Director of Welfare, Dom Setaro, Director of Finance, and Bill Montessi and Mike Beldesare of the Danbury Cemetery Association.

Mr. Esposito moved to suspend the rules to enable those in attendance to inform the committee of the reasoning behind the cost of the proposal which is \$125.00 per grave, for 2002 graves that the city has purchased over the years for a total of \$250,000.

The decision should be made soon so the Director of Welfare can adjust her budget to take care of the cost. The Cemetery Association said the amount would be payable over a three year period with 8% interest. If we stayed with the plan as paid over the past years, the 1992 cost would be \$15,215.00, a percentage increase over last year's cost. Mr. Esposito said that last year was too much money and at meeting in February of 1992 it was decided that the Association would come back to the Council with a one time price to eliminate the cost of perpetual care in the annual budget. The amount brought back was expected to be reasonable. A discussion ensued as to where the amount came from. Mr. Beldesare said their Board of Directors came up with the price. Ms. Coladarci asked about other area cemetery costs of perpetual care and brought up the fact that we purchased the graves at a much lower cost over many years, and the cost of the care should be decided with that in mind. It was also stated that the City should not have to bear full cost of those not paying their yearly perpetual care bill. Mr. Esposito also

question the payment of interest, as that it was not discussed at the previous meeting.

The discussion then went on to the amount that the State allows for a burial, which is \$1200.00. Mr. Esposito felt that this cost should cover the complete funeral including the grave site. A discussion then ensued regarding the possibility of cremation rather than burial and what are the cities obligations to the welfare recipients. The fact that Ms. MacKenzie has been give Council permission to purchase double decker grave sites was also brought up, and that the perpetual care will be included in the price.

The discussion was then brought back to the cost of perpetual care. Mr. Setaro felt that the amount being asked was not realistic. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of City maintenance at the grave site vs. Cemetery Association workers, having the City employees taking care of our property.

It was decided that questions must be forwarded to Corporation Council to complete this assignment.

- 1) Can the City maintain the graves in Wooster Cemetery?
- 2) Can the City require that there be no choice as to the funeral arrangements, and have all General Assistance recipients be required to spend only the \$1200.00 received by the State, thus limiting them to Cremation unless they provide additional funds for any amount over the allocated \$1200.00.

It was decided that Ms. MacKenzie will work with Corporation Council to answer these questions, and that the Danbury Cemetery Association, Inc. will work with the City for an acceptable financial agreement.

The Progress Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

At 8:32 P.M. Mr. DaSilva made a motion to enter into Executive Session to take action on item 34. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:09 P.M. the Common Council returned to open meeting.

34 - COMMUNICATION - Arbitration Status - Erichetti

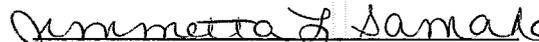
Mr. DaSilva made a motion to take no action at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eriquez extended all committees.

Mayor Eriquez stated that Chris Setaro would be the Chairman of the Education Budget Liasion Committee, replacing Mrs. Gogliettino who will remain on the committee.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion to adjourn was made at 9:10 P.M. by Mr. Charles.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk