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City of Danbury City Council
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chambers
Monday, 08-Nov-2010

President Joseph Cavo called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 8:23pm. The members were recorded as follows:

Present were Council President Joseph Cavo and Council Members Robert Arconti, Phil Curran, Nancy Deep Damici, Robert Riley, Greg Seabury, Phil Colla, Shay Nagarsheth, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Jack Knap, Peter Nero, Ben Chianese, Paul Rotello, and Marty Teicholz.

Absent with notice were Council Members Colleen Stanley, Donald Taylor, Mike Halas, Charles Trombetta, Duane Perkins, and Sal Tumino.

PRESENT 15, ABSENT 6

Also present Les Pinter, Corporate Council, David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance, Geoff Herald, Fire Chief and interested members of the public.

Airport Lease—Westconn Aviation, LLC

President Cavo asked if there was any discussion on the Airport Lease with Westconn Aviation, LLC. Mr. Rotello commented that the details of the lease were not consistent with the minutes and recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee. President Cavo asked Mr. Pinter to explain the reason for the differences. Mr. Pinter explained that additional requirements were received from the FAA after the Ad Hoc committee met. The parties met and adjusted the rent to meet the FAA requirements. Mr. Pinter stated that this item was properly noticed to the public. Further discussion took place regarding the details of the lease. Mr. Pinter re-stated that he believes that the notice does conform to the public hearing requirements.

Mr. Saadi stated that he agrees that the lease does not violate public notice requirements. However he stated that he is concerned there is a process problem that should be addressed. Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the inconsistencies were due to FAA review and he would be doing a disservice to the council and the city if he allowed the Council to enter into an agreement that the FAA would not allow.

Further discussion ensued regarding the proposed lease.

Mr. Saadi moved to recommend that the City Council approve the lease with Westconn Aviation, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Visconti. President Cavo asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Chianese asked to hear from the Airport Administrator. Mr. Estefan stated that he is very comfortable with the lease. It was a great improvement. He further stated that he was happy that it was reviewed and compliant with the FAA requirements as he must work with them on a regular basis. Mr. Estefan clarified a few additional points for the Committee. Further discussion occurred. **Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Cavo, President