

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

Re: Minutes of the Special Meeting held September 6, 1990

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor Gene Eriquez. The members were recorded as:

Present - Fazio, Kilcullen, Falzone, Gallo, Coladarci, Farah, Zotos, DaSilva, John Esposito, Smith, Cassano, Chalres, Boughton, Boynton, Regan, Valeri

Absent - Mack, Dean Esposito, Gogliettino, Butera, Scozzafava

16 Present - 5 Absent

Mayor Eriquez spoke regarding the Celebrity Tag Sale for September 22 and asked if anyone had anything to donate or would like to help with the sale. He also explained the claim the City is bringing against John Errichetti.

1. COMMUNICATION - Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to approve the final report on the charter revisions and resolution. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Mr. Boughton asked that this item be referred to committee. Seconded by Mr. Regan. The reason Mr. Boughton referred it back because he said it was the first time it was coming to the Council.

Mayor Eriquez said that it is the same charter coming back to the Council. It has already been to the Council and a public hearing was held. The Chair stands with the statement that it is the final report. The Council can either reject it or accept the final report. Mr. Boughton asked Attorney Gottschalk for a ruling. Mr. Gottschalk agrees with the ruling of the Mayor. Mr. Boughton appealed the ruling of the Chair. Mr. Boughton stated that the reason for referral was because he did not have time to read all the changes and feels that some of the changes he wants in the Charter are not there. Roll call vote on the appeal. Motion to appeal with Mr. Boughton voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Fazio made a motion to divide the questions as he is not in favor of question 2 and he agrees with the News Times stating that it has been voted down three times. Attorney Gottschalk stated that you have to decide what you want to do with the final report.

Mr. Fazio made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Boughton, to delete section 3-13 also #2 of resolution. Mr. Boughton feels that standing committees makes them too powerful, diminishing the authority of the Council and the Mayor. Mr. Farah feels that they should not do what the News Times says, He would not take his cue from the News Times. He feels that the News Times has demonstrated contempt for this body. He is in favor of standing committees. Mr. Boynton also is in favor of standing committees. He feels that the insight with Department Heads helps with the budget. Motion failed 11 no - 5 yes.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to move the questions. Seconded by Mr. Esposito. Motion carried 15-1.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to adopt the final report and resolution and send to the voters on November 6, 1990. Seconded by Mr. Falzone.

Question #1 - Motion carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

Question #2 - Motion carried with Mr. Fazio and Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

Question #3 - Motion carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to accept the final report and adopt the resolution setting the date of November 6, 1990. Seconded by Mr. Falzone.

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission has recommended various changes to the Danbury Municipal Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has approved the final report of the Charter Revision Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Charter Revision questions to be submitted to the electors of the City of Danbury for their approval or rejection on November 6, 1990, as the same shall appear on the various voting machines, shall be as follows:

QUESTION NO. 1.

Shall the amendment to Paragraph (b) of Subsection 2-2A of the Danbury Municipal Charter concerning minority representation on the Common Council be approved?

QUESTION NO. 2.

Shall the amendment to Section 3-13 of the Danbury Municipal Charter concerning standing committees of the Common Council be approved?

QUESTION NO. 3.

Shall the balance of the amendments to the Danbury Municipal Charter concerning Chapters II (but excluding paragraph (b) of Subsection 2-2(A), III (but excluding Section 3-13), IV, V, VI, VII and VIII be approved?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the full text of each such proposed amendment shall be as indicated on the attached Exhibit A.

Motion carried with Mr. Fazio and Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

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

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made at 9:20 P.M. for the meeting to be adjourned by Mr. Falzone.

Respectfully submitted,


ELIZABETH CRUDGINTON
City Clerk