

To: Mayor Joseph H. Sauer, Mayor of the City of Danbury, Connecticut.

Re: Minutes of the Special Common Council Meeting held May 12-13, 1988.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Joseph H. Sauer who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Prayer was offered by Councilman John Esposito. Roll call showed the following members present:

Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Charles, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

21 Members Present - 0 Members Absent.

Mayor Sauer offered congratulations to Hank and Betty Moran on their 37th wedding anniversary and to Carole and Dom Setaro on their 16th wedding anniversary.

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on the 12th day of May, 1988 in the Common Council Chambers. Mr. DaSilva made a motion to accept the call and to move item 8 to item 3 and to move each item subsequently down one. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Mr. Moran questioned the change and Mr. DaSilva explained that the Ordinance should be acted upon first and the reports then become amendments to that Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

1. REPORT - Tax Exemptions for Veterans, etc.

Mr. Nimmons submitted the following report:

The ad hoc committee appointed to review tax exemptions for veterans, etc. met on May 5, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Nimmons, Moran and Charles.

Discussion concerning the tax dollars lost due to reevaluation were stated. The number of persons totaled 3,510, as follows: 3,347 veterans, 123 100% Social Security disabled and 40 blind. Due to the increased grand list and the resulting drop of the mill rate, the exempted persons lost thousands of dollars. In fact, the total amount is \$227,074. The total benefit to the 3,510 people on the list of 1986 totaled \$351,435 at the mill rate of .04513. Since the mill rate dropped to a proposed rate of .01597, the loss per thousand dollars is \$29.16.

Mr. Charles made a motion that the sum of \$227,074 be appropriated in the 1988-89 budget for the tax-exempted taxpayers who shall suffer financial losses due to the change in the mill rate. Seconded by Mr. Moran. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Mr. Charles then offered an amendment. Mayor Sauer stated that this amendment would be more properly offered after the budget had been approved. Mr. Charles withdrew the amendment at this time. The original motion passed unanimously.

2. REPORT - Request for funds for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Bundy submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to review the request for funds for the Parks and Recreation Department met on May 10, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Bundy and Eriquez. Also attending were Parks and Recreation Director Robert Ryerson and Comptroller Dominic Setaro.

Mr. Ryerson explained that it was necessary to adjust salaries for our playgrounds, lifeguards and summer maintenance staff by 25% to keep the City competitive in order to attract and keep quality people in those positions. Because of this his program staffing fund account was depleted. Therefore, it became necessary for Mr. Ryerson to request additional funding in the amount of \$22,000.

After satisfying the committee as to the exigency of this situation and explaining that the people we hire are full time, competent and experienced personnel who will work throughout the entire summer Mr. Ryerson was excused from the meeting. Mr. Setaro certified the availability of funds which will be deducted from the City's contingency account.

Mr. Eriquez made a motion to approve the request and grant the necessary funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bundy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the report and authorize the transfer of funds. Seconded by Mr. DaSilva. Motion carried unanimously.

3. ORDINANCE - An Ordinance making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989.

Mr. Godfrey moved adoption of the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez.

4. REPORT - General Government I Budget Committee.

Mrs. Bourne offered the following report:

The General Government I Budget Committee met five times (April 11, 19, 22 & 29 and May 9th). Committee members L. Bourne (Chair), M. Danise, J. DaSilva, R. Godfrey & G. Renz were present at all meetings.

The Committee began its review by going over each assigned budget area. With some exceptions, City department heads and social service agencies were asked to come before the Committee to explain their requests. Due to a misunderstanding of written communication, Danbury Hospital was the only agency that did not honor the Committee's request to come before it.

On April 29th and May 9th, the Committee concluded its deliberations with by making the following recommendations:

TITLE	LINE ITEM #	ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED	MAYOR'S PROPOAL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/CHANGES
Common Council		X		
Mayor's Office		X		
City Clerk's	01-111(010100)	yes	\$55,662	\$56,764 +\$1,102
Ordinances		X		
Probate Court		X		
Jury Committee		X		
Registrars	01-131(024501)	yes	\$3,870	\$1,950 -\$1,920
City Treasurer		X		
Comptroller's Office	(01-141(010100)	no	\$353,617	\$352,301 -\$1,316
Data Processing	01-141(010100)	no	\$222,401	\$221,362 -\$1,039
Bureau of Assessments		X		
Board of Tax Review		X		
Tax Collector		X		
Purchasing	01-148(010100)	no	\$146,263	\$144,893 -\$1370

TITLE	LINE ITEM #	ACCEPTED		COMMITTEE	
		AS PRESENTED	MAYOR'S PROPOAL	RECOMMENDATION/CHANGE	
Corp. Council	01-150(010100)	no	\$136,394	\$132,466	-\$3928
Town Clerk		X			
Annual Report		X			
Mayor's Disc. Fund		X			
Library		X			
Airport		X(See Note)			
WeCahr	072901	no	\$35,000	\$30,000	-\$5,000
Danbury Youth Svcs.	072902	no	\$125,000	\$115,000	-\$10,000
Spanish Learn. Ctr.	072903	no	\$40,000	\$18,060	-\$21,940
Midwest. Council Alcoh.		X			
ARC		X			
Geriatric Clinic		X			
Danbury Hosp.	072907	no	\$110,000	\$75,000	-\$35,000
N.W. Reg. Ment. Hlth.		X			
Regional Comm. Child Care		X			
Elderly Health Screen.		X			
Visiting Nurse		X			
Veterans Graves Mem.		X			
Comm. Action	072914	no	\$225,200	\$205,200	-\$20,000
Scott Fanton		X			
Women's Center	072916	no	\$77,000	\$72,000	-\$5,000
Animal Welfare	072917	yes	\$0-	\$15,000	+\$15,000
Datahr		X			
Grant Cemeteries		X			
CT Legal Svcs.		X			
Literacy Volunteers		X			
Downtown Council		X			
Regional Hospice		X			
Comm. Status Women		X			
Danbury Safe Rides		X			
Homeless Shelter (111 Main)		X			
Clothing Bank Plus		X			
Danbury War Memorial		X			
Danbury Intrcul. Assoc.		X			
Amos House		X			
Long Ridge Library	072800	yes	\$0-	\$6,500	+\$6,500
Boxing Club	20-000(07-2941)	no	\$0-	\$6,000	+\$6,000
Richter Park Authority	08-131(029500)	yes	\$30,000	\$0-	-\$30,000
Capital Budget					

City Hall Expan.	890001	yes	\$40,000	\$-0-	-\$40,000
Tarrywile		X			
Osborne St. Firehouse	890003	no	\$145,000	\$-0-	-\$145,000
City Hall Roof		X			
P.W.D. Equip.	890005	yes	\$300,000	\$200,000	-\$100,000
Rebuild & Repave Hwys.		X			
Park Ave. School Bolders		X			
Roof Danbury H.S.		X			
Roof Stadley R.S.		X			
Replace Tanks		X			
Contingency	14-000(072000)	yes	\$1,500,000	\$1,300,000	-\$200,000

The following changes are necessary if the Council approves the Public Safety Committee's recommendations:

FICA	09-120(070100)		\$720,326	yes	\$718,910	-\$1,416
Emp. Life Ins.	09-150(071001)		\$53,908	yes	\$53,440	-\$468.00
Cont. To Emp. Group	09-150(071100)		\$1,764,000	yes	\$1,750,456	-\$13,544
Dental Ins.	09-150(071200)		\$169,894	yes	\$168,410	-\$1,484

In total, the Committee's recommended changes to the Mayor's budget totals a \$610,023 decrease.

ADDENDUM - GENERAL GOVERNMENT I BUDGET COMMITTEE

SALARY INCREASES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Registrar's salaries--the Committee unanimously recommends a 6% salary increase for the following fiscal year (1989-90 Budget, effective July 1, 1989).

CHANGES

City Clerk - Mr. Connell made a motion to accept the change. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion carried on a vote of 16 - 4 with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Esposito, Flanagan, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Cassano, Charles, Bundy, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Godfrey, Shaw, Butera, Regan.

Registrars - Mr. Godfrey moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried unanimously.

Comptroller - Mrs. Danise made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cresci, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Data Processing - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion fails with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Purchasing - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Corporation Counsel - Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

WeCahr - Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Danbury Youth Services - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Connell, Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Spanish Learning Center - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Danbury Hospital - Mr. Connell moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Community Action - Mrs. Butera moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

At this point, Mr. Cassano moved to accept the Mayor's budget as proposed with the approved modifications. Seconded by Mr. Gallo. Motion failed with Mr. Cassano voting yes.

Women's Center - Mr. Connell moved to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Animal Welfare - Mrs. Butera moved to accept the committee recommendation to add \$15,000. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion carried with Mrs. Butera voting in the negative.

Long Ridge Library - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to add \$6500. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Motion carried unanimously.

Boxing Club - Mrs. Danise moved to accept the committee recommendation to add \$6,000. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Connell, Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cresci, Shaw, Charles, Bundy, Danise, DaSilva. No - Bourne, Moran, Renz, Nimmons, Cassano, Butera, Eriquez, Regan, Fazio.

Richter Park Authority - Mr. Charles made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete the line item. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion carried unanimously.

City Hall Expansion - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete the line item. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion carried with Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Osborne Street Firehouse - Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete the line item but add it to next year's budget. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Nimmons, Cassano, Charles, Eriquez, Regan.

Public Works Department Equipment - Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$100,000 from this line item. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Godfrey, Flanagan, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Esposito, Zotos, Shaw, Charles, Regan.

Contingency - Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$200,000 from this line item. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried with Mr. Esposito and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Mr. DaSilva asked if it would be proper to delay the vote on the FICA, Emp. Life Ins., Cont. to Emp. Group and Dental Ins. until after approval of the Public Safety Budget. Mr. Gottschalk ruled that it would.

Registrars Salaries - Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee recommendation that the Registrars of Voters be given a 6% salary increase effective in the 1989-90 budget. Seconded by Mr. Renz. Motion carried unanimously.

5 - REPORT - General Government II Budget.

Mr. Cresci submitted the following report:

The General Government II Budget Committee met to review the 1988-89 general government budget. In attendance were committee members Cresci, Flanagan, Fazio and Charles. A motion was made and seconded with all members present voting in the affirmative to accept the Mayor's proposed budget for the following departments:

- 01-179 Planning Commission
- 01-180 Planning Department
- 01-181 Zoning Commission
- 01-182 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 01-183 Civil Service Commission
- 01-184 Danbury Conservation Commission
- 01-189 Charter Revision Commission
- 01-190 Fair Rent Commission
- 01-191 City Memberships
- 01-228 Old Library Building
- 01-200 Retirement Administrator
- 01-229 Water Use - City Departments
- 05-160 Veterans Advisory Commission
- 05-166 Danbury Youth Commission

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMISSION

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
010500	Overtime Services	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,700

A motion was made and seconded to reduce line 010500 by \$800.00 to \$1,700. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
060500	Office Equipment	\$152,485	\$149,985

A motion was made and seconded to reduce line 060500 by \$2,500 to \$149,985. Motion carried unanimously.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's Budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
072807	Candlewood Lake Authority	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000

A motion was made and seconded to reduce line 072807 by \$3,000 to \$31,000. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The committee reviewed the following fiscal accounts:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
010100	Regular Salaries	\$426,821	\$299,153

A motion was made by Mr. Cresci to eliminate five (5) new position and to increase professional services \$40,000 totaling \$127,668.

020100	Professional Services	2,000	42,000
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Mr. Bundy seconded. Mr. Flanagan stated that he would prefer to see permanent employees rather than contracting out. Motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no.

The committee proposes that the Common Council approve the following:

031000	Maintain Buildings	20,000	14,000
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Motion made and seconded and passed unanimously to cut \$6,000.

039400	Maintain Fire Alarms	4,000	1,000
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Motion was made and seconded to reduce the line by \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

061700	Garage Equipment	4,000	1,000
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Motion made and seconded nad carried unanimously to cut the line item by \$3,000.

CITY HALL BUILDINGS

The committee reviewed the following accounts:

- 020300 Communication Services
- 069500 Equipment not classified

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
020300	Communication Services	\$ 86,000	\$ 82,000
069500	Equipment not classified	2,000	-0-

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line item 020300. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line item 069500. The motion carried unanimously.

#### LIBRARY BUILDING

The committee reviewed the following accounts:

011001 Part-time services  
031000 Maintain buildings and structures  
040500 Custodial Supplies

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
011001	Part-time Services	5,000	-0-
031000	Maintain buildings & Structures	14,000	12,000
040500	Custodial Supplies	1,500	-0-

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line 011001. The motion carried with all members voting in the affirmative. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line 031000. The motion carried with all members voting in the affirmative. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line 040500 with all members voting in the affirmative.

#### POLICE STATION BUILDING

The committee reviewed the following accounts:

011001 - Part-time services  
040500 - Custodial Services  
061700 - Garage and Shop Equipment

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
011001	Part time Services	12,000	-0-
040500	Custodial Supplies	2,000	-0-
061700	Garage and Shop Equip.	2,000	-0-

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line 011001. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line 040500. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line 061700. The motion carried unanimously.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The committee reviewed the following fiscal accounts:

08-130 Parks and Recreation

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
010100	Regular Salaries	615,387	595,842
011001	Part-time Services	215,000	196,350

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A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line item 010100. The motion carried with Cresci, Fazio, Bundy and Charles voting in the affirmative and Flanagan voting in the negative.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to line item 011001. The motion carried with all members voting in the affirmative.

In addition to the aforementioned amendments, the committee also recommends the following:

The Director of Parks and Recreation will obtain projected budgets including projected revenues and expenses from the various youth organizations before grant money be given to them. The projected budgets will include all items and services each organization plans to spend money on. These monies in question are contained in line # 072800 (contributions and grants).

Mr. Connell made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Environmental Impact Commission - Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$800 from this line item. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Department - Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$2,500 from this line item. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion carried unanimously.

Candlewood Lake Authority - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$3,000 from this line item. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Buildings - Salaries - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation, with an amendment to amend the line item to \$333,272, eliminating the five new positions. Mrs. Butera made a motion to amend this to add a full time electrician and a plumber and to delete \$42,000 from the professional services account. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise, Regan. Original motion to amend the line item to \$333,272 - motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, Butera, Regan.

Public Buildings - Professional Services - Mr. Godfrey made a motion to increase this line item by \$40,000. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion carried with Mr. Gallo voting in the negative.

Public Buildings - Maintenance - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$6,000 from this line item. Seconded by Mr. Fazio. Motion carried with Mr. Zotos and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Public Buildings - Maintain Fire Alarms - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Motion carried with the members voting as follows - Yes: Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Renz, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan. No - Moran, Esposito, Charles, Bundy, Butera, Danise.

Garage Equipment - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$3,000 from this line item. Seconded by Mr. Fazio. Motion carried with Mr. Zotos voting in the negative.

City Hall - Equipment not classified - Mr. Renz made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete this line item. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Building - Part time Services - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete this line item. Seconded by Mr. Connell. Motion carried with Mr. Eriquez and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Library Building - Maintain building and structure - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete \$2,000 from this account. Seconded by Mr. Connell. Motion carried with Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Library Building - Custodial Supplies - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete this line item. Seconded by Mr. Connell. Motion carried with Mr. Connell, Mr. Eriquez and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Police Station Building - Parttime Services - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee report to delete this line item. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Motion carried with Mr. Godfrey, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Police Station Building - Custodial Supplies - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete this line item. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Motion carried with Mr. Eriquez and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Police Station Building - Garage and Shop Equipment - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to delete this line item. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Department - Regular Salaries - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to reduce this line item to \$593,806. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Parks and Recreation Department - Parttime Services - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, Bundy, Butera, Dansie, Eriquez, Regan.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the committee recommendation that the Director of Parks and Recreation obtain projected budgets including revenues and expenses from the various youth organizations before grant money is given to them. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion carried unanimously.

6 - REPORT - Education Budget.

Mr. Flanagan submitted the following report:

The Education Budget Committee met on March 9, 21, 28, April 18, 26 and May 4, 1988 in City Hall to review the budget for the Danbury School System for fiscal year 1988-89. In attendance were committee members Nimmons, Chrm., Regan, Renz, Eriquez, and Flanagan; Sup. of Schools Anthony Singe, Mr. Skowronski of the school dept., John Pepe, Chrm. of the Board of Education, and various members of the public and councilmembers ex-officio.

The committee reviewed the Board of Education's request for \$49,801,228. and Mayor Sauer's recommendation for \$46,846,543 for the next fiscal year. In successive meetings the committee reviewed the personnel, contractual, supply, and other parts of the proposed budget. In addition, much time was spent on a review and discussion of the cost for medical insurance for the school system's employees for the coming year. Mr. Setaro, City Comptroller and Mr. Skowronski met on the insurance issue and shared their various findings with the committee on May 4.

The main discussion centered around two issues: the cost to maintain current personnel and programs and meet new mandated programs and increased elementary enrollment, and the cost for a new medical insurance package. There is a fundamental disagreement between what the Board of Education believes it needs to meet its basic mission and what the mayor has proposed to meet and make some improvements in the current program. The mayor's proposal did not include funds for increased insurance costs but was based on the premise that there would be no increase or a decrease in that section of the budget. The Board of Education did receive bids on its insurance package which were reviewed by Mssrs. Setaro and Skowronski and the committee.

While there was not agreement on just what the cost for insurance would be the range for the increased cost was from \$1 million \$1.3 million over this years package. There was much discussion about the best course to follow in this situation.

Mr. Nimmons moved to recommend to the Common Council a 7% increase over last years school budget or \$46,239,001. Seconded by Mr. Renz. Motion failed 3 to 2 with Mssrs. Eriquez, Regan, and Flanagan opposed.

Mr. Regan then moved to recommend the mayor's proposed figure of \$46,846,543. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Flanagan then moved to recommend to the common council an education budget of \$ 47, 383, 867. an addition to the mayor's proposal of \$537,324., a figure which is exactly halfway between the mayor's proposal and what the board of education argues is what they need to maintain their current personnel and programs. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried with Mssrs. Flanagan, Eriquez, and Regan in favor and Mssrs. Nimmons and Renz opposed.

There being no other business before the committee, meeting adjourned.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Mr. Nimmons made a motion to amend the report by increasing the budget 7% over last years budget. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Charles, Bundy, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Eriquez, Regan. Mr. DaSilva and Mrs. Butera abstained.

Vote on amended motion failed with Mr. Nimmons and Shaw voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Flanagan made a motion to fund the Education Budget in the amount of \$47,383,867. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan. No - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Danise. The Mayor's Budget is adopted.

Mr. Charles made a motion that the sum of \$66,000 be appropriated to the contingency fund for the express purpose of employing 3.5 additional nurses with full benefits to the school system. In addition, these funds shall not be transferred to the school budget unless the School Board and Dr. Singe agrees to comply with this motion. Seconded by Mr. Nimmons.

Mr. Pepe (Board of Education) stated that he would not agree to this as the Common Council does not have line item control.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Les Pinter stated that the Council would have to reconsider its vote since the contingency fund had already been voted on. Mr. Gallo made a motion to reconsider the contingency fund vote. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion carried un-animously.

Mr. Charles then made a motion to add the sum of \$227,074 to the contingency fund for the purpose of reimbursing those tax-exempted taxpayers (3,510) for the losses sustained due to the reduction of the

mill rate in the 1988-89 City budget. Said funds shall remain in line item #14-000-072000 for the fiscal year 1988-89 assuming that the State Legislature passes an enabling act to permit the City of Danbury to refund losses sustained due to the reduction in the mill rate.

Mr. Charles then moved to combine this motion with his previous motion and to add in total \$293,074 to the contingency account. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Moran, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Nimmons, Charles, Bundy, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan. No - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Renz, Cresci, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Butera, Danise.

At this point, Mrs. Bourne made a motion to cut \$200,000 from the contingency account. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Motion carried un-animously.

7 - REPORT - Health, Housing and Public Safety Budget.

Mr. Connell submitted the following report:

The committee held meetings to review the 1988-89 budget with selected department heads and organization representatives. The following narrative presents the results of these meetings as regards individual fiscal accounts.

02-100 Police Department

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Mayor's Proposal</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
011001	Part-time Services	\$20,000	\$15,000
011006	Special Duty Police	120,000	75,000
011011	Special Services	531,000	430,000
020300	Communication Services	58,000	50,000
022000	Printing and Binding	7,000	3,500

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to line items 011001, 011006, 011011, 020300 and 022000. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

02-110 Fire Department

The committee recommends that the Common Council approve the following changes to the Mayor's proposed budget:

<u>Line #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Mayor's Proposal</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
010100	Regular Salaries	\$3,884,012	\$3,786,536
010500	Overtime Services	300,000	200,000
011009	Holiday Police/Fire	230,090	193,572
020100	Professional Service-Fees	168,000	138,000
020300	Communication Services	33,000	22,000
023500	Cleaning Services	6,000	5,000

<u>LINE #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MAYOR'S PROPOSAL</u>	<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>
031000	Maintain Building Struct.	\$ 36,000	\$ 25,000
035400	Maintain Office Equip. & Furniture	8,700	2,500
040500	Custodial Supplies	11,242	6,000
041000	Clothing, Dry Goods, Linen	77,352	75,352
042501	Lubrication Materials	2,000	1,000
060500	Office Equipment	4,000	3,000
062000	Communication Equipment	7,000	23,600
062500	Public Safety Equipment	14,000	8,000

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to line items 010100, 010500, 011009, 020100, 020300, 023500, 031000, 035400, 040500, 041000, 042501, 060500, 062000 and 062500. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

In addition to the aforementioned recommendations which were approved by the committee it is further recommended that the authorization to purchase a HAZMAT vehicle at a cost of \$250,000 be recinded. This will allow the Comptroller to add \$250,000 more to his available surplus.

02-102 Dog Fund

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

02-122 Building Inspector

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

02-123 Weights and Measures

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

02-134 Civil Preparedness

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

04-101 Health and Housing

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

05-100 Welfare Department

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

05-167 Commission on Aging

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

05-174 Elderly Transportation

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mayor's budget as proposed. The motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation regarding account 02-100 Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Gallo. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Esposito, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Godfrey, Flanagan, Charles Regan.

Fire Department - Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the committee's recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Mr. DaSilva asked that the question be split.

Regular Salaries - The committee recommended that this line item be reduced to \$3,786,536. Motion to accept this recommendation carries with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Charles, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Over-time Services - The committee recommended that this line item be reduced by \$100,000. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Zotos, Cresci,

Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Holiday Pay Police/Fire - The committee recommended that this account be reduced to \$193,572. Motion carries with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Charles, Regan.

Professional Services-Fees - The committee recommended that this line item be reduced by \$30,000. Motion failed with Mrs. Butera voting in the affirmative.

Communication Services - The committee recommended that this account be reduced by \$11,000. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Zotos, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Charles, Regan.

Cleaning Services - The committee recommended that this account be reduced by \$1,000. Motion carried with Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Maintain Building Structures - The committee recommended that this account be reduced by 11,000. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Maintain Office Equipment and Furniture - The committee recommended that this account be reduced to \$2,500. Motion carried with Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Custodial Supplies - The committee recommended that that account be reduced to \$6,000. Motion carried with Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Eriquez and Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Clothing, Dry Goods, Linen - The committee recommended that this account be reduced by \$2,000. Motion carried with Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Lubrication Materials - The committee recommended that this account be cut to \$1,000. Motion carried with Mr. Regan voting in the negative.

Office Equipment - The committee recommended that this account be reduced by \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication Equipment - The committee recommended that this account be increased to \$23,600. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Equipment - The committee recommended that this account be reduced by \$6,000. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Mr. Moran made a motion that the \$250,000 for the Haz Mat vehicle be rescinded and added to the surplus. Seconded by Mrs. Danise. Mr. Regan asked Chief Monzillo to discuss the need for the vehicle. Mr. Fazio stated that a vote must be taken to suspend Roberts Rules of Order in order to allow the Chief to speak. Motion fails with the member voting as follows: Yes - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan. No - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Butera, Danise. After much discussion on the HazMat vehicle, Mrs. Bourne moved the question. Seconded by Mr. Connell. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Motion to rescind the \$250,000 for the HazMat Vehicle and restore the sum to the surplus carries with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Butera, Danise. No - Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Building Inspector - Mr. Bundy moved the following amendments to the Building Inspector's Budget:

Overtime services - reduced by \$1,000  
Professional Services Fees - reduced by \$1,500  
Training Courses - reduced by \$250  
Conferences - reduced by \$400  
Subscription -Memberships - reduced by \$600  
Maintain Auto Equipment - reduced to \$100. Total \$4,750.

Mrs. Bourne made a motion to approve amendments. Seconded by Mr. Connell. Mr. Regan made a motion to suspend the rules so that he could ask questions of the building inspector. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Motion carried with the members voting as follows: Yes - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan. No - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Bundy, Shaw, Danise. Vote on the amendment fails with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Health and Housing - Mr. Bundy offered the following amendments:

Professional Services - Fees - reduced by \$1,500  
Communication Services - reduced by \$1,700  
Maintain Office Equipment and Furniture - reduced by \$300  
Total reduction \$3,500.

Mrs. Bourne made a motion that the amendments be approved. Seconded by Mr. Cresci. Motion fails with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Bundy, Danise. No - Connell, Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Charles, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Welfare Department - Mr. Bundy offered an amendment to decrease the welfare budget by 207,000. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion failed with the members voting as follows: Yes - Bourne, Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Charles, Bundy, Danise. No - Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cassano, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan.

Mrs. Bourne made a motion to accept the Mayor's Budget for the following: Dog Fund, Weights and Measures, Civil Preparedness, Commission on Aging and Elderly Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. REPORT - Public Works Budget.

Mr. Shaw submitted the following report:

The committee charged to review the Public Works Budget met on April 21, April 27 and May 9, 1988.

The committee began by reviewing each assigned budget area - Public Works, Highways, State Aid-Highways, Snow and Ice Removal, Street Lighting, Bridges and Rivers, Public Building Maintenance and Repairs, Equipment Maintenance, Storm Water Drains, Engineering, Tree Warden/City Forester, Landfill Fund, Sewer Fund and Water Fund. Messrs. Minahan, Schweitzer, Palanzo, Johnson, Buckley and Massoud came before the committee on April 27th to discuss their budget areas. Noone was unhappy with the Mayor's proposed budget. However, Mr. Massoud asked for a reinstatement of line item 06200-Communication Equipment.

The committee recommended the following at its April 27th meeting:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LINE ITEM #</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Communication Equip.	03-117(06200)	\$ -0-	\$ 3,000
Heating Fuel	03-110(042000)	34,000	32,000
Motor Fuel	03-110(042500)	66,000	63,500
Leased Equipment	03-110(024501)	18,000	22,500
Part-time Services	03-110(011001)	13,000	11,500
Utility Service	03-110(023000)	11,000	9,500

At its May 9th meeting (with Anthony Cassano absent) the committee recommended to limit all salary increases (non-union) within these departments to a maximum of 6%. The changes below reflect the intent of the above motion.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
01-222 (010100)	\$ 426,821	\$425,965
03-109 (010100)	70,794	69,329
03-110 (010100)	No change in budget	(6% to highway Superintendent)
03-130 (010100)	\$448,747	\$443,543

The above salary changes represents a reduction in amounts received in excess of 6% - \$6669.00

WATER UTILITY FUND

\$ 5,280,000                      \$ 5,274,070

SEWER UTILITY FUND

2,095,000                      2,093,762

The committee as a whole unanimously felt that the Public Works Department Budget was more than satisfactory, reference the overall percentage increase.

Mr. Shaw then amended his report to let the Salaries account revert to the Mayor's Budget in view of previous votes. Mr. Charles made a motion to accept the amended report. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Butera moved that the General Government I Budget committee recommendations on FICA, Emp. Life Ins., Cont. to Emp. Group and Dental Ins. be approved. Seconded by Mr. Cresci. Motion carried unanimously.

The Budget Ordinance as amended is hereby adopted unanimously.

9. RESOLUTION - A Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1988 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1989

SECTION 1. The sum of 64 Million 417 Thousand and 332 Dollars (\$64,417,332) representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$ 93,370,664 for the fiscal year of July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989, minus Indirect Revenue of \$ 27,503,332 and minus Estimated Available "Surplus" of \$ 1,450,000 plus uncollectible taxes reserve in the amount of \$ 0 is hereby levied and assessed on all taxable property in the City of Danbury as set forth on the annual Grand List as of October 1, 1987.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989 shall be as follows:

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as hereinafter provided shall be payable in quarterly installments on July 1, 1988, October 3, 1988, January 3, 1989 and April 3, 1989, except for taxes levied and assessed on aircraft, boats, mobile homes, motor vehicles and where not in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which taxes shall be paid on July 1, 1988, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, unless said dates shall have lapsed before the effective date of this resolution, in which case the Tax Collector shall fix the dates and installments as if said dates had not been fixed herein as provided by law.

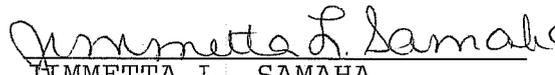
SECTION 4. The Tax Collector shall cause the said taxes above levied and assessed to be inserted on the tax rolls for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion carried unanimously.

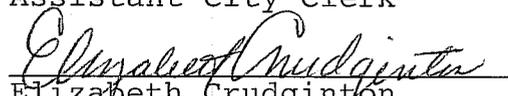
There were no members of the public wishing to address the Common Council.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. Moran that the meeting be adjourned at 3:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA  
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Crudginton  
City Clerk