

TO. Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - City of Danbury, Connecticut
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Special Meeting held on
March 24, 1983.

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

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Torian.

Mayor Dyer asked for a moment of silence in respect for Jack Thompson Director of the Danbury Airport, who passed away this week.

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

PRESENT: Council Members - Gallo, McGarry, Foti, Torcaso, Eriquez, Esposito, Repole, McManus, DaSilva, Torian, Charles, Leopold, Evans, Farah. J. Butera arrived after roll call.

ABSENT: Council Members - Elder, Zotos, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Boynton.

15 Members Present - 6 Members Absent.

Councilwoman McManus reported that Councilmen Zotos and Cassano were working and that Councilwoman Eppoliti was ill.

Notice of Special Meeting to be held on the 24th day of March, 1983, at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the following:

- 01 - Report Charter Revisions.
- 02 - Report & Ordinance-Amendment to subsection 8-18(9) of the Code of Ordinances concerning points for Volunteer Firefighters.
- 03 - Communication & Resolution -Request from the Danbury Hospital for permission to use the Osborne St. Stadium for off-site parking.
- 04 - Communication -Request for funds for the recycling unit.
- 05 - Communication -Easement in the Liberty Street Redevelopment Area.
- 06 - Communication -To accept a gift of a truck to the Fire Department.
- 07 - Communication -Appointment to Civil Service Commission.
- 08 - Report -Weed Problem at Lake Candlewood.
- RETURN OF SERVICE -Notices delivered by Police Officers of the City of Danbury.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Torian for the Notice and Return of Service to be accepted.
Motion carried unanimously.

01 - REPORT - Charter Revisions.

Councilwoman C. McManus, Common Council President, submitted a report stating that the Common Council held a public hearing on the proposed Charter Revisions on March 7, 1983 and again on March 16, 1983.

The Council met as a committee of the whole with the Charter Revision Commission on March 14, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. The committee of the whole also met on March 15, 1983 at 7:30 P.M., March 16, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. and March 21, 1983 at 8:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed Charter Revisions and to make pertinent recommendations.

The committee of the whole voted to return the proposed Charter to the Charter Revision Commission with their recommendations, included in the minutes hereto.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Charles for the report to be accepted and recommendations to be referred to the Charter Revision Commission with the following amendment:

Section 6-5 - delete the word "coordinator".
Motion carried unanimously.

02 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Amendment to subsection 8-18(9) concerning points for Volunteer Firefighters being repealed..

Council President C. McManus submitted a report stating that the Common Council held a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment stated above, on March 21, 1983 at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Council Chambers.

The Common Council met as a committee of the whole immediately following the public hearing and recommends that the Ordinance be amended as proposed. Councilman Gallo voted in the negative.

ORDINANCE -That subsection 8-18(9) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"All appointments shall be based on merit as the result of competitive written and oral examinations conducted under the auspices of the Civil Service Commission of the City of Danbury. The Civil Service Commission shall avail itself of professional testing services for the written portion of the examinations."

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Torian for the Report to be accepted and the Ordinance adopted. Motion carried with Councilman Gallo voted Nay, stating that the Volunteers have not discriminated against anyone.

The Ordinance was adopted.

03 - COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION - Request from Danbury Hospital for permission to use the Osborne Street Stadium for off-site parking. The temporary use is requested during the construction period of the parking garage, from March 25 to August 1, 1983.

RESOLUTION - Whereas the petitioner, The Danbury Hospital, wishes to use property owned by the City of Danbury and located at Osborne Street, Danbury, Connecticut for parking purposes until August 1, 1983; and

Whereas the petitioner has requested that the City of Danbury grant it a license authorizing the petitioner to use said land for that purpose;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that Mayor James E. Dyer be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached license on behalf of the City of Danbury and take any and all further actions necessary to carry said license into full force and effect.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the Communication to be accepted and the Resolution to be adopted.

In reply to a question from Councilman Leopold, Mr. Gravius from the Danbury Hospital stated that the field would not be used on Saturdays or Sundays, and that they will be out by August 1st.

The motion for acceptance of the communication and adoption of the Resolution was passed with Councilwoman Torcaso abstaining from voting.

The Resolution was adopted.

04 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request for \$4,000 for the recycling unit to carry out its activities to the end of the fiscal year.

The recycling unit has been operating under the guidance of Mr. Norman Cusack without a budget and he is seeking monetary relief.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$4,000 available in the Fund Balance, was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards, Comptroller.

The Contingency account has been fully expended, the balance being encumbered to settle the police working agreement.

Previous balance of Fund Balance	\$374,352.00
Less Pending request	28,738.00
Less this request	4,000.00
	\$341,614.00

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the Communication to be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried unanimously.

05 - Withdrawn

06 - COMMUNICATION - Hoffman Fuel is planning to donate a 3,000 gallon truck to the Danbury Fire Department. This vehicle is used and supposedly in good running condition.

A motion was made by Councilman Repole and seconded by Councilman Foti to accept the truck as a gift.

Councilman Gallo remarked that the Fire Department has 5 tankers already and no more room for this truck.

Councilman Evans requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee: Councilmen Gallo, Foti, Repole.

07 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Ella Rountree, 20 Harding Place, as a member of the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on Jan. 1, 1986.

Mrs. Rountree is a teacher in the Bethel School System and active in the Black Democratic Association and the NAACP.

A motion was made by Councilman Eriguez and seconded by Councilman Torian that the Communication be accepted and appointment confirmed. Motion carried unanimously.

08 - REPORT - Councilwoman Torcaso submitted a report stating that the committee to study the Weed Problem at Lake Candlewood, met on March 17th with Carole Torcaso and Janet Butera present.

The committee reviewed a proposal submitted by Dr. Peter Siver, Professor of Biology/Limnology at Western Connecticut State University. The proposal provides for an in-depth monitoring of Lake Candlewood before and after the herbicide treatment of weeds.

In the future, the City may depend on Lake Candlewood to supplement its water supply therefore, this study is critical and perhaps will serve as a model for other Lake Communities to follow.

Dr. Peter Siver, as principle investigator, will be using graduate students all having strong backgrounds in the area of limnology and sampling research. An evaluation of the treatment will be submitted to the Common Council in December, 1983.

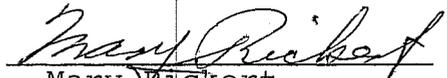
It is recommended by the committee that since no additional appropriations will be necessary, Dr. Peter Siver's proposal be accepted.

A motion was made by Councilman Foti and seconded by Councilman Eriguez to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Torcaso reported this matter was in the bidding process.

As there were no public speakers and there being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Foti for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted


Mary Rickert
Assistant City Clerk


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk

Attest: