

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council held on June 27, 1983.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Edward T. Torian.

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

PRESENT: Council Members - Elder, McGarry, Torcaso, Eriquez, Esposito, Zotos, McManus, Torian, Cassano, Charles, Boynton, Leopold, Evans. Councilman Gallo arrived after roll call.

ABSENT: Council Members - Foti, Repole, Eppoliti, DaSilva, White, Butera, Farah.

14 members present - 7 members absent.

Mayor Dyer distributed copies of the Annual Report which will be published in the Danbury News Times and copies of the pamphlets to be enclosed with the tax bills.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - to be held on the 27th day of June, 1983 at 7:00 O'Clock P.M. at the City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

- 01 - Jobs Bill Application
- 02 - Appointments - Danbury Fire Department
- 03 - Offer of property for sale or lease - 14 State Street
- 04 - Senior Center Request
- 05 - Parks & Recreation request for funds
- 06 - Committee Reports
- 07 - Offer of property for sale - property at Rogers Park
- 08 - Amended W.I.C. Budget
- 09 - Memorandum of Agreement - Special Police
- 010 - Request for funds for P.A.L. Soccer Team
- 011 - Revision to Water Emergency Ordinance

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices delivered and served by Police Officers of the City of Danbury.

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

- 01 - RESOLUTION - Community Development Block Grant Supplemental Funds - Emergency Jobs Bill Public Law - 98-8

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that the Common Council 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 supplemental grant funds allocated under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as authorized by the Emergency Jobs Bill of 1983, Public Law 98-8.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously on a motion made by Councilwoman C. McManus and seconded by Councilman T. Evans.

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02 - Withdrawn.

03 - Offer by Eric Erhardt and John H. O'Keefe, of property for sale or lease - 14 State Street.

Councilwoman C. McManus requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

04 - COMMUNICATION - Senior Center at 80 Main Street.

Request from the Danbury Commission on Aging to name the senior center at 80 Main Street, "The Old Jail/The Danbury Senior Center".

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Torian to accept the Communication and for the approval to name the Center, "The Old Jail/The Danbury Senior Center". Motion carried unanimously.

05 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Funds for Parks & Recreation.

Request from Robert Ryerson, Director of Parks & Recreation for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the following accounts:

02-08-130-023000 Utility Service	\$ 3,400.00
02-08-130-042500 Motor Fuel	1,600.00

Certification #151 was submitted by the Comptroller, Mr. John P. Edwards, certifying to the availability of \$5,000 in the General Fund, Fund Balance account to be transferred to the above accounts in the Parks & Recreation Department Budget.

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

Councilman Elder asked why this request came in so late.. Mayor Dyer explained that as stated in the request, these expenditures were an unforeseen expense. Also, that during the months of May and June, activities are stepped up using more fuel and an increase in utility service.

06 - AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT - Appointment of a Captain in the Danbury Fire Department.

Councilman Torian submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the request for confirmation of the appointment of William David as a Captain in the Danbury Fire Department, met on June 16, 1983 at 7:30 P.M.

In attendance were committee members, Torian, Zotos and Gallo; Assistant Corporation Counsel E. Gottschalk, Personnel Director E. Merullo, Councilman J. Esposito, Firefighters Union representatives and their Attorney, Barbara Collins.

Attorney Collins summarized the Union's position on the pending lawsuit involving the Firefighter's Union and the City of Danbury, by questioning whether temporarily appointed Lieutenants and Captains should rightfully be given the same chance to compete on exams as permanently appointed Lieutenants and Captains.

Section 8-19(4) of the Danbury Code of Ordinances reads as follows:

"All applicants for promotion to Captain shall have served a minimum of one (1) year as a lieutenant in the regular Fire Department and also have completed at least six (6) years of service in the regular Fire Department".

The employment history of Mr. David which was provided to the committee by the Personnel Director clearly indicates that Mr. David has satisfied the requirements of Section 8-19(4) of the Danbury Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Zotos motioned that the committee recommend confirmation of the appointment of William David to Captain of the Danbury Fire Dept., seconded by Councilman Gallo. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Boynton that the Report be accepted and appointment confirmed. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 14 Ayes. 7 members absent.

The Report on Leasing of Hydro-Rake for Candlewood Lake was withdrawn. The Purchasing Agent has awarded the bid for use of the Hydro-Rake. Mayor Dyer thanked Councilwoman Carole Torcaso and her committee and the Health Department in their efforts to clear the weeds at the Town Park.

07 - COMMUNICATION - Offer of Stanley Bernstein for sale of property abutting Rogers Park.

Councilwoman C. McManus requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

08 - RESOLUTION - Amended Budget for W.I.C. Program.

Whereas, the Connecticut State Department of Health Services makes funds available to local Health Departments in accordance with §§ 4-8 and 19-10 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury through the Health Department continues to provide services through the Danbury Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury made application for a continuation grant in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 with no local match; and

Whereas, funding has been made available through the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$105,092;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Danbury accept the funds made available through the State of Connecticut and, further, that the WIC Program budget be adjusted accordingly.

A motion was made by Councilwoman C. McManus and seconded by Councilman G. Eriquez for the Resolution to be adopted. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

09 - COMMUNICATION - Memorandum of Agreement - Special Police

The working agreement with unionized special police officers requires an additional 40¢ per hour which we estimate will be about \$4,000 per year. Mr. Edwards, Comptroller also stated that the Police Department Budget seems to be adequately funded at this time for this additional expense and no certification of additional funds need be made.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Charles for the Memorandum of Agreement to be accepted. Motion carried.

010 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$7,000 for the P.A.L. Soccer Program.

Certification #150 was submitted by the Comptroller, Mr. John P. Edwards in the amount of \$7,000 available in the General Fund, Fund Balance account to be transferred to the Parks & Recreation Account for this program. Certification good, only if approved by June 30, 1983.

A motion was made by Councilman Eriquez and seconded by Councilman Evans for the Communication to be accepted and transfer of funds authorized.

Councilman Elder questioned as to why this had to be acted upon so expeditiously, and that other leagues such as DAYO would also be entitled to funds. Councilman Elder requested referral to committee.

Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Cassano, Butera, Foti, Boynton, Leopold.

011 - ORDINANCE - WATER EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman C. McManus requested referral to the Public Works Committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

There being no speakers from the audience and no further business to come
before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Evans and
seconded by Councilman Boynton for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rickert
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

Elizabeth Audgintu
City Clerk