

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council meeting held on March 3, 1981.

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 Joseph DaSilva.

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

PRESENT: Council members - McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Visconti, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Evans, Butera, Farah, Torian.

ABSENT: Councilman Delsin.

It was noted by Councilman Murray, that Councilman Delsin was on vacation. 20 members present. 1 member absent.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer announced that Mary Rickert, Assistant City Clerk, was absent due to illness.

Mayor Dyer congratulated publicly, Chief Bertalovitz on the eleventh year of being Fire Chief.

Mayor Dyer extended birthday wishes to the City Clerk, Elizabeth Crudginton and Vivian Flynn of the switchboard operator.

Mayor Dyer also announced programs being scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, commencing with a Mass at 9:00 O'Clock A.M. followed by the Flag raising ceremony at City Hall.

Mayor Dyer informed the Council that he had received a letter from the City Treasurer, that Bonds will be sold on April 7, 1981.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 02- Resolution - Community Development Block Grant Program (7th yr.funding).
- 026- Communication - Appointment of Fire Inspector.
- 027- Communication - Re-appointments to Redevelopment Agency.
- 028- Communication - Appointment to Conservation Commission.
- 029- Communication - Appointment to Transit District Board of Directors.
- 031- Communication - Appointments to Fair Rent Commission.
- 032- Communication - Appointment to Aviation Commission.
- 035- Report - Transfer of funds to Zoning Commission.
- 036- Report - Transfer of funds to Ordinance Revision Commission.
- 037- Report - Land Acquisition Committee re: Land in High Sky Gardens.
- 039- Report - Appointment of Ambulance Supervisor.
- 040- Communication & Certification - Request from Commission on Aging for a transfer of funds.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Visconti that the Consent Calendar be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS - Grace Wright - Maximinio Vera - Claire Hornig - Diana Bedard - Ronald Scheidt - Joseph Khoury - Edward P. Howard Sr. - Philip Hajj Mr. & Mrs. Henry Harris.

Councilman Murray requested referral of the claims, to the Claims Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims (Attorney Thomas G. West.) Mayor Dyer so ordered.

RESOLUTION - Community Development Block Grant Program (7th year funding).

That the Common Council of the City of Danbury direct the Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Danbury, to make application on behalf of the City of Danbury to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funds allocated under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended in 1977, Public Law 93-383, which authorizes the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Jeanette Heights Sewer Project survey.

Councilman DaSilva read a report of a survey taken by the City Engineer in reference to the above sewer project.

The survey indicated the following results: COMPARISON OF RESULTS BY LOTS(128)
Yes ----- 16 lots (12%)
No ----- 93 " (73%)
No response 19 " (15%)

COMPARISON OF RESULTS BY AREA OF LOTS: 64.249 acres.

Yes ---- 7.272 acres (11%).
No ----46.157 acres (72%).
No response 10.82 " (17%).

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans that this project remain on the table. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION - Energy Conservation - City Hall - Danbury Library.

Request from R. Winkelstern, Superintendent of Public Buildings, for \$14,500 in order to permit the installation of the Honeywell "BOSS" Computerized Energy Management System, in City Hall and the Danbury Library.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request of the Danbury Rifle and Pistol Club for use of the Miry Brook Target Range. (Request being re-submitted by John Jowdy Esq.)

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: Burke, Scialabba, Rinder.

COMMUNICATION - Driveway problem on land of Edward Knapp - 23 Morris St.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request of the Association of Danbury Area Florists for a review of Ordinances on Licenses and Permits.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: White, Turk, Farah.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Councilman Walsh for a committee to be appointed to investigate the paving of Golden Hill Road by Mark IV Construction Co. after the sewer installation in 1980.

Councilman DaSilva requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered stating that the patch work done on Golden Hill is only temporary. Paving will be done in the Spring.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Martin Melody President, Local 801 Firefighters Association for a committee to be appointed to investigate and recommend such changes as are necessary in the Civil Service Commission.

Councilman White requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Dyer appointed the following to this committee: Council members: McManus, Walsh, DaSilva.

COMMUNICATION - Danbury Police Contract.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting submitted a communication stating that the "addendum of agreement" to the police working agreement will require funds in the amount of approximately \$173,000.

Unfortunately the document was received too late for item by item computation of the cost. It is suggested that \$143,000 be funded as follows:

Unencumbered fund balance \$143,000.
The balance to be paid from funds within the police department.
Mr. Edwards certified that the above funds are available.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to committee.
Mayor Dyer appointed the following to this committee - Councilmembers Cassano, Turk, Repole.

COMMUNICATION - School Bus Contract.

Mayor Dyer submitted a communication stating that the School Bus Contract proposal is a capital expense and should therefore, be bonded after Planning Commission, Common Council and voter approval.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Common Council Liaison Committee to the Board of Education and the Planning Commission.
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Mendik Realty Company, Inc. for permission from the City of Danbury to discharge sanitary wastes from the proposed Newtown Corporate Park into the sewer main located on Stony Hill Road in the vicinity of the Danbury-Bethel Town Line.

Councilman DaSilva requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered. (referred to Planning Commission also)

COMMUNICATION - Request of Robert J. Kaufman (Shelter Knolls Corporation) for permission to attach to sewer and water lines re: Eden Drive.

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

COMMUNICATION - Offer by Barry Klein of two lots for sale to the City located on East Gate Road.

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

COMMUNICATION - Offer by Richard Jowdy Real Estate to sell property to the City adjacent to Rogers Park (Property of Roger Castro).
Offering price: \$295,000.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request of George and Karen Bailey to purchase a parcel of land from the City, located at the left end of Lombardi Street.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request from Police Chief Nelson Macedo that members of the Common Council review the possibility of making changes in the requirements for applicants to the Danbury Police Department.

Councilman White requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following to this committee: Councilmembers: Gallo, Walsh, Burke, Delsin.

COMMUNICATION - Age requirements for Special Police Officers.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following to this committee: Councilmembers - Gallo, Walsh, Burke, Delsin.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Chief Bertalovitz for additional funds for fencing around the fire training school. The amount granted in the Capital Budget is \$8,500. The lowest bid received is \$12,493. Therefore, the sum of \$3,993 is required for the fencing.

A Certification in the amount of \$3,993 was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, as being available in the Contingency Account to be transferred for the Fire Department training fence.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Visconti that the communication be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 20 yes - 1 member absent. (Delsin).

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request of William Hanna, Tax Collector for funds to hire Jill Caprio as a temporary employee for the last quarter of this fiscal year.

A Certification of funds was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, in the amount of \$2,000 required by the Tax Collector to hire temporary help.

Councilman White requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: Torian, Scialabba, Cassano.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - There is an outstanding Workmen's Compensation Award due for a former police officer - Joseph Biraglia - The Assistant Corporation Counsel believes funds should be made available at this time.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, submitted a certification in the amount of \$45,000 - the total needs of the Workmen's Compensation Account to complete this fiscal year, for this and other claims. Funds available in the Contingency Account.

Councilman White requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: Evans, Turk, Eppoliti.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from the Director of Public Works, D. Garamella, for \$17,000 to be transferred to the Parks & Recreation Department for repairs of the Lakeview Property.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, submitted a certification of funds available in fund balances.

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

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Adjustment of \$9,740 in the City of Danbury's grant to the Volunteer Firemen.

This action will eliminate the difference between the Mayor's Budget and the defeated Council's budget.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance Acting, submitted a certification of these funds being available in fund balances.

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Murray that the Communication be accepted and transfer of funds authorized.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of 20 Ayes - No Nays 1 member absent.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Deborah MacKenzie, Acting Director of City Welfare, for an additional \$9,100. Funds expended as Public Welfare will be 90% reimbursible to the City from the State of Connecticut.

A Certification in the amount of \$9,100 was submitted by Mr. J.P. Edwards Director of Finance, Acting as being available in the Contingency Account to be transferred to the Welfare Account.

Councilman White requested referral to an Ad-Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: Boynton, Scialabba, Butera.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton for a transfer of funds to the following accounts:

- 02-01-111-029500 - Outside Services \$50.00
- 02-01-111-040100 - Office Supplies \$50.00

Outside services are for printing of Fishing & Hunting permits.

A Certification in the amount of \$100.00 was submitted by Mr. J.P. Edwards Director of Finance, Acting, for the above request, funds available in the Contingency Account.

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Murray that the Communications be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of John Wixted, 8 SilCam Drive, Danbury, as a Fire Inspector in the Danbury Fire Department.

Mr. Wixted placed first on the Civil Service eligibility list. He has also been temporarily serving in this capacity for some months.

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

COMMUNICATION - Re-appointment of James Maloney, 13 Wooster Hgts and re-appointment of Boyd Losee, Crestwood Drive, to the Redevelopment Agency for terms to expire on January 1, 1986. Mr. Maloney and Mr. Losee are both active members of the Agency and have requested reappointment.

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

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Desmond McCann, Sleepy Hollow Drive to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 1982

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

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COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Robert Tyrell, Jr., Francis Road as a member of the Transit District Board of Directors - for a term to expire 7/1/1982.

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

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of a representative from the Conservation Commission to the Environmental Impact Commission was withdrawn.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of the following to the Fair Rent Commission:

Mrs. Regina Platano - Royal Pine Drive and Reverend Ismael Perez, 90 Highland Ave, for terms to expire on July 1, 1982.

Mrs. Platano is active in the Junior Women's Club and Housing Task Force. Rev. Perez is active in the Spanish Community. Both have expressed interest in serving on this Commission.

The Communication was accepted and appointments confirmed by the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Mr. Donald Crudginton, 157 South Street, as a member of the Aviation Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 1983.

Mr. Crudginton is employed by the State of Connecticut and is active in various civic organizations.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief
Fire Marshal
Aviation Commission
High Blood Pressure Program
Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services.

Housing Inspector
Building Inspector
Sanitary Inspector

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Visconti 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.

REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Still River Co-Op

Councilman Thomas Evans submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the request for a transfer of funds to the Still River Co-Op, met on Feb. 17, 1981.

In attendance were Committee members Visconti, Turk and Evans and Myrtle VanLanigan & Sue Birch of the Advisory Board of the Co-Op. Councilman Scialabba was also in attendance.

Following the discussion of the functions of the Co-op, explained by Sue Birch, it was the unanimous decision of the committee to recommend that the City give a \$1,000 grant to the Still River Co-Op, based on the fact that it does perform a very important function in the City as regards to low income and elderly citizens.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance Acting, submitted a certification in the amount of \$1,000 available in the Contingency account for a donation to the Still River Co-Op.

Mr. Edwards urged the money be assigned to an existing department for distribution to the co-Op, suggesting the Health Department or the Commission on Aging.

A motion was made by Councilman Turk and seconded by Councilman Murray that the Report be accepted and funds granted. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 19 Ayes 1 Nay (Councilman Boynton voted Nay) 1 member absent.

REPORT - Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to study a request from the Zoning Commission, for \$2,500, met on 2/19/81.

Mr. Basil Friscia, Chairman of the Zoning Commission attended the meeting and explained his request for funds and the workings of the Commission.

The Committee recommends approval of the request. A Certification of funds was submitted at the Feb. 3, 1981 Council meeting for the above request.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to study a request for \$750.00 from the Ordinance Revision Commission, met on Feb. 19, 1981.

Attorney Barry was present together with the committee members, DaSilva, Delsin, Murray. Councilman Boynton also attended.

Attorney Barry explained the need for his request which is basically for secretarial help and office supplies.

The Committee recommended approval of the funds.

A Certification in the amount of \$750 was submitted at the Feb. 3, 1981 Council meeting.

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

REPORT - Councilman Evans submitted a Land Acquisition Committee report stating that the committee had met on 2/17/81 with Assistant Corporation Counsel T. Frizzell. Councilman Scialabba also attended the meeting.

After much discussion it was the unanimous decision of the committee to recommend that the City NOT accept the parcel of land offered by Compratt Construction Co. now classified as open space, located in High Sky Gardens.

The Report was accepted as submitted, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Police & Fire Pension Boards.

Councilwoman C. McManus submitted a committee report stating that the Common Council Committee appointed to review the Council's representation on the Police & Fire Pension Boards met on Feb. 17, 1981.

In attendance were Councilmembers McManus, Torian, Boynton, Walsh as well as Corporation Counsel Goldstein and Assistant Corporation Counsel Gottschal

It was determined, with the aid of the Corporation Counsel, that the sole duty of the committee was to offer a recommendation to the Common Council as to whether the present representatives to the Fire and Police Pension Boards are, in fact, legally authorized representatives of the Common Council.

Attorney Goldstein referred the committee to sections 14-50 and 14-27 of the City Charter and Code of Ordinances, in regard to the membership on the Police & Fire Pension Boards and to section 3-2 in regard to Council organization. It is Attorney Goldstein's interpretation that these present members of the pension boards are not legal representatives of the Council.

In view of the Corporation Counsel's advice, the committee recommends, by a vote of 3 to 1 that the Common Council, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, elect from its membership, representatives to both the Police and Fire Pension Boards. Council members McManus, Torian and Boynton voted in the affirmative. Councilman Walsh, in the negative.

A minority report will be submitted.

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A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Burke to accept the Report as read.

The Report was accepted by a vote of 19 Ayes 1 Nay. Councilman Walsh voted Nay.

A motion was then made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Evans to suspend the rules to allow Councilman Walsh to submit his minority report. Motion carried.

Councilman Walsh submitted the following report:

REPORT / The Common Council committee appointed to investigate the legal authority of the current representative from the Common Council on the Police Pension Board, met on Feb. 17, 1981.

The committee heard opinions and recommendations from the City Corporation Counsel. The committee voted three to one to recommend to the Common Council that in their opinion and in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, the present Common Council representative on said Board, sits without legal authority and they further recommend that the situation be corrected as soon as possible, by having the Council as a whole elect legal representation.

Councilman Walsh was the dissenting voter on this recommendation, stating it is his contention that the current Council representative on the Police Pension Board sits with de-facto authority, being a duly elected member of the Common Council and has sat on the Police Pension Board for several years without any objection by his peers on the Common Council.

On April 16, 1980 the Corporation Counsel advised the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor that he had some reservations as to the legal authority of the Common Council representative to the Police Pension Board. No action or recommendations were forthcoming from the Mayor's Office.

On Dec. 6, 1977 a unanimous voice vote by the Common Council confirmed the appointment of F. Visconti, Sr. by Mayor Boughton, to a term which was to expire in May of 1979. Since then, no one has questioned the authority of Mr. Visconti sitting on the Police Pension Board.

Although, Mr. Walsh continued in his report, I do not agree with the way Mr. Visconti has voted on the Police Pension Board on several occasions, I do believe he is the legal, authoritative representative, of the Common Council on said Board.

Mr. Walsh asked that the Common Council at this time, reaffirm that F. Visconti Sr, is and has been the legal authoritative representative of this Council to the Police Pension Board as long as he has sat on said Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Turk to accept the Report.

Corporation Counsel T. Goldstein advised the Council that this minority report does not have to be voted upon, as the majority report has already been accepted.

Mayor Dyer then asked for nominations to the Police Pension Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman White to submit the name of Councilman Gallo as representative from the Common Council to the Police Pension Board.

A motion was then made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilwoman D. Eppoliti submitting the name of Councilman Visconti.

Councilman Visconti refused the nomination. Councilman Walsh and Councilwoman Eppoliti withdrew their nomination of Councilman Visconti.

Councilman Gallo was appointed unanimously, as representative from the Common Council, to the Police Pension Board.

Appointment of representative to Fire Pension Board.

A motion was then made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Ryan submitting the name of Councilman Joseph DaSilva as the representative from the Common Council to the Fire Pension Board.

Councilman DaSilva was appointed unanimously, as a representative from the Common Council, to the Firefighters Pension Board.

REPORT - Appointment of Ambulance Supervisor.

Councilman Murray submitted a report stating that the Committee appointed to review the appointment of an ambulance supervisor, met on Feb. 19, 1981.

Based on information provided by the Mayor, The Civil Service Commission and the Corporation Counsel, the committee recommends the appointment of Reginald DePalma as Ambulance Supervisor in the Fire Department, be confirmed. Mr. DePalma was listed as being first in the Civil Service Examination.

The Report was accepted and appointment confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Frank Schneider, Chairman of the Commission on Aging for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$188.19 for supplies and repair of mimeograph machine.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, submitted a certification of funds stating no transfer of funds from contingency is necessary as they will amend the revenue and appropriation line items in a like amount.

The Communication and certification was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Transfer of funds to Youth Commission.

Councilwoman J. Butera submitted a report stating that the committee to review a request for funds by the Youth Commission, met on 2/25/81.

In attendance were Councilmen White and Scialabba, together with members of the Youth Commission - Paul Bernier, Mr. & Mrs. John Zamerie and Joan DiGiulio.

The Commission would like to sponsor a City wide checkers and chess tournament for grade levels 4-12 in which students from City, private and parochial schools will be able to participate.

The cost of the project will be \$400.00 to cover the cost of Trophys which will be presented by the Mayor to the winners of each level.

A Certification was submitted by Mr. J.P. Edwards Director of Finance, Acting, in the amount of \$400 from fund balance for the trophys. The Contingency Fund is now exhausted.

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

REPORT - Transfer of funds to Parks & Recreation Department.

Councilman Joseph DaSilva, chairman of the Public Works Committee, submitted a report stating that Mr. Ryerson, Director of Parks & Recreation explained the reasons for the request of \$16,000. These funds are to be used to maintain fields at the various schools after they have recessed for the summer. The reason for this is that these fields are used extensively by various youth and adult groups throughout the summer under the auspices of the Parks & Recreation Dept. There will also be additional work for the Parks & Recreation Department with the acquisition of the Sokol property.

Mr. Ryerson also explained that the money will be spent for part-time summer employees who will do the prescribed work on these fields.

There will be a need for another nine part-time employees to perform this work.

The committee recommended unanimously to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$16,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department.

A Certification of funds was submitted at the Feb. 3, 1981 Council meeting by Mr. J.P. Edwards in the amount of \$16,000 available in the Contingency Account to be transferred to the Parks & Recreation 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 unanimously.

REPORT - Salvaging Rights at Danbury Landfill.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a Public Works Committee report stating that the committee discussed an alternate proposal to awarding salvage rights at the City Landfill, that of receiving a percentage of the profits made from salvagable materials. Mr. Fusek explained that it would take a full-time person working 48 hours per week to oversee an operation of this kind.

It was further pointed out that the City is paid \$2,100 per year for salvage rights at the present time.

Because of the inordinate complexities of administration of this proposal the committee voted unanimously to recommend that no action be taken at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

REPORT - Request from A.A. Canzler to build a road on City property.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a Public Works Committee report stating that a communication was received from Attorney B. Payne who represents Mr. Canzler, requesting a withdrawal of the petition to build a road on City property. Because of this, the committee is ending consideration of the matter.

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

Councilman Ryan then requested an extension of time for the committee appointed to review the appointment of Dr. Groff to the Environmental Impact Commission.

Mayor Dyer granted the extension and appointed Councilmen White and Cassano as an addition to the committee.

Mayor Dyer then granted extensions to all other outstanding committees.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

Michael Pascuzzi spoke in reference to the Civil Service Commission stating there are no checks and balances - will work with the new ambulance supervisor resents being called malcontent and sour grapes.

Mr. Harry Kessler spoke stating that disability pensions are most liberal in this area.

Gerald Silverman spoke about residency clause for a soil analyst for the Environmental Impact Commission (Dr. Groff).

Ernest Goldstein spoke about handicapped parking spaces being used by non-handicapped persons. He also spoke about the possibility of a police sub-station at the Sokol to help eliminate vandalism at the Town Park.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Torian for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:03 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Crudginton
Elizabeth Crudginton
CITY CLERK

Mary Rickert
Assistant City Clerk

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

Michael Pascuzzi - My name is Michael Pascuzzi. I live at 104 Garfield Ave. I would like to thank the members of the Common Council that were on the committee for the ambulance supervisor appointment in the Fire Department.

I sincerely felt that by the time they met the Civil Service Commission would have realized the irregularities that happened, and try to correct the situation, but I was wrong.

I am deeply depressed that there are no checks and balances in the system that allows the investigation of a Civil Service appointment. I find it hard to believe that the Civil Service Commission has the final word in any investigation and they publicly did not find themselves wrong.

In regards to the appointment, the clouds of irregularities before, during and after the test will stay in my mind forever, but for the sake of the citizens of the City of Danbury, I will work closely and give one-hundred percent cooperation to the Ambulance Supervisor because their lives in time of need depends on my colleagues and I working together for them and not have any internal problems effect the running of our Emergency Ambulance Service.

In closing may I say that I resent being called malcontent and I resent the term sour grapes when it is used to describe the recent appeal. All we are asking is that we will be treated equally and fairly when we take promotional exams in the future. Thank you.

Mayor Dyer - Mr. Pascuzzi, what specific irregularities are you referring to.

Mr. Pascuzzi - We have been through that with the Civil Service Commission already. It is done with and I have made my statement to them and I don't think this is the proper place to start the discussion all over again.

Mayor Dyer - You are specifically accusing them of irregularities - the whole Commission?

Mr. Pascuzzi - The Civil Service Commission and Chief examiner. I am accepting my defeat and working with the appointee.

Mayor Dyer - Thank you.

Mr. Pascuzzi - Your welcome.