

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

RE: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held March 22, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Council President Joseph DaSilva. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Prayer were recited. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT - Fazio, Scalzo, Falzone, Gallo, Arconti, Coladarci, Boynton, DaSilva, John Esposito, Dean Esposito, Charles, Butera, Trocolla, Yamin

ABSENT - Dennehy, Setaro, Gogliettino, Outlaw, Cassano, Cipriani, Scozzafava

14 Present - 7 Absent

Council Members Dennehy, Cipriani and Cassano were working

CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Danbury will be held on the 22nd day of March, 1993 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall in said Danbury. For the Purpose of

1. Resolution - Agreement with the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority for the Disposal of Solid Waste

Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the call and return of service. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Common Council

1 - RESOLUTION - Agreement with the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority for the disposal of solid waste.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury has entered into an agreement with the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HRRA) for the disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, this agreement made between the City of Danbury and the Authority requires the City of Danbury to enact ordinances to regulate the flow of solid waste generated within Danbury; and

WHEREAS, this agreement requires the City of Danbury to identify a Designated Transfer Station for the disposal of municipal waste generated within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to secure the ability to accept individual household refuse and deliver it in bulk to the transfer station;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Danbury Common Council hereby intends to designate the facilities located at 307 White Street, Danbury, as the Designated Transfer Station for acceptable solid waste generated within the boundaries of the City of Danbury.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Dean Esposito.

Attorney Gottschalk explained the timetable. This Resolution allows carriers to be notified of the designated site. After the required 60 days notice, a Public Hearing will be held on the Flow Control Ordinances which must be adopted prior to the July 1, 1993 deadline.

Mr. Charles asked if the landfill would cease to operate after July 1st. Mr. Gottschalk stated that the landfill still has life and could be used for bulky waste. Mr. Trocollas asked why the City is not using the landfill as a disposal site. Mr. Gottschalk stated that the decision to participate was made some time ago. Mr. Buckley stated the reasons the landfill was not being used and stated that the City does not have a contract with AWD and any site must be approved by HRRRA.

Dean Esposito asking if we were just fulfilling our obligation to HRRRA. Attorney Gottschalk stated that this was correct.

Mrs. Coladarci asked where people who dispose of their own garbage go. Mr. Buckley stated either to the transfer station or the landfill. Mrs. Butera asked who would set the price - the City or HRRRA. Mr. Buckley stated that the HRRRA would and negotiations were now taking place to clarify this.

Mr. Gottschalk offered the advice that the Common Council pass this Resolution and it would still have sixty days to get answers to these questions. Mr. DaSilva asked if the Sixty Days would be sufficient time. Mr. Buckley stated he did not know.

Mr. Yamin stated that householders are not the issue tonight.

Mr. Falzone made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Mr. Gallo. Motion failed with Council Members Arconti, Coladarci, John Esposito, Louis Charles and Butera voting in the negative.

Mrs. Butera stated that she was very upset about this and she feels that the Mayor has not made any attempt to help the citizens of this City and she will not vote for this Resolution.

Mayoral Aide Basil Friscia stated that he has been involved in this issue since 1986 when he was the Director of Public Works. He assured the Common Council that foremost in the Mayor's mind is that the "moms and pops" be protected, but negotiations take time. Mr. Yamin stated that once you have a contract, isn't it non-negotiable? Mr. Friscia stated that there may be some more leverage.

Mr. Scalzo stated that he is surprised that there will not be a dumpster at the landfill as it was his understanding from previous discussions that there would be.

John Esposito asked what legal bind would there be by not passing this Resolution tonight? Mr. Gottschalk stated that if it is not passed tonight, then the July 1, 1993 deadline would be missed.

Mr. Boynton stated his concerns about the moms and pops being protected and stated that a history of these votes should be given by someone to the Common Council regarding these votes because the Common Council is a lay Common Council and they should not be expected to remember all details, etc.

Mr. Trocolla asked if this Resolution was voted down would the City be in breach of contract?

Mr. Arconti offered the following amendment to the Resolution:

"WHEREAS, the City intends to secure the ability to accept individual household refuse and deliver it in bulk to the transfer station". Seconded by Mrs. Coladarci. Motion carried unanimously.

Main motion, as amended, carried with Council Members Butera, Trocolla and Yamin voting in the negative.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 P.M. by Mr. Boynton.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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ATTEST: