

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - Mayor of the City of Danbury.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on November 6, 1980.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. by his honor Mayor James E. Dyer, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Frederick Visconti.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton, with the following members being recorded as:

PRESENT: Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Visconti, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Evans, Fabiano, Torian.

ABSENT: Councilman Walsh.

20 members present - 1 member absent.

Mayor Dyer reminded the members of the services to be held on Tuesday November 11th at the Post Office beginning at 11:00 A.M. to honor the Veterans of World Wars, and urged the council members to attend these services, being arranged by Mr. Thomas Dyer of the Veterans Council.

Mayor Dyer offered congratulations to local candidates for their re-election - Senator Baker and Representatives Walkovich and Garavel, and the new Representative, M. Smith.

Mayor Dyer also expressed appreciation for the dramatic turnout for the National election which took place on November 4th, stating that it speaks well for our City and noted that the election of Congressman Ratchford had been confirmed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Ryan submitted the Consent Calendar which included the following items listed on the Agenda:

- 02 - Resolution - Public Hearing to be scheduled for Jeanette Hgts. sewers.
- 021 - Communication - Appointment to Conservation Commission.
- 022 - Communication - Appointment to Commission on Aging.
- 023 - Communication - Re-appointments to Richter Park Authority.
- 024 - Communication - Appointments to Environmental Impact Commission.
- 026 - Report - Traffic Light - Stadley Rough Road.
- 027 - Report - Amendment to E.I.C. Ordinance.
- 028 - Report - Resolution - Winter Energy Projects.
- 029 - Report - Revision to Sign Ordinance.
- 030 - Report - Liability coverage for H.A.R.T.
- 031 - Report - Resolution - Acceptance of "The Paddock" Hitchingpost Lane.
- 033 - Report - Drainage - Hillandale Road.
- 034 - Report - Request to purchase City property on Broad Street.
- 036 - Report - Request for repairs to Pleasant Drive property of Leroy Burke.
- 037 - Report - Drainage problem - Oakland Avenue.
- 038 - Report - Drainage problems - Boulevard Drive & Ken Oaks.
- 039 - Report - Erosion problems on Hillandale Road.
- 044 - Report - Sewer & Water Extension Committee. (Hawley, Scott, Gen.DataCom)

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Visconti for acceptance of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Visconti to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Common Council meeting held on October 7, 1980. Said minutes to be accepted. Motion carried. & Oct. 21, 1980

CLAIMS - Judith B. Myers - Loretta Durkin.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Claims Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims - Attorney West. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

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RESOLUTION - City Clerk be and hereby is authorized to set a public hearing concerning the proposed extension of sanitary sewer line: Jeanette Heights Area - City Project No. 76-8.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION - That the Mayor and Chairman of the Redevelopment Agency are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Land Disposition Agreement for the sale of a parcel of land on Chestnut Street to Lizette Food Services Inc, for the purpose of constructing a building to house their operations.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee.
Mayor Dyer appointed Councilmen Fabiano, Turk and Cassano to this committee.

ORDINANCE - Conversion of Condominiums - In accordance with Public Act 80-370 any declarant of a conversion condominium shall pay moving and relocation expenses to each household. (Requested by the Assistant Fair Housing Compliance Officer) Susan Latina.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee.
Mayor Dyer appointed Councilmen Boynton, Turk and White to this committee.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Jose DaCosta for permission to connect to sewer 90 feet away from 13 Home Place.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

PETITION - Petition of Russell Dalessio and Joseph Novella for Sewer and Water connection to property off of Pocono Lane.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

PETITION - Petition submitted by members of the Candlewood Vista Association and other members of that community requesting that corrective work be undertaken on the catch basins on Candlewood Drive.

Councilman DaSilva requested referral to the Public Works Committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

PETITION - Petition of Lilian Kilberg et al to accept Industrial Plaza Road.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Public Works Committee and the Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Dr. Anton Fry to purchase City property adjoining his building at 84 Hospital Avenue.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Public Works Committee and the Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Offer by the Robert J. Hossan Agency and T. Simone Agency of the American Legion Building on 32-52 Elm Street for sale to the City for an asking price of \$480,000.00.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered. & Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATION - Offer by Compratt Construction Co. of land to be conveyed to the City of Danbury located in a subdivision known as High Sky Gardens.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Request from the Housatonic Area Regional Transit (HART) to stockpile the Mercedes buses originally purchased by the City and which are no longer in use due to overcrowding problems.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer appointed Councilmen Gallo, Walsh and Burke to this committee.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Mrs. George Heelan for abatement and/or waiver of sewer assessments for #68 Abbott Avenue.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Councilman Ryan for a problem of a dangerous intersection of Cross Street and Briarwood Drive to be referred to the Public Works Committee for their investigation.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to the Public Works Committee and the Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Councilmembers Ryan, Rinder, Murray and McManus that a committee be appointed to consider the costs of extending the Library hours.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer appointed Council members McManus, Turk and Ryan to this committee

COMMUNICATION - Request from Mayor Dyer for an ad hoc committee to explore the feasibility of leasing the City owned house at #13 Main Street, for use as a Child Development Clinic for one dollar per year in return for rehabilitation of the structure and repairs to the heating system.

The Child Development Clinic, A State Agency, needs space for three days a week and they are willing to subdivide or share spece with other groups or agencies.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer appointed Councilmen DaSilva, Delsin and Murray to this committee

COMMUNICATION - Request from Mayor Dyer for an ad hoc committee to make a recommendation concerning the realignment of the Council Districts. The population and registered voter figures indicate a wide variation exists between the districts.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an adhoc committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: Ryan, Delsin, Gallo, Rinder, Eppoliti, Visconti, Cassano.

COMMUNICATION - Request from the Danbury Ethnic Cultural Festival Committee for \$4700.00 for financial support of the 1981 Danbury Ethnic Cultural Festival.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer referred the matter to Councilmembers Butera, Scialabba, Torian.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric L. Gottschalk for a committee to be appointed to consider amendments to the Police and Fire Department Ordinances dealing with applications for appointment:

1. Deletion of height requirements of Section 15-17 (f).
2. Amendment to Section 8-18(6) as well as 15-17(g) to read, "Applications shall not be accepted from any person who has ever been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude".

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer appointed Councilmen Gallo, Walsh and Burke to this committee.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Paul Garofalo, Building and Zoning Officer, for a committee to discuss the fee schedule for all permits issued from his office. Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer appointed Councilmen Murray, Delsin and DaSilva to this committee.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Abe Golub, 247 Carol Street, to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire 7/1/1982.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed as listed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Marie Fronzi, 11 Seminole Drive to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire on Oct. 1, 1983

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed as listed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Re-appointments of Mrs. Ann Williams, 4 Riverfield Road Westport and Mr. Felix Bonacci 243 White Street, to the Richter Memorial Park Authority for a term to expire on September 1, 1983.

Mrs. Williams is the granddaughter of Mrs. Richter who donated the land and her appointment is required by ordinance.

The Communication was accepted and re-appointments confirmed as listed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointments of Jack Kozuchowski, 58 Topstone Drive as a regular members of the Environmental Impact Commission representing the Health Department as required by Ordinance, for a term to expire 12/1/1982.

Appointment of Mr. Henry I Frier, 58 Boulevard Drive as an alternate elector member, for a term to expire on December 1, 1982.

The Communication was accepted and appointments confirmed as listed on the Consent Calendar.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief	Food Service Inspector
Fire Marshal	Housing Inspector
Police Chief	Sanitary Inspector
Building Inspector	Aviation Commission
Environmental & Occupational Health Services	

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Delsin to dispense with reading Department Reports as all members have copies which are also on file in the Office of the City Clerk, for public inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT - Traffic Light on Stadley Rough Road.

Councilwoman Rinder submitted a committee report stating that the committee appointed to consider the request to install two traffic lights on Stadley Rough Road near Great Plain School, met on October 27, 1980. Present were Councilmembers Rinder, Turk and Butera.

It was established that there is a crossing guard at this location. At Lilija Rinder's request the Police Department did a traffic count at this point and reported that the count, over a 24 hour period did not justify the installation of a light. The installation alone would cost the taxpayers \$28,500, not to mention \$45 a month for electricity.

It was recommended that two crossing signs be erected at the intersection in question, pending an estimated cost for this installation from the Police Department.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

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REPORT - Amendment to E.I.C. Ordinance.

Councilman Ryan submitted a report stating that the Ad Hoc Committee, charged with reviewing a request that a residency clause be inserted in the Environmental Impact Commission Ordinance, met on Sept. 18th at 7:30 P.M.

Councilmen Ryan and Delsin and Councilwoman McManus were present and recommended that no change in the Ordinance be taken at this time.

The Report was accepted by the Consent Calendar.

REPORT & RESOLUTION - Winter Energy Projects.

Councilman Murray submitted a report stating that the Common Council held a public hearing on the above Resolution, on October 27, 1980, at 7:45 P.M.

The Common Council, meeting as a committee of the whole on Oct. 27, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. voted to recommend adoption of a Resolution concerning the Winter Energy Projects revised Plan.

RESOLUTION - Whereas, the State of Connecticut allocated funds to be used by municipalities for housing abandonment avoidance and implementation of capital improvement energy conservation projects; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury formulated a winter energy plan and instituted various projects in connection therewith; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury desires to use a portion of the remaining funds for additional winter energy projects in accordance with a revised plan;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Mayor James E. Dyer be and hereby is authorized to seek the approval of the State of Connecticut acting by Honorable Margaret Mary Curtin, Under Secretary, Intergovernmental Relations, Office of Policy and Management, for said revised plan; and

Further Be It Resolved That Mayor James E. Dyer be and hereby is authorized to do any and all acts necessary to accomplish the purposes hereof.

The Report was accepted and the Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Sign Ordinance Revision.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Committee appointed to review Sign Ordinances for the City of Danbury, met on Oct. 20, 1980, with J. Friscia, Chairman of the Zoning Commission.

At the committee meeting Councilman Delsin moved to refer this matter to the Zoning Commission for review and revision as they are in the process of updating the Zoning Ordinances for the City, to comply with phase three of the Plan of Development of the City of Danbury. Mr. Murray seconded the motion which was passed.

It was pointed out that Chapter 3, Section 3-3 and 3-4 of the Code of Ordinances are within the purview of the Common Council. Mr. Friscia was informed that this committee (Councilmen DaSilva, Murray and Delsin) would work with the Zoning Commission on these sections when they review this area.

The Report was accepted as listed on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Liability coverage for H.A.R.T. directors.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the committee, after reviewing this petition, unanimously recommends approval of \$780.00 to cover the City's portion of the insurance premium.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, submitted a certification in the amount of \$780.00 in the Contingency Account to be transferred to Danbury Bethel Transit Dist. (H.A.R.T.) Account 02-13-002-072800.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Consent Calendar.

REPORT & RESOLUTION - Acceptance of "The Paddock" Hitchingpost Lane.

Councilman Fabiano, Chairman of the Public Works Committee submitted a report stating that after the committee's review which included an on-site inspection, recommended that this road be approved subject to the following Resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury That "The Paddocks" Hitchingpost Lane be accepted as a public highway in the City of Danbury subject to the following conditions:

1. A Deed and Certificate of Title, in form satisfactory to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, be delivered to the City of Danbury.

The Report was accepted and the Resolution was adopted by the Consent Calendar.

REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Aerial bucket for Tree Department.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a Public Works Committee report unanimously recommending that the funds for this purchase be appropriated.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$55,000 in the Contingency Account to be transferred to the Tree Department for the purchase of a new aerial bucket, was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized. A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Ryan that the Report be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried with Councilmen Turk, Boynton and Councilwoman Butera voting in opposition.

REPORT - Drainage - Lot #38 Hillandale Road.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a Public Works Committee report stating that the committee reviewed this petition, conducted an on-site inspection, & discussed the matter with the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel's office.

Based on these discussions, the Public Works Committee recommended that this petition be denied.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Request of Real Estate Technology to purchase City property located on Broad Street.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the Public Works committee, after their review of this petition, which included an on-site inspection, recommends that this petition be denied. The committee feels that this property may have some possible future use by the City.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Request from the Redevelopment Agency to reconsider decision to sell Ives St. Firehouse.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee upon reconsideration of this petition was unanimous in their decision that the recommendation made by this committee on May 6, 1980, remain the same.

Therefore the committee recommends that the request not to sell Ives St. Firehouse, be denied.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Ryan that the Report be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried by a vote of 18 Ayes - 2 Nays - Councilmen Scilabba and Turk voted Nay.

During the discussion of this matter, Councilman Delsin thought the property would be valuable for redevelopment. If we sell it, we may have to buy it back. Did not think it wise to sell.

Councilman DaSilva stated that this parcel is not involved in redevelopment plans which are very indefinite.

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Councilwoman C. McManus remarked that the building is very badly in need of repairs and if sold would be back on the tax rolls.

Mayor Dyer also informed the Council that there are no active proposals at this time, from the Redevelopment Agency.

REPORT - Request to repair Pleasant Drive (owned by Leroy Burke).

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the Public Works committee, after their review of this petition, which included an on-site inspection, recommends that this petition be denied since the City cannot maintain privately owned roads.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Drainage problem - Oakland Avenue.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a public works committee report stating that no further action is needed on this petition since corrective measures have already been completed by the Public Works Department.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Drainage problem on the corner of Boulevard Drive and Ken Oaks.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the public works committee recommends no action be taken on this petition since this problem has already been corrected by the Department of Public Works.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Erosion problems on Hillandale Road.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee, after their review of this petition, which included an on-site inspection is of the opinion that this problem is not the City's responsibility, and therefore recommends that the petition be denied.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT & ORDINANCE - Sidewalks.

Councilman Fabiano submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee after their review of this request which included a joint meeting with the Claims Committee, recommends that the City Clerk be requested to set the date for a public hearing on the sidewalk ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans to accept the Report. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was deferred for a public hearing, setting guidelines for maintenance and repairs of sidewalks.

REPORT & ORDINANCE - Burglar Alarms.

Councilman Burke submitted a report stating that the committee met and a final form of the Burglar Alarm Ordinance was worked out. The committee submitted the Ordinance to be deferred for a public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans to accept the Report. Motion carried with Councilman White abstaining from voting.

The Ordinance was deferred for a public hearing. The purpose of the Ordinance is to control misuse of Burglar Alarms, which have resulted in increased service calls by the Police Department, creating a hazard to the members of the department and to the general public.

REPORT & ORDINANCE - Amending Sec. 10-14 of the Code of Ordinances.
(Emergency powers - Director of Health).

Councilman Murray submitted a report stating that the Common Council held a public hearing on the above captioned matter, on Oct. 27, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

The Common Council, meeting as a committee of the whole on Oct. 27, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. voted to recommend adoption of an Ordinance amending Section 10-14.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Boynton to accept the Report. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE - That Section 10-14 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, is hereby amended by adding a subsection, to be numbered 10-14 (3), which said subsection reads as follows:

The City of Danbury shall have a lien for such expenses as are incurred in executing any order as well as for those expenses incurred in abating or correcting any emergency hereunder. All such expenses shall accrue interest at a rate of 12% per annum.

The provisions of Danbury Code of Ordinances Section 10-16 shall apply to any liens arising hereunder.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray for adoption of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote of 20 Ayes No Nays, 1 member absent.

REPORT & ORDINANCE - Tax Credit for elderly homeowners.

Councilman Burke submitted a report stating that the committee had met on Oct. 20, 1980 and a copy of the proposed ordinance was discussed, and is hereby being submitted for a public hearing to be held.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Gallo to accept the Report. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was read by Councilman Ryan stating that the City of Danbury hereby enacts a tax credit for elderly homeowners, pursuant to Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes for eligible residents of the City of Danbury on the terms and conditions provided. This Ordinance is being enacted for the purpose of assisting elderly homeowners with a portion of the cost of property taxation commencing with the Assessment List of 1980.

Any person who owns real property in the City of Danbury or is liable for the payment of taxes thereon, pursuant to Section 12-48 of the Conn. General Statutes, and who occupies the property as a principal residence shall be entitled to a credit of up to \$75 if single, or to a credit of up to \$100 if married, on the real estate tax bill provided conditions listed in the Ordinance are complied with.

Councilman Murray requested deferral for a public hearing. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

REPORT - Request of Ervie Hawley, Jr. David Estates on Rose Lane.

Councilman Gallo submitted a Sewer & Water Extension Committee report recommending that the petition be granted, listing seven conditions and restrictions, for the petitioner:

1. The petitioner shall bear all costs relative to the installation of said sewer and water lines.
2. The petitioner shall submit as-built drawings of this extension, prepared by a licensed Connecticut Land Surveyor, for approval by the City Engineer.

3. Detailed engineering plans and specifications are to be approved by the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Utilities prior to the start of construction.
4. If required, a Warranty Deed in a form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel shall be executed by the petitioner conveying to the City of Danbury all right, title, interest and privileges required hereunder, and said Deed shall be held in escrow for recording upon completion of installation.
5. That upon completion of installation, title to said sewer and water line within City streets, and any necessary documents be granted to the City in a form which is acceptable to the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel.
6. The petitioner shall convey ownership of and easements to all or such portions of the sewer and water lines as the City Engineer's office determines are of potential benefit to other landowners in the City. Should another, other than the petitioner hold title to any land involved in the approval, then consent prior to any installation or hook-up shall be furnished in a form satisfactory to the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel.
7. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until the above requested forms, documents, plans, etc. are received and the City owns the extended sewer and water lines.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Re: Thomas Scott - East Pembroke Road.

Councilman Gallo submitted a report of the Sewer and Water Extension committee stating that the committee has met, reviewed the petition and recommends that it be denied for the following reasons:

1. Request for sewer and water was made in November, 1979 to the Common Council, with the petitioner intending to develop in the near future.

To date, the City Engineer has no plans or drawings of any kind for proposed sewer and water extensions.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Re: General DataCom - Sewer from Finance Drive to Sandpit Road.

Councilman Gallo submitted a report stating that the Sewer and Water extension committee met on Oct. 28, 1980 and reviewed the above petition. It is the feeling of the committee that this petition should be denied as it would have required city participation in obtaining necessary easements required to complete the project.

The petitioner is therefore left to proceed on its original petition as approved by the Common Council on June 18, 1980.

The Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Request of Robert Kaufman for sewer and water for property located on Valley View Drive and Shelter Rock Road.

Councilman Gallo, chairman of the Sewer and Water Extension committee, submitted a report stating that the committee has met and reviewed the above petition with the City Engineer and has also reviewed a recommendation for approval, from the Planning Commission.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the petition be granted with conditions and restrictions as stated in the Hawley approval.

Councilman Gallo reported that Councilman Ryan a member of the committee did not sign the majority report and would be submitting a minority report on this petition.

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Minority Report - Request of Robert Kaufman for sewer and water extension in the Shelter Rock District.

Councilman Ryan, a member of the Sewer & Water Extension Committee submitted a minority report stating that he does not join in the report submitted by the committee and urged that the petition be recommitted.

Mr. Ryan noted that the petitioner has in the past, and indeed currently, been in arrears on real property taxes. The petitioner was at last check still in arrears for the property that is subject to the petition.

The property also abutts the Woodside Avenue area. The people in that area have been desirous of obtaining sewers. Mr. Ryan believed the committee should further review the petition to see if more comprehensive arrangements can be made. Mr. Ryan stated there is \$2000 tax arrears.

As there was no motion for either report, the petition was recommitted.

REPORT - Request for funds for the Danbury Fire Department.

Councilman Gallo submitted a report stating that the committee met on Oct. 29, 1980 with Chief Bertalovitz of the Fire Department.

Chief Bertalovitz informed the committee as to what took place on 9/13/80, the day of the robbery and what was stolen, and that he has since issued an order that all desks be locked at 6:00 P.M. each night.

It was the feeling of the committee that \$3,016 be transferred from the Contingency Account to the appropriate account in the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Report be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried.

REPORT - Councilman Burke submitted a progress report of the Road Study Committee stating that the committee first considered the request from residents of Catherine Street. An on-site inspection will be made when a check-list is returned from the petitioner.

Next to be considered was Hawthorne Cove. Detailed discussion by all members present brought out the fact that correction of the drainage problem would cost between \$125 and \$176,000 dollars. Without this work the road will be constantly deteriorating and need extensive and frequent repairs. Since the residents of the street cannot bear the cost, and nor can the City, it was recommended to deny the petition to accept Hawthorne Cove as a City Street.

There was further discussion at the committee meeting on the possibility of changing 17-34 to allow for periodic maintenance and servicing of a road, rather than take-over. Chairman Burke will take this up with Attorney Goldstein. Public Works was asked to take the matter under consideration and offer possible solutions.

The Petition from Aqua Vista was also discussed. A motion was made at the committee meeting by Councilman Gallo to deny the petition on the basis of 17-34 C5 and C7. Committee voted in favor with one Nay vote - that of L. Rinder.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Murray to accept the Road Study Committee Progress report. Motion carried.

Mayor Dyer granted extensions to all other committees that did not submit reports.

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Mayor Dyer then introduced from the audience, Mr. Martin Smith the new State Representative Elect, offering congratulations and best wishes, from the Common Council, to the newly elected and re-elected officials.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

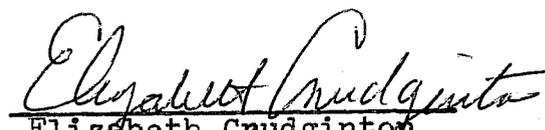
Mr. Harry Kessler spoke on alignment of Council Districts and also on Tax Credits for the Elderly homeowners, stating that he represented the Senior Citizens on fixed incomes. (Transcript of statement attached).

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman Fabiano for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:08 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted


Mary Rickert
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk