

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on June 2, 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. Mayor Dyer urged everyone to continue to pray for a speedy recovery for Pope John Paul.

ROLL CALL was taken by City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton with the following members being recorded as:

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

21 members present. None absent.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer announced and offered Birthday wishes to Mary Ann Doran for June 2nd and Joan Soderstrom for June 11th.

Anniversary wishes and congratulations for Atty Goldstein and wife Helen for June 12th.

Councilman Evans and Mrs. Evans celebrated 28th anniversary last Saturday. Congratulations and Best wishes were offered to them also.

Mayor Dyer announced the Greek Festival will be held this coming weekend and urged members to attend.

The Mayor also announced that a softball game between the California Cuties and the City of Danbury Team would be held on June 21st for the benefit of the March of Dimes. It was noted that the Mayor's Team defeated the Danbury News Times Team.

Mayor Dyer then offered congratulations and best wishes to all graduates of Danbury High School, Immaculate High School, Henry Abbot Technical School.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Ryan submitted the Consent Calendar which is an agreement by both parties to speed up proceedings of Council meetings, and which included the following items listed on the Agenda:

- 02- Resolution - Renovation of Old Jail.
- 03- Resolution - Child Nutrition Program.
- 04- Resolution - High Blood Pressure Program.
- 05- Resolution - Funds for Pulmonary Disease Clinic.
- 06- Resolution - Revenue Sharing - Compliance Agreement.
- 019- Communication - Water Abatements.
- 026- Communication & Certification - Funds for unemployment insurance account
- 027- Communication & Certification - Funds for retirement administration acct
- 028- Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds for labor negotiations
- 029- Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds to Welfare Dept.
- 031- Communication - Police & Fire Department appointments.
- 032- Communication - To fill vacancy on Zoning Commission.
- 033- Communication - Appointment to Parking Authority.
- 034- Communication - Appointment to Aviation Commission.
- 035- Communication - Appointment of a Director of Planning.
- 038- Report - Release of Bond - ElMorro II Estates.
- 039- Report - Drainage Problem - Kingswood Estates.
- 040- Report - Drainage Problem - Backus Avenue.
- 041- Report - Paving of Golden Hill

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

Mayor Dyer then introduced the new Police Officers who were in the audience - Mr. Bobel and Mr. Colla.

Minutes of the Common Council meetings held on May 5, 1981 and May 13, 1981. A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray to dispense with reading the minutes and to accept them as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION - That Mayor James E. Dyer be authorized to execute any contracts or agreements with the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, regarding said Title ~~XX~~ grant for the fiscal year 1981-1982, not to exceed a billing of \$63,728.00.

The Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Boynton, passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - Renovation of Old Jail.

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Danbury make application to the State for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in order to undertake a program of Renovation of the Old jail for a Senior Citizen Center, and, to execute an Assistance Agreement and/or a Grant Action Request therefore. It is understood that the City of Danbury will provide a local grant-in-aid in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 133 of the Conn. General Statutes, as appropriate.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION - Child Nutrition Program.

That Mayor James E. Dyer is hereby authorized to accept funds and execute any contracts or agreements with the State of Connecticut, Department of Education, Child Nutrition Program, for \$30,485 to provide for no-cost lunches for 650 youth, aged 18 and under, from July 6, 1981 to August 21, 1981, and to execute any other documents pertaining hereto.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION - High Blood Pressure Program.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Health Services through the Connecticut High Blood Pressure Program has made grant funds available to municipalities to be used for high blood pressure screening, referral and health education; and

WHEREAS, a grant extension of up to \$2,741 with no local match requirements has been received by the Danbury Health Department;

NOW, Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor of the City of Danbury be authorized to take all actions required to accomplish said program.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION - Funds for Pulmonary Disease Clinic.

That the City of Danbury through its Mayor, James E. Dyer, be authorized to enter into agreement for the remainder of the fiscal year 1980-1981 with the Connecticut Department of Health Services, Pulmonary Disease Section, in the amount of \$10,000 to continue operation of the City's disease clinics in order that said diseases can be identified, treated, and contained for the preservation of the public health.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION - Revenue Sharing - Compliance Agreement.

Whereas, the Office of Revenue Sharing of the United States Department of the Treasury has expressed concern regarding the City of Danbury's compliance with the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury wishes to cooperate with the Office of Revenue Sharing in demonstrating its compliance with the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury and the Office of Revenue Sharing believe a compliance agreement to be the best method of establishing a format for that evaluation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor James E. Dyer be and hereby is authorized on behalf of the City of Danbury to execute a compliance agreement and any and all amendments thereto which may be required by the Office of Revenue Sharing.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Petition of Ann Marie Sanchez and Frank J. Scalzo for acceptance of Sierra Way.

COMMUNICATION - Petition of Ann Marie Sanchez and Frank J. Scalzo for acceptance of Deal Drive.

COMMUNICATION - Petition of Ann Marie Sanchez and Frank J. Scalzo for acceptance of Raquel Drive.

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

COMMUNICATION - Petition of Frank J. Scalzo and Ann Marie Sanchez to extend sewer lines to a proposed location on the Southeast side of Hamilton Drive and to allow connection for service to same.

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

COMMUNICATION - Petition of Dan-Del Associates to extend municipal sewer and water lines along Nabby Road.

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

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COMMUNICATION - Request of Peter & Christine Setaro for sewers on Old Shelter Rock Road.

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

COMMUNICATION - Petition to study drainage problem of Dimas Begerano of 58 Oil Mill Road.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request from Alrich Precision Manufacturing Co. for the City of Danbury to agree to subordination of its property tax lien.

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

COMMUNICATION - John McIntosh and the Police Pension Board.

Request from Assistant Corporation Counsel Sandra Leheny for approval to institute an action on behalf of John Edwards, Acting Director of Finance who is charged with the administration of the City's financial affairs under Section 6-6 of the Charter. This action will be brought against the Police Pension Board, as well as its members individually.

The instituting of this action is authorized by Section 6-4 of the Charter which lists the duties of the Corporation Counsel.

The Communication was accepted and approval granted on a motion made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Ryan.

COMMUNICATION - Offer by Thornton Real Estate of the Mill Plain Firehouse for sale to the City of Danbury for a sales price of \$530,000. Mill Plain Hose Co. would consider holding a 1st mortgage in the amount of \$200,000 at a very favorable rate.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva to refer the communication to the Land Acquisition committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Offer by Peter J. Kakadelis of condominium space or leasing of square footage to the City re: property at 156 Deer Hill Avenue. This property will consist of 41,000 square feet with 114 car parking spaces.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request from J. Thompson, Airport Administrator, for an Ordinance providing punitive action for violation of proper procedures for Helicopter traffic.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Torian, Turk, Butera.

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COMMUNICATION - Request of Leo S. Ratick for sewers for property located on Lower South Street.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request by John Schweitzer, City Engineer for Water abatements in the amount of \$2,439.72 for the time period December 1980 to May 30, 1981. These abatements have been made as these properties have been vacant for the billing period.

The Communication was accepted and water abatements approved by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Marianne Wolfe, Director of the Danbury Library, for a third custodial position for the library.

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

COMMUNICATION - Airport Leases.

Application of Robert Zohn of Williamsport, Pa. for a fixed base operation at the Danbury Airport, was made at the Feb. 1981 meeting of the Aviation Commission and approved at their March, 1981 meeting.

Applicants will build hangars 100' x 100' to cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 each and pay a yearly rental fee of \$2100 per acre for the land lease. Rental fees can increase as much as 50% at each or any re-evaluation. Taxes will be paid on both structures.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Councilmembers - Rinder, Delsin, Farah.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Danbury Public Schools regarding unresolved deficits. - Danbury Hospital for the vocational training program -\$5,150. and Cummings & Lockwood for legal services from Feb. to June 30, 1980 - \$10,102.37.

Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, suggested these bills be paid and charged to Fund Balance as they comprise last years business (1979-1980). The gross amount to be considered is \$15,252.37.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Common Council Education Liaison committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Contract between Board of Education and Gelco Company for School Bus Transportation.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Common Council Education Liaison committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

PETITION - Petition of Julia B. Kovacs and Wilma E. Roth for the City to accept parcel of land adjacent to City owned property lying immediately Southerly of the parcel recently acquired by the City from the Danbury Slovack Gymnasium Union Sokol Corporation.

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

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request by Mayor Dyer for approval of the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$70,000 from the current budget's unappropriated fund balance for a traffic signal at Locust and Hospital Avenues.

This amount was included in the Mayor's 1981-1982 budget proposal and deleted by the Common Council.

This is the busiest traffic intersections in the City of Danbury and one of the most dangerous. This signal has been listed as the number one priority by the Police Department for many years.

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

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$70,000 available in the Fund Balance Account to provide a new traffic signal, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The motion for approval was carried by a roll call vote of 21 Ayes. No Nays.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Robert Ryerson, Director of Parks & Recreation, for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000 to cover expense of repairing the tennis courts at Rogers Park.

There is an extreme liability for injury at the courts and the Safety Committee recommended that preventative measures be taken now to prevent injury liability and to avoid more costly repairs later.

A Certification as to the availability of \$15,000 in the Fund Balance Account to repair the tennis courts at Rogers Park, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Communication be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 21 ayes. No Nays.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Mr. John P. Edwards for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$11,600 for the Unemployment Insurance Account. The reason for this increase is for layed off employees making claims above anticipation.

Mr. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, certified as to the availability of \$11,600 in the Fund Balance Account, for this transfer.

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

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Mr. John P. Edwards for \$6,990 to be transferred from the Fund Balance Account to the Retirement Administration Account. Additional work was necessary to review a number of projections for alternatives to the present Police and Fire Pension Plans, and for evaluating the General Pension Plan which the Teamsters and DMEA unions have petitioned for reconsideration.

Mr. Edwards certified the availability of funds in the Fund Balance Account in the amount of \$6,990.

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

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$7,994 from the Fund Balance Account to the Labor Negotiation Account 02-01-201.

Mr. Edwards certified that \$7,994 was available in the Fund Balance Account, to be transferred to the Labor Negotiation Account.

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

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Deborah MacKenzie, Acting Director of Welfare, for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$30,000 in order to meet obligations in the area of General Assistance for the remainder of this fiscal year.

A Certification was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards in the amount of \$30,000 available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Welfare Account 02-05-100-026000.

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

COMMUNICATION - Request from the Association of Religious Communities for a minimum of \$3,000 for their Community Caregiver Program, including Danbury, Brookfield and Redding/Easton

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Councilmembers McManus, Scialabba, Butera.

COMMUNICATION - Police & Fire Department Appointments: Appointment of the following by Mayor Dyer:

Police Department

Lieutenant: Dennis Cooney - 22 Woodbury Dr. Effective June 3, 1981.

Sergeant: Jonas Karcz - 25 Beech St. " " " " Salaries as per contract.

Probationary police appointments:

- 1. Stephen Bobel - 33 Chestnut St. Danbury.
- 2. Donald Colla - 7 Watson Drive, Danbury.

Appointment as a regular police officer is contingent upon successful completion of courses at the Police Academy and completion of an active probationary period. The starting salary is \$12,586.00 annually. The starting date will be arranged with the Chief.

Fire Department:

Fire Inspector - Robert Whitlock - 22 Belair Drive - Salary as per Contract. Effective June 3, 1981.

The Communications were accepted and appointments confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

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COMMUNICATION - Request of William W. Sullivan, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Commission, submitting the name of Charles DeFranco of Ohehyahtah Place, Danbury, to replace Grac Rohland who has resigned.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of Mr. Kim Nolan, Esq. as a member of the Parking Authority, to fill a vacant term. Said appointment to expire on June 30, 1984.

Mr. Nolan lives at 12 Chapel Place Danbury, and is an Attorney and involved in downtown historic preservation.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of Ann Lowman to the Aviation Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 1984.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of Mr. Leonard Sedney of Ridgefield, as the City's Director of Planning, effective June 29, 1981.

Mayor Dyer submitted Mr. Sedney's resume to the members of the Council who might be interested in reviewing his credentials.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief
Fire Marshal
Building Inspector

Police Department
Sealer of Weights

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT - Public Funds for Private Property.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to investigate the use of public funds for the improvement of private property, met on May 20, 1981. In attendance were Councilmen DaSilva and Walsh and Mrs. Carol Tallman, Acting Director of C.A.C.D.

Mr. DaSilva explained that because no local funds are used for the program of winterization which pays for storm windows and doors and insulation for tenants who qualify, the City has no jurisdiction as to the expenditure of these funds.

The chairman further explained that through discussion with the Health Department a procedure has been arranged so that all applications for the winterization program at C.A.C.C. will be referred to the Health Department to ascertain if a certificate of occupancy has been issued.

If not, an inspection will take place to see if all health codes including the tightness of doors and windows have been met.

Mrs. Tallman stated that before any installations are begun, an inspection and approval must be forthcoming from State Department of Human Resources. The regulations are rather extensive and rigid as to those who qualify and it was stated that C.A.C.D. is diligent in compliance with these regulations. She further stated she had no knowledge of impropriety as to the use of public funds for the winterization program.

The committee recommended that no impropriety was found with the information available, and it was determined that no City funds are used for this purpose.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Report be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT - Councilman DaSilva submitted a Public Works Committee Report stating that the committee has studied a proposal for the release of \$5,000 Cash Bond for the roads in El Morro II Estates. City Engineer J. Schweitzer reported that he has inspected these roads and found them acceptable with no foreseeable problems.

The Public Works Committee therefore recommends the release of the \$5,000 Cash Bond on these roads.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Drainage problem on Kingswood Road.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee has studied a request to correct a drainage problem on Kingswood Road. An on-site inspection was held. Mr. Fusek, Superintendent of highways has also been inspecting this area periodically for many months. He reported that no substantial problem has existed since work done on this road, including installation of catch basins, completed several years ago.

Mr. Fusek stated that if any problem re-occurs it will be corrected by the Public Works Department.

The committee therefore recommends that no further action be taken at this time with the assurance of the Public Works Department that any future problems will be handled by that department.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Drainage problem on Backus Avenue.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works committee studied a request to correct a drainage problem on Backus Ave. An on-site inspection was held and Mr. Fusek reported that the problem is mainly inherent to the property and not caused by water from City streets.

He further reported that the Public Works Department will install curbing in this area and a berm at the particular driveway which may help alleviate the water problem.

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The Public Works Committee recommends that because of the impending action of the Public Works Department, no further action be taken at this time.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Paving of Golden Hill.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee has looked into the paving of Golden Hill Road. This road has been repaved by a company hired by the contractor in charge of sewer installation on this road. Because this work has been done there is no further action needed at this time.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Appointment to Richter Park Authority.

Councilwoman Constance McManus submitted a report stating that the committee formed to consider the appointment of Samuel Jacobellis to the Richter Park Authority, met on May 21 and again on May 27, 1981. Mr. Jacobellis was present at the meeting of May 21st.

The primary concern of the committee is that the Richter Memorial Park be used for the purpose stated by Irene Myers Richter when the ownership of said property was transferred to the City of Danbury on May 8, 1968.

The purpose stated was that the said property would "be used solely and exclusively for recreational purposes". After review of the Deed and the Danbury Code of Ordinances, it is apparent that "recreational purposes" were not intended to be confined to that of golf. It is considered significant that neither document contains the word "golf" or in any way refers to a golf course. It is therefore, this committee's opinion that golf is only one of many recreational activities which should be offered by the Stanley Lasker Richter Memorial Park.

Presently, the park is virtually dedicated to golf and therefore to the recreation of those who choose to participate in the game of golf. The park, then, is not serving the recreational needs of the residents of Danbury. It is only serving the recreational needs of those residents whose preferred recreational activity is playing golf.

It would seem reasonable to assume that the current status of the Stanley Lasker Richter Memorial Park would reflect the desires and intent of the Authority during the past thirteen years. The Authority should be commended for the development and management of one of the finest golf courses in the United States. It is also felt that the concentration on the development of this golf course has effectively excluded all other forms of recreation.

Because of these factors, it is the committee's opinion that future appointments to the Authority be made in view of the desirability of an Authority more diverse in recreational preferences, as example, tennis, baseball and the arts.

Further it is the committee's opinion that Mr. Jacobellis is an individual of considerable talent, dedication, and integrity - his recreational preference is the sport of golf. Much of the same description can be applied to the present members of the Authority. This committee recommends that Mr. Jacobellis not be appointed to the Authority.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Gallo to accept the Report.

Mayor Dyer explained that a yes vote would sustain the committee's recommendation. A nay vote would over-turn the committee recommendation. At that point the appointment by itself would be before you.

Councilman Delsin, a member of the committee who did not sign the committee recommendation spoke, stating that he respects their concern on having a diversified group of people on the Authority, but that he has known Mr. Jacobellis who fits this description to a tee, for many years and that he has many other interests. He is a man of good common sense and knowledge should be used to enhance the Richter Park Authority. He would be a great asset to the Authority.

Councilman DaSilva commended the committee and shared their concern. Mr. Jacobellis would be open-minded and it would be a prejudicial act to deny this appointment.

Councilwoman Butera stated that it is not a personality issue and believed that Richter Park should have more than a golf course. Mrs. Butera also stated that Mr. Jacobellis is a very fine man.

Councilman Boynton stated that he has known Mr. Jacobellis for 12 years and spoke in favor of the appointment by the Mayor also stating that he can understand the desire of the committee to try to change the course of action of the Richter Authority from a golf course to a multi-recreational facility. Mr. Boynton urged the members of the Council to vote for Mr. Jacobellis.

Councilman Murray spoke going on record as being in favor of the appointment of Mr. Jacobellis stating that it is not fair to blame him for being a golfer. Should not be penalized for actions of the past.

Councilman Evans spoke stating that he is in favor of the report of the committee. Richter Authority right now is without any direction, as far as a director goes. We have a bunch of people on the Authority who are very dedicated and do a lot of hard work and I commend them for it - and I think it is great that Danbury has such a beautiful golf course, however, we do not have a professional man up there to run the Authority right now and I would be against anyone being appointed until they get a director.

Mayor Dyer explained that the director is not appointed by the Mayor.

Councilman Farah asked if the committee requested Mr. Jacobellis' priorities and commitments. Mrs. McManus replies that there was no commitment and that Mr. Jacobellis was open minded.

Councilman Turk asked the chairman of the committee - when was the last time you were in attendance at the Richter Park Authority meeting.

Mrs. McManus replied that last summer she toured the golf course and the house etc. with Marcia Dolan.

Mr. Turk stated that the Richter Association for the Arts has at least two members on the Authority and a third member Sam Hyman has no preference to play golf.

Mr. Sinowitz, chairman of the Richter Arts Association has expressed appreciation with the changed attitude of the Authority in the past several months, especially the new spirit of cooperation, communication and coordination that Mr. Storoni has instigated.

Mr. Ryerson has stated that construction of tennis courts at Richter Park at this point in time could be a financial mistake.

The committee report indicates that Mr. Jacobellis has a preference for golf. As Mr. Delsin indicated, Mr. Jacobellis is a proponent of the Arts as well as being an avid fisherman.

Mrs. McManus replied that there are tennis courts started and would not cost that much money to complete.

There are hiking trails that are unusable. Councilwoman Rinder a member of the Richter Park Authority Liaison committee suggested that they allow boy scouts up there to clear the trails and perhaps earn a badge for their work, but they refused this suggestion.

We would like to see baseball up there and more done for the Arts. The mansion is falling apart with windows not secure and water coming in during rainstorms etc.

Mr. Turk continued on stating that his property borders on Richter Park. I can see from my kitchen the many many activities - basketball - there are two hoops there, sledding, tobogganing, ice skating - and they came forward with a shelter for the skaters last winter - skiing, with two or three hundred people on weekends - hockey, hiking, fishing and there is a baseball diamond behind the ninth tee, sailing, canoeing - I've watched all of these.

Additionally, the Kiwanis Club is investigating the development of an exercise course. Boy Scouts are considering camping sites adjacent to the hiking trails.

Mr. Ryerson is communicating with Mr. Storoni relative to other future recreational activities at Richter Park.

I believe that members of the Richter Park Authority are not only to be commended for their development of one of the top 50 golf courses in the country, they also should be commended for their foresight in developing the golf course first. The income from a first rate golf course can subsidize other activities.

For these reasons I am voting against the report - I do not know the man, but I don't believe the report is accurate.

A motion was then made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Murray to move the question. Motion carried.

The recommendation of the committee report was denied by a roll call vote of 11 Nays and 10 Ayes.

Councilmembers Delsin, Walsh, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, Murray, Ryan, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, (11 Nay votes)

Councilmembers McManus, Gallo, Rinder, White, Cassano, Zotos, Butera, Farah, Evans, Torian voted Aye (10 votes)

The appointment of S. Jacobellis to the Richter Park Authority was confirmed.

REPORT - Bid Waivers.

Councilman Evans submitted a report stating that the committee of the Common Council appointed to investigate bid waivers, met on May 21st at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Council members - Evans & Eppoliti, Sharon Hamilton, Vincent Iovino and Dr. Draper.

It was voted on and approved by the committee that:

- 1. The Bid Waiver on a compact pick-up truck be approved for the Water Department, based on the fact that the department had a truck previously assigned, totaled, due to an accident.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Delsin that the report be accepted and bid waived. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. The waiver of bid procedure be approved for the Health Department on a compact passenger car to be used by the new Director of Health.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Delsin that the report be accepted and bid waived. Motion carried with Councilman Burke, voting Nay.

- 3. The waiver of bid procedure not be approved on a car for the Planning Department at the present time.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Delsin that the Report be accepted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dyer then granted extensions to all pending committees.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Walsh to allow a communication from Councilman Scialabba to be added to the Agenda. Motion carried by a vote of 18 Ayes - 2 Nays (Councilman Burke and Councilwoman Butera voted Nay) and Councilman Scialabba abstained.

COMMUNICATION - Request from Councilman Scialabba for \$15,000 for A.B.C. Taxi Company to continue operation. A.B.C. Taxi Company has closed down. The company has lost \$40,000 in the process of requesting an increase in rates. An additional \$9,000 has been lost this year.

Councilman Boynton asked if the Council can consider such an item.

Attorney Goldstein the Corporation Counsel quoted Section 8-3 of the City Charter - Conflict of interest - cannot take legal action - no certificates - we do not know who the actual holders are - would be giving taxpayers funds to private concern.

Councilman Boynton's referral to committee was withdrawn and Councilman Turk requested a recess.

Following the recess, Councilman Boynton requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Council members - Boynton, Walsh, Zotos, Evans, Delsin.

It was requested that all haste take place for the committee to meet.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

Police & Fire

Mr. Harry Kessler spoke in opposition to the Pension Board stating that every act of the Pension Board is illegal - very strong conflict of interest.

Danbury Police Department is actually a one precinct department. I do favor graduated Pension system to have a minimum force of men and not so many chiefs. Three members of the Pension Board are friends of everybody coming up - definitely a conflict of interest.

Ratio is much lower than the one in Ridgefield for instance, 640 to 1 Danbury is 540 to 1.

Fringe benefits - everyone has been abused.
Overtime has been misused.
Must consider future pensions .
Must not overload present force.
Pension laws have to be changed.
Danbury needs a second Mayor.
Honorable James Dyer is a very excellent Mayor for the inner-city.
What we need now is an excellent Mayor for the outer-city.

Mayor Dyer stated that we have one officer for every 600 people.
Mr. Kessler said we should dissolve the Police, Fire and Public Works Department and hire competitive concerns.

~~Following Mr. Kessler's statements by xxxxxxx~~

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman Walsh that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ricketts
Assistant City Clerk

Attest: *Elizabeth Crudginton*
Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk