

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on September 5, 1984.

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 Bernard Gallo.

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

PRESENT: Council Members - Johnson, Sollose, Foti, Torcaso, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Chianese, Skoff, McManus, DaSilva, Gallo, Charles, Boynton, Butera, Durkin, Eriquez, Torian.

ABSENT: Council Members - Cassano and Farah.

It was reported that Councilman Cassano was out of town on business and Councilman Farah was teaching a class.

19 Members Present - 2 Members Absent.

#### NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer extended Birthday Greetings for the following:

September 3rd - J. Lombardi - Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency  
September 6th - R. Fornshell - Director of Cable 10 TV  
September 7th - Councilwoman Thora Skoff  
September 11th - Councilman Robert Godfrey  
September 12th - George Schmiedel, Registrar of Voters and  
Councilman John Esposito.  
September 14th - Chris Roche - Secretary in the Corporation Counsel's Office.  
September 18th - R. Nahley - Judge of Probate Court.  
September 19th - Councilwoman Beverly Johnson.

It was also noted that Mayor Dyer will celebrate his birthday on September 20th.

Mayor Dyer made the following announcements:

The Tricentennial activities will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Sept. 15th outside of City Hall where a very fine ceremony will take place; followed by

The largest parade to be held in the City's History, on Sept. 16th.

On the evening of the 15th. the Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet will take place.

On September 6th, the Mayor will attend a press conference in Hartford at 11:00 A.M to discuss Educational Funding and its impact on Fairfield County Municipalities.

Mayor Dyer was appointed by the Governor to the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, created by the 1984 Legislature. Some of the Council Members attended the State Local Action Conference to improve Municipal and State Relations.

On September 20th, the United Way Kickoff luncheon will take place at noon at the Stony Hill Inn.

On September 10th, some City Officials have been invited to attend a reception for the sending off of the Space Telescope.

On September 13th, P.A.L. will conduct its annual fund raiser.

On September 29th, the Ives Musical Festival will take place at WesConn Campus.

On September 30th, the Richter Jury Arts Show will be held.

Mayor Dyer noted that many of these events are the results of funding by the Common Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Joseph DaSilva submitted the following items to be listed on the Consent Calendar:

- 02 - Resolution - Application by the Health Department for a State Grant to provide for a sexual disease prevention program at the Danbury Hospital.
- 03 - Resolution - Tax Abatements for Beaver Street Apts. Inc.
- 07 - Communication - Design Review Board - Assessment Deferral Program.
- 18-1 - Communication - Appointment to the Youth Commission.
- 18-2 - Communication - Housing Authority - Elderly Housing Units - Osborne Street.
- 18-3 - Communication - Appointment to the Conservation Commission.
- 020 - Report & Resolution - Property - North St. & Main St.
- 021 - Report - Request of Housing Authority for sewer & water - Osborne St.
- 022 - Report - Request of Danbury Mall Associates for sewer & water.
- 023 - Report - Request of Seymour Powers for sewer & water - Orchard Park.
- 024 - Report - Historic District Study Committee.
- 025 - Report - Library Place Parking Garage.
- 026 - Report - Property at State & Main Street.
- 027 - Report & Ordinance - Amendment to Environmental Impact Commission Ordinance.
- 029 - Report - Staffing needs for the Building Department.
- 030 - Report - Request for an Assistant Mechanic for Danbury Fire Dept.
- 032 - Report - Drainage problem on Grace Street.
- 033 - Report - Drainage problem on Olive Street.
- 034 - Report - Sanitary sewers for Hillandale Road.
- 035 - Report - Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILLOT) Grant Program-Housing Authority

A motion was made by Councilman Charles and seconded by Councilman Gallo for the Consent Calendar to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Common Council Meetings held on August 7th and August 27, 1984.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Boynton to waive the reading of the Minutes which are to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

- 01 - CLAIMS - Karen & Taegen Annunziato - Samuel M. Showah - William G. Santo - Peter M. Lehmert - Debbie Gore - David Deakin, Jr.

Councilman Boynton requested referral to the Claims Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

02 - RESOLUTION - Whereas the City of Danbury, Inc. through the Danbury Health And Housing Department has provided and intends to continue to provide a Sexual Disease Prevention Program at the Danbury Hospital for the purpose of reducing the incidence and prevalence of sexually trasmitted diseases; and

Whereas, a grant award of up to \$7,000 with no local match has been processed by the Danbury Health & Housing Department; and

Whereas, the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services has approved and funded the grant proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the actions of the Danbury Health and Housing Department in applying for the said grant be and hereby are ratified and that any and all further actions by the Danbury Health and Housing Department required to accomplish said program be and hereby are authorized;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT to accomplish said program Jame E. Dyer, Mayor of the City of Danbury, Inc. is authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of this corporation any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut of Health Services.

The Resolution was adopted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

03 - RESOLUTION - Tax Abatements for Beaver Street Apartments, Inc.

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Danbury abate taxes under Section 8-215, Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, on the property owned by Beaver Street Apartments, Inc. located at Beaver Street and Rose Street, in Danbury, known as Beaver Street Apartments; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury has approved abatement of up to 100% of the real property taxes on the subject property by resolution of the Common Council of the City of Danbury, adopted on October 3, 1973, and has executed a Tax Abatement Contract with Beaver Street Apartments (9-25-73) and a Tax Abatement Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut on September 30, 1973; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the amount of taxes to be abated on the subject property are \$31,500 for the Grand List of October 1, 1983,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

1. That the real property taxes abated on the subject property are \$31,500 for the Grand List of October, 1983;

2. That the Tax Collector of the City of Danbury is hereby directed and empowered to list the total amount of the said lawful abatement into the Rate Book and other records and files, together with the name of the owner against whom such tax, so abated, was levied and the reason for such abatement, and the Tax Collector is further directed to record these facts in his Annual Report, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-167 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

3. That the Tax Collector is also directed to immediately file a certified statement as evidence of said abatement with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing;

4. That the Tax Collector is also directed to refund all tax payments received from Beaver Street Apartments, Inc., or its representatives, in connection herewith, to the extent that said funds are reimbursable by the State of Connecticut through its Department of Housing.

The Resolution was adopted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

03-1 - ORDINANCES - Amendments to the General Employees Pension Plan.

Councilwoman C. McManus requested deferral for public hearings to be held. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

04 - Withdrawn

05 - COMMUNICATION - Request of Hilda Meltzer regarding increase in pensions for those who retired prior to July, 1973. Councilwoman C. McManus requested deferral for public hearing. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

06 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Councilman Charles to amend Sec. 14-5 of the Code of Ordinances re: Pensions to retirees prior to 7/3/1973, amendment to grant cost of living increases.

The Communication was included in the above deferrals.

07 - COMMUNICATION - Design Review Board - Assessment Deferral Program.

The Assessment Deferral Program requires that plans be reviewed by a design review board. In July, the Common Council approved the establishment of this board.

A review board already exists which reviews facades and signs for the grant program. Mr. Leonard Sedney, Planning Director suggests that we use the same board whose members are as follows:

Anna Dresel, Keith Colgan, Bill Devlin, Drew Painter, Paul Valeri and Lou Zurlo.

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

08 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Mr. John P. Edwards, Comptroller, for a committee to review storage facilities in City Hall.

The request was referred to Council Members - Flanagan, Torcaso, Johnson.

09 - Withdrawn.

010 - COMMUNICATION - Request of Robert D. Costello, Conn. Air Service Inc. for a Guard Rail on Miry Brook Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Boynton for the Communication to be accepted and request denied. Motion carried unanimously, and petition was denied.

011 - PETITION - Request to change street name at Lake Waubeeka from High Street to Sage Road.

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

012 - COMMUNICATION - Re: East King Street, Heyman Road, Etc.

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

013 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Cable TV Advisory Council for \$600.00

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Boynton for the communication to be accepted and request denied. Motion carried unanimously, and request was denied.

014 - COMMUNICATION - Offer from Mr. Joel Feinson to lease property to the City, behind the Police Department for \$750 per month.

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

015 - COMMUNICATION - Fifty Dollar contribution from NorthEast Utilities in reference to the Fun Run for Education held on June 9, 1984.

A motion was made by Councilwoman C. McManus and seconded by Councilman B. Gallo that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent to NorthEast Utilities and the check forwarded to the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

016 - COMMUNICATION - Request of Joseph DeSimone, Danbury Ambulance Service, for Fire Department back-up service.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee: Council Members Torian, Skoff and Cassano.

017 - COMMUNICATION - Fire Department Budgetary Problems.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee: Council Members - Gallo, Torian, DaSilva.

018 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of Eugene Singer as a Captain in the Danbury Fire Department. Appointment to become effective upon swearing in.

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

018-1 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of George Morey, 118 East Liberty Street, Danbury to the Youth Commission for a term to expire April 1, 1986.

Mr. Morey is employed by the City of Danbury and is active in local sports activities.

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

018-2 - COMMUNICATION - Housing Authority Elderly Housing Units - Osborne Street.

On October 6, 1981, Common Council authorized Mayor Dyer to transfer 5.7 acres of land on Osborne Street to the Danbury Housing Authority for Elderly Housing.

The original high rise proposal, based on Section 8, Federal Subsidy, called for 150 Units. The Reagan Administration ended this funding program, therefore ending the 150 unit proposal.

Since that time the Housing Authority, the City and the State have worked together to obtain over \$900,000 in funding for thirty units of elderly housing, at the same site. This would be phase one of an elderly project with the possibility of additional units.

Acceptance of this communication will serve to amend the Oct. 6th Resolution, and permit Mayor Dyer to proceed ahead.

The Communication was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

018-3 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of John T. Connolly, 6 Waterview Drive, Danbury to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 1987.

Mr. Connolly is a Nutrition Program Administrator and is willing to serve on this Commission.

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

019 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief  
 Fire Marshal  
 Housing Inspector  
 Airport Administrator  
 Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services.

Blood Pressure Program  
 Equal Rights & Opportunities  
 Building Department

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman E. Boynton to dispense with the reading of Department Reports which are to be accepted as submitted. Copies are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

020 - REPORT & RESOLUTION - Property Acquisition North St. & Main St.

Councilman Boynton submitted a report stating that the committee met on August 20, 1984 with the following members in attendance - Councilmen E. Boynton (chairman), Charles, Godfrey and Sollose.

A proposed Resolution regarding said acquisition of two properties - Lots #H12186, Gulliver Oil Co. and Lot #13199, Eugene A. Previdi and Phoebe C. Previdi, was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles and seconded by Councilman Godfrey to recommend the adoption of the proposed Resolution dated 2/7/1984 re: North St. and Main St. as described by Schedule A & B (Lots H12186 and H12199). Motion carried unanimously at the committee meeting.

RESOLUTION - Whereas, the Common Council wishes to improve traffic flow on North Street between Thorpe Street and Main Street; and

Whereas, said proposal will involve public use of private property described in Schedules A & B;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL THAT the Office of the Corporation Counsel be and hereby is authorized to acquire said private property either by negotiation or by Eminent Domain through the institution of suit against the current property owners and their respective mortgage holders, if any.

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

021 - REPORT - Request of Housing Authority for Sewer & Water - Osborne Street.

Councilman Gallo submitted a report stating that the Sewer & Water Extension committee of the Common Council 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 the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The petitioner shall bear all costs relative to the installation of said sewer & water line.
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 & 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 water & sewer 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 & water lines.

The Report was accepted and request granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

022 - REPORT - Request of Danbury Mall Associates for Sewer & Water..

Councilman Gallo submitted a report stating that the Sewer & Water Extension committee of the Common Council 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 this committee that the petition be granted with the conditions and restrictions listed in the above Report. (The usual 7 steps).

The Report was accepted and request granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

023 - REPORT - Request of Seymour Powers for Sewer & Water - Orchard Park.

Councilman Gallo submitted a report stating that the Sewer & Water Extension committee of the Common Council 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 this committee that the petition be granted with the usual 7 steps of conditions and restrictions.

The Report was accepted and request granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

024 - REPORT - Review request for an Historic District Study Committee.

Councilwoman Carole Torcaso submitted a report stating that the committee met on August 23, 1984 at 7:00 P.M. with Carole Torcaso, Gene Eriquez, Stephen Flanagan, Robert Godfrey, Donald Sollose and Monique Wiedel, present.

The committee discussed at length the advantage of an historic district and the criteria for property within the district.

A motion was made at the committee meeting and seconded, to recommend that the Common Council authorize Mayor Dyer to establish a committee in accordance with State Statutes 7-1476 - Procedure for establishment of an Historic District. Motion passed unanimously.

The Report was accepted and authorization granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar, to establish the committee.

REPORT - Library Place Parking Garage.

Councilman Cassano submitted a progress report on the above Parking Garage, stating that the committee met on August 14, 1984. Present were committee members A. Cassano, and S. Flanagan, together with Charles Bardo, Executive Director of the Parking Authority and City Engineer J. Schweitzer.

Mr. Bardo brought an architectural model of the garage to the meeting and reviewed some of the history and the present status of the project.

1. Ramp Engineering Associates of Manhasset, New York was engaged to work on the project in 1976. The decision was made on the present planned location off the West side of Main Street, between Library Place and Chapel Place.

2. Part of the project site belongs to City Trust (28,000 + sq. feet). Danbury owns the rest. The City Trust land value has been estimated at \$280,000 to \$300,000. Negotiations to acquire this land have been based on a trade of land for garage parking spaces. Present thinking is 40 spaces for 30 years, arrived at by equating each space to a value of \$20 per month.

Mr. Bardo said that City Trust has agreed verbally to the exchange and he expects the paperwork to be concluded shortly.

3. Negotiations are also in process with Union Savings to allow for a garage exit onto Chapel Place. Union Savings has indicated that they would be willing to discuss a garage entrance from Chapel Place. Both exit and entrance would be through the Union Savings Parking area. Acquisition of the necessary easements are expected to involve financial considerations rather than garage parking spaces.

4. Negotiations with the various parties are being conducted by the Parking Authority bonding Attorney; Updike, Kelly and Spelacy of Hartford.

5. The building will be three stories high with a capacity of 241 cars. Two more stories can be added at a later date, bringing the capacity to about 450 cars.

Plans call for an entrance and exit on Library Place and an exit on Chapel Place, along with a covered pedestrian accessway to Main Street, for which an easement is being negotiated.

Spaces for the handicapped will be provided on the garage ground level and enclosed stairways will provide access to the second and third levels. If the garage is expanded with two higher levels, elevators will be installed.

6. Present plans include the following parking space distribution and rate structure approximations.

- City Trust: 40 spaces
- Permit Parking: 100 spaces at \$20 per month
- Meter Parking: 100 spaces at 25¢ per hour (min.)

7. The Parking Authority will come back to the Common Council when all legal paperwork is completed and ready for Council review and approval.

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

026 - REPORT - Property at State and Main Street. Owner of Record - John H. O'Keiffiee & Eric G. Erhardt. Request of March 19, 1984 meeting.

Councilman Boynton submitted a report stating that this item, a hold-over from the last Council's Land Acquisition Committee has been withdrawn due to legal requirements re: their lease and sales agreements with the Chevrolet Corp.

The Land Acquisition committee is removing this item from their agenda as no action can be taken.

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

027 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Amendment to the Environmental Impact Commission Ordinance.

Councilwoman C. McManus, Common Council President submitted a report stating that the Common Council held a public hearing in reference to the above amendment, on August 27, 1984 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M.

The Common Council met as a committee of the whole following the public hearing and voted unanimously to recommend that the Ordinance be amended.

ORDINANCE - That subsection 2-56.11(g) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(g) Alternates.

"(1) In addition to the regular members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council, there shall be three (3) alternates to said commission, who shall be electors of the City of Danbury and who shall be appointed by the Mayor and subject to approval by the Common Council who, when seated as provided herein, shall have all the powers and duties as provided by law. If a regular member of the commission is absent, he or she may designate in writing an alternate member of such commission to act in his or her place. If he or she fails to make such designation, or if he or she is disqualified, the chairman of the Environmental Impact Commission shall designate an alternate to act, choosing alternates in rotation so that they shall act as nearly equal a number of times as possible. If any alternate is not available in accordance with such rotation, such fact shall be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

"(2) The terms of office of all alternates shall be for three (3) years."

The Report was accepted and Ordinance adopted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

028 - REPORT - Request for funds to remove Steeple from Church on Old Mill Plain Road.

Councilman Torian submitted a Report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to review the request of the Building Department for \$5,000 to remove the steeple from the Union Church, Old Mill Plain Road, met on August 23, 1984.

In attendance were committee members Torian and Durkin, Assistant Corporation Counsel E. Gottschalk, Building Inspector Leo P. Null, and, in an ex-officio capacity, Councilwoman T. Skoff.

Attorney Gottschalk presented correspondence between the Congregational Church of Danbury and Carol and Edward Kirchner. Both parties are litigants in a lawsuit which will determine ownership of this building, consequently neither party will act to stabilize this condition until the court renders its decision.

The Building Inspector has condemned the property as being unsafe. He presented photos of the structure which portrayed the steeple of the church leaning precariously over the roof in direct line with the Kirchner residence.

Fire Marshal Schacht has described this situation as hazardous; and one in which the City should move quickly in order to avoid the risk of loss of life and property to the area residents.

Councilman Durkin motioned to recommend the appropriation of \$5,000 to abate the hazard posed by the church steeple, seconded by Councilman Torian. The vote was unanimous.

Attorney Gottschalk noted that normal procedure will insure that the property will be liened by the City for the complete cost of abating this hazard.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Gallo that the Report be accepted.

Councilman Torian amended the motion stating that there appears to be sufficient funds in the Building Department Budget to cover this funding request. Accordingly, Councilman Torian motioned, seconded by Councilman Boynton that the necessary funds be transferred from the Building Department's Budget until such time as the property can be liened and the City reimbursed for the cost. Motion carried.

The Amendment was adopted and transfer of funds authorized.

029 - REPORT - Staffing needs for Building Department.

Councilman Esposito submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the staffing needs of the Building Department met on Aug. 21, 1984.

Committee members present were Esposito, Farah and Butera. Representing the Building Department was Leo P. Null, present Building Inspector and City Attorney E. Gottschalk.

Mr. Null explained that the Department will need more than a replacement for the Assistant Inspector. The Department needs more staff as well as the upgrading of the present positions within the Department to Assistant positions, if they pass State requirements. This would expedite matters so that instead of sending 2 or 3 persons for inspecting several aspects of a building the department will send one who can do everything by himself.

Councilman Farah made a motion that the committee request the Building Inspector to approach his two employees of the Department who may qualify for Assistant's License from the State, to solicit from them a commitment to apply to the State and take the examination.

Upon passing the exams, the Committee will recommend a merit increase to the said employees that will be determined by the Mayor, providing that it won't violate the provisions of the D.M.E.A. Contract. Councilwoman Butera seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Attorney Gottschalk stated that regulations allow pay increases for employees who broaden their job knowledge through initiative and passing State exams.

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

030 - REPORT - Assistant Mechanic for Danbury Fire Department.

Councilman Esposito submitted a report stating that the Common Council Fire Liaison Committee met on August 22, 1984. In attendance were Council Members, Esposito, Chianese, Butera, Boynton, Sollose, Skoff, and DaSilva. Also present was Chief Monzillo and the Chief Mechanic R. Tomaino.

Chief Monzillo explained his request for an assistant mechanic for the Fire Department. He explained that the department had an assistant before, but was eliminated in February, 1983. He listed a number of vehicles with large problems that would be mainly avoided with regular maintenance. This would be facilitated greatly with the addition of the assistant mechanic.

Mr. Tomaino ran through the repairs at hand and explained that no preventive maintenance is possible at this time. He stated the problems that exist.

Chief Monzillo explained that the position will be offered at approximately \$18,000. The position would be offered to a civilian under Civil Service. He further explained that he has the money for this position in the budget already. This position was planned as one of these positions.

Councilwoman Butera made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boynton to recommend the approval of the addition of an Assistant Mechanic to the Table of Organization in the Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

The Report and committee recommendation was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

031 - REPORT - Salary Increase for Special Police Officers.

Councilman Eriquez submitted a report stating that the Common Council ad hoc committee appointed to consider the request for a salary increase for Special Police Officers, met on August 29, 1984. In attendance were the following: Councilman Eriquez, Chairman, Councilwoman Johnson, Chief of Police Nelson Macedo and Special Police Officer Phil Colla of the Special Police Association.

The committee reviewed the 1984-1985 budget for line item #011006. (Special Police Duty). It was noted that the approved Budget amount for this item was \$120,000. This figure was compared to the \$98,040.93 1983-1984 expenditure for Special Police Duty.

Chief Macedo stated that the increase to \$120,000 for the current fiscal year was predicated upon the need for additional Special Officers to handle various events scheduled for the year, such as the Tricentennial Parade and activities.

The Chief informed the committee that he felt a pay increase was justified. He noted however, that he was concerned that he would not have sufficient funds within this account to absorb a 10% increase which had been requested by the Special Police.

Chief Macedo noted that a Special Police Officer must work 20 hours a week for a time specified by law in order to be eligible to join the police union.

Currently, Special Police that are members of the Danbury Police Union receive \$6.50 an hour per the collective bargaining agreement. Non-union Special Police receive \$5.75 an hour.

Mr. Colla noted that all Special Officers are required to receive the same certified training. He felt that a 10% increase, making the non-union special officers pay \$6.32 an hour, would bring those officers to "parity" with union specials.

These Special Officers do not receive an allowance for uniforms and equipment. Initial costs for these items are approximately \$1,400 to \$1,500.

The committee recognizes that unforeseen events could prompt greater use of the Special Police force which would increase the expenditures to this account and require an additional appropriation.

However, effective use of the special police, budget monitoring and implementing cost controls (when necessary) should ensure that the \$120,000 budget amount is not exceeded and could allow for the absorption of the 10% increase for non-union special police.

The committee recommends this be done effective October 1, 1984. This increase would then affect the budget for the remaining 9 months of the fiscal year.

The committee feels that the increase is justifiable. The Chief noted that he is satisfied with the cooperation of the Special Police. Also the parity issue has merit given the training these Special Officers are required to attain.

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Charles for the Report to be accepted and increase granted.

Councilwoman T. Skoff voiced opposition stating that she would vote no as this matter should have been in the Budget Process.

The motion for the increase carried by a vote of 18 Ayes and 1 Nay. Councilwoman Skoff voted Nay.

032 - REPORT - Drainage problem on Grace St.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee received a request from a resident of Grace Street concerning a drainage problem on his property, caused by a retaining wall built by a neighbor.

The Public Works Department reported that the wall was on private property and the water involved does not come from City Property. A check with the Assistant Corporation Counsel revealed that this is a civil matter which cannot be dealt with by the City.

The Public Works Committee regretfully recommends no action be taken at this time as per the recommendation of Counsel.

The Report and committee recommendations were accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

033 - REPORT - Drainage problem on Olive Street.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee studied a request to alleviate a drainage problem on Olive Street. A drainage pipe opens a few feet from the roadway and runs onto the petitioner's property. A further problem results in the winter when freezing occurs on this roadway. The Public Works Department cannot ascertain what is drained by this pipe and informed the committee that it could not go on private property to perform any repairs.

The committee has instructed the Public Works Department to cut the curb near the drainage pipe in question. We recommend that the property owner install a short pipe from the end of the existing one to the curb cut. This should stop the problem of drainage onto the neighboring property.

The committee regrets it cannot recommend measures for the freezing in the winter at this time. The nearest catch basin is approximately 1,000 feet away and would cost around \$30,000 to connect. While the committee believes that all problems of this nature need attention, there are not sufficient funds to accomplish this now.

The Report and committee recommendations were accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

034 - REPORT - Sanitary Sewers for Hillandale Road Area.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee studied a request from the Health Department for a sanitary sewer line installation in the Hillandale Road Area. The Public Works Department acknowledged a long time problem in this section with septic systems. A survey was sent by the Engineering Department to all property owners along the proposed line. The results were strongly in favor of the installation.

The Public Works Committee therefore issues this progress report, directing the City Engineer to calculate the estimate costs for each property owner to benefit from the proposed sanitary sewer line in the Hillandale Road Area.

The Report and committee recommendations were accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

035 - RESOLUTION - Housing Authority - Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes, (PILOT) Grant Program Fiscal Year 1985.

That the filing of an applic-tion by the City of Danbury in an amount not to exceed \$199,526.84 is hereby approved and that the Mayor of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Housing to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Danbury.

That in consideration of said Assistance Agreement applicant does hereby waive any payments-in-lieu-of-taxes by the housing authority to the municipality under the provisions of Section 8-71 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Resolution was adopted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

036 - REPORT - Use of City Property at East Lake Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles and seconded by Councilman Gallo to add the above Report to the Agenda. Motion carried.

Councilman Joseph DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee studied a request from Mr. Gary Mead for the use of a small parcel of City property, approximately 1/10 acre, at East Lake Woods. This property would be used in the construction of the roadway for his housing development, Contemporary Drive.

A problem arose concerning the point where the proposed road meets Morgan Road. The Public Works Department plans to lower Morgan Road in this area in the future which will cause a misconfiguration of the inter-section. After meeting between the applicatn and the Public Works Department personnel, the problem was worked out so that the applicant will lower Morgan Road by one and one-half feet now. The Public Works Department will pave this section when lowered. This will alleviate the future problem of road grading.

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The Assistant Corporation Counsel, E. Gottschalk, reported to the Committee that any action by the Council on this petition must be contingent upon permission of the Connecticut Commissioner of Health Services as this property is near the East Lake Reservoir.

The committee recommends the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with the petitioner to accomplish the purpose discussed above.

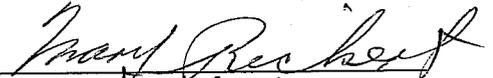
A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Charles for the Report to be accepted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dyer announced that all committees with business before them are continued except all liaison committees; with the exception of the Education Liaison committee which is to remain.

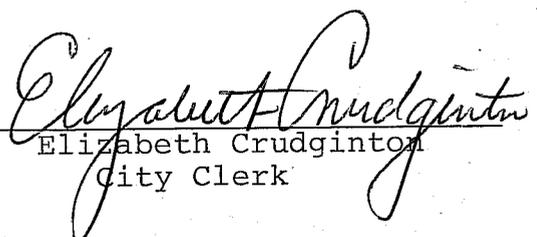
In compliance with the City Charter, Mayor Dyer asked for public speakers who wished to address the Council on any items listed on the meeting's agenda.

There being no public speakers and no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made and duly seconded for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:25 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted

  
Mary Rickert  
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Crudginton  
City Clerk