

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

RE: Minutes of the Special Meeting held June 24, 1993.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were offered. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT - Falzone, Coladarci, Boynton, Setaro, DaSilva, John Esposito, Dean Esposito, Outlaw, Charles, Cipriani, Trocolla

A ABSENT - Fazio, Scalzo, Arconti, Dennehy, Gogliettino, Cassano, Butera, Scozzafava, Yamin

11 Present - 9 Absent

Mr. Arconti and Mr. Scalzo were out of town on business

CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the call and the return of service be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Penny Tallman Ferguson - Mrs. Ferguson spoke regarding item 10. The Mayor explained that the resolution addressed her concerns.

1 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the appointments of Eric Handau, Brookfield, Conn., Douglas Lyle, Woodbury, Conn., Richard Krikorian, Newtown, Conn., Sean McGowan, Upper Nyack, New York; John Osborne, New Milford, Conn., and Shaun McQuade, Oster Bay, New York to the position of fire fighter in the Danbury Fire Department. Mr. Charles made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointments confirmed. Seconded by Dean Esposito.

Mr. Boynton asked how they ranked on the Civil Service Exam. Mayor Eriquez explained the system and stated that they ranked in order of those who successfully completed all components of the testing system.

Mr. Trocolla stated that he is concerned that the City is hiring from all over the Northeast. He is concerned that if we have a major emergency how will these people get to the City in time. The Mayor explained that the residency clause had been removed several years ago because it could have been challenged. Mr. Trocolla asked if it would be appropriate to have Danbury Legislators look into this issue. The Mayor stated that it would be.

(At 7:17 Mr. Scozzafava arrived and was marked present).

Attorney Pinter stated that residency restrictions are a matter of constitutional law as opposed to municipal issues.

John Esposito congratulated the candidates on their appointments but he was disappointed that none are from Danbury. In the future the City should pursue avenues that would allow locals to join.

Mr. Trocolla congratulated the candidates and invited them to come to live in Danbury.

Mayor Eriquez stated that the recruits would start work on July 26th following swearing-in. Motion carried unanimously.

2 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the promotional appointment of Fire Fighter James C. Thorne, Jr. to the position of Lieutenant in the Career Fire Department. Mr. DaSilva made a motion to accept the communication and confirm the appointment. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw.

John Esposito congratulated Mr. Thorne and stated that he had known him from the Wooster Hose Company Volunteer Unit and that he has excellent credentials.

Motion carried unanimously.

3 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro requesting that the Common Council transfer \$24,404 to various department for the estimated DMEA contract. The money will be transferred from the Personnel Department Regular Salaries (\$10,000); Finance Department Unemployment Insurance (\$5,000); and Airport Regular Salaries (9,404). Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and authorize the transfer of funds. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

4 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro requesting transfers to cover the cost of the Fire Department Arbitration Award which were budgeted for in the Contingency. The total sum would be \$316,387.00. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the communication be accepted and the transfer of funds authorized. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

5 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Probate Judge Dianne Yamin requesting funds in the amount of \$525 for postage and supplies for use in the Probate Court. A certification of funds was attached. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the communication be accepted and the transfer of funds authorized. Seconded by Mr. Setaro.

Mr. Falzone asked if the Probate Court had recently come to the Council for additional funds. Dominic Setaro stated that it had requested \$1,200. Mr. Falzone asked if this shortfall had been projected. Mr. Setaro stated that the Probate Court does not use the purchase order system that other City departments do, but they will do so beginning July 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Board of Education Chairman Matthew Gallagher stated that the Board of Education adopted a revised State and Federal Grant Budget and it is necessary that the Common Council approve it because the \$5,242,170 includes the \$1,000,000 Priority School Grant adopted by the Legislature. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the communication be accepted and the grant accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Coladarci. Motion carried unanimously.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez stating that there may be final budget adjustments to occur prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that since no items were submitted the communication be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

8 - COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION - Grant Fund Application - July 4th Holiday DUI Enforcement Program.

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Safety Program funds are being made available through the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Division of Highway Safety to local police agencies during for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Traffic Safety Enforcement Programs; and

WHEREAS, eligible costs include overtime and fringe benefits for police officers during DUI enforcement and prevention programs with the grant being made on a reimbursement basis of 50% for allowable operational expenses; and

WHEREAS, the July 4th holiday weekend is a period of the gravest concern because of the great increase in alcohol-related activities and the unfortunate link of driving after drinking; and

WHEREAS, an application for a grant of \$2,353.80 has been made to the Connecticut Department of Transportation by the City of Danbury on behalf of the Danbury Police Department, and is expected to be approved by DOT and an award made for 50% reimbursement, with 50% of the cost to be allocated from the Danbury Police Department budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all past actions of the Mayor of the City of Danbury and the authorized representative of the Danbury Police Department in applying for said grant are hereby ratified and and they are further empowered to take any and all further actions necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof and to accept said grant funds if so awarded.

Mr. Setaro made a motion that the communication be accepted and that the Police Department be authorized to submit the grant application. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

9 - REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Request to purchase computer equipment.

Mr. Scalzo submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request from the Fire Department to purchase computer equipment met on June 16, 1993 at 7:40 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Scalzo and Dean Esposito. Also in attendance were Councilman John Esposito, ex-officio, Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Supervisor of Computer Operations Frank Mastriani and Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Morris. A motion was made by Dean Esposito to waive the rules. Seconded by Mr. Scalzo so that an explanation of the request could be heard by all present. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Morris gave a detailed explanation of the existing computer equipment at Fire Headquarters and the other stations and how it was now being used. He further emphasized the need for the requested purchase of software and hardware to develop a local network system at headquarters and the other stations, and at a future time, the Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Scalzo asked if the upgrade at this time would be compatible with future needs and if the amount of \$1,930 would meet the needs to upgrade the computer network system. Assistant Chief Morris stated that it would be sufficient for current plans.

Mr. Mastriani was asked if the request was compatible with the City's present and future plans and if the monies requested were reasonable to upgrade the network system. He gave a thorough clarification of the City's computer operations and its future needs and plans and that the Fire Department was going in the right direction. He further stated that the amount requested was proper for the equipment to be purchased. Mr. Setaro explained that the request will go to the Purchasing Department for prices of the equipment. He further detailed the function of a committee formed to review all aspects of current and future computer operations in all City departments.

After further discussion, Dean Esposito made a motion to approve the request and transfer \$1,930 from the Danbury Fire Alarm Ordinance Revenue Account to the Fire Department Communication Account pending certification from the Director of Finance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scalzo. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Falzone made a motion that the report be adopted and the transfer of funds authorized. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

10 - COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION - Landfill Permit and User Fees

WHEREAS, the Danbury Code of Ordinances authorizes the establishment of Passenger and Non-Passenger Vehicle Permit and User Fees for the use of the Danbury Recycling Center and the Danbury landfill site; and

WHEREAS, the following Permit and User Fees represent a fair and equitable means of defraying a portion of the annual cost of operating the Danbury Recycling Center and the Danbury landfill site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Permit Fees for Passenger vehicles and Non-Passenger/Non-Commercial vehicles with a rated capacity of one ton or less, without modifications which would affect the rated capacity, and registered to a Danbury resident, shall be fixed by the Common Council, in the form of a fee schedule, attached hereto as Schedule A. The Permit shall allow the following:

(a) The Permit, when presented in combination with a sufficient number of Recycling Solid Waste (RSW) coupons, shall allow the disposal of residentially generated Municipal Solid Waste (with the exception of those Additional Wastes and Listed Permitted Wastes identified in Schedule A), generated by the household of the permit holder, at the Danbury landfill site. RSW coupons may be purchased from the City, at the rate established in Schedule A.

(b) The Permit shall allow the disposal of residentially generated recyclables, including, but not limited to, newspapers, cardboard, as well as food and beverage containers composed of plastic, metal or glass at the Danbury Recycling Center.

(c) The Permit shall allow the disposal of leaves for composting at the Danbury landfill site.

(d) The Permit, when presented in combination with a sufficient number of RSW coupons, shall allow for the disposal of Additional Wastes as set forth in Schedule A.

(e) The Permit, when presented in combination with a sufficient number of RSW coupons, shall allow for the purchase of Recycled Materials, as set forth in Schedule A.

(f) All Passenger vehicles bearing Disabled Veteran, Handicapped Permit or POW registration plates shall be exempted from the provisions hereof relating to permit fees. Upon request, the owner of any such vehicle may obtain an Annual Passenger Vehicle Permit together with forty \$2.00 RSW coupons free of charge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Special Permit shall be issued for any vehicles delivering certain Listed Permitted Wastes, generated in the City of Danbury (or as authorized pursuant to an agreement between the City of Danbury and the HRRRA or any other municipality) and described in Schedule A. An additional fee, as provided for in Schedule A, shall be charged for the disposal of said wastes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all bills which remain unpaid for more than thirty (30) days after the date when payment is due, shall accrue interest from the date of billing at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2%) percent per month; provided, however, that in no event shall any such interest charge be less than three (\$3.00) dollars, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the provisions hereof and of Schedule A shall take effect on July 6, 1993.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the communication be accepted and the Resolution adopted. Seconded by Mr. DaSilva. John Esposito asked about the \$25 fee for cars and pickup trucks. Mayor Eriquez explained that the current system remains intact. Mr. Boynton asked how the people will obtain the coupons. Mayor Eriquez stated that they can go to the Tax Collector's Office, or the recycling building or the entrance to the solid waste area.

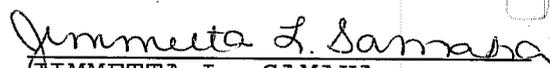
Mrs. Coladarci asked if they are now available. Mayor Eriquez stated they are. Mrs. Coladarci asked if the landfill will be open one late night. Mayor Eriquez stated that this has not been effective but it will remain open a full day on Saturdays.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eriquez extended all committees.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made at 7:50 P.M. by Mr. Falzone for the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk