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**Committee of the Whole
Neighborhood Assistance Act**

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Danbury City Council

Council President Cavo called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:53pm on April 20, 2011. The Committee of the Whole would be discussing items 1 and 4 from the Public Hearing.

Present were Council Members: Robert Arconti, Philip Curran, Nancy Deep-Damici, Robert Riley, Greg Seabury, Colleen Stanley, Philip Colla, Don Taylor, Michael Halas, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Charles Trombetta, Jack Knapp, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Paul T. Rotello, Mary Teicholz

PRESENT: 19 ABSENT: 1 Vacancy 1
Council member Nagarsheth was out of town.

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Lazslo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel was called upon to advise the Council on the matter of the Danbury Children First request. Atty. Pinter advised that the Council could make a harmless addition to the list or reject the request. The addition of the agency could be re-noticed, the deadline open, but the new deadline would have to be absolute. It is at the discretion of the Council as to the disposition of the request.

Finance Director, David St. Hilaire stated that the process would have to be repeated in the Finance Department and the scheduling would be tight, but the request could be accommodated.

Upon the request of Council Member Chianese, the agency representative advised that the requested amount totaled \$64,000.

Council Member Deep-Damici moved to recommend adoption of the resolution and authorize the names agencies, along with Danbury Children First, to apply for and accept funding in the form of tax credits from the State of Connecticut, through the Neighborhood Assistance Act, seconded by Council Member Chianese. Discussion and debate followed.

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Council Members Chianese, Seabury and Cavo spoke in favor of the motion as stated.

Mayor Boughton explained that there is no harm to the City in the request and that the program offers an enhancement to the corporate tax credits from the state.

Council Member Colla moved the question, seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council members Arconti, Curran, Deep-Damici, Riley, Seabury, Stanley, Taylor, Colla, Halas, Cavo, Saadi, Visconti, Trombetta, Knapp, Nero, Chianese, Teicholz voted in favor. Council Members Perkins and Rotello voted in opposition. **Motion passed 17/2.**

The vote on the main motion was then taken. Council Members Arconti, Curran, Deep-Damici, Seabury, Taylor, Colla, Halas, Cavo, Nero, Perkins, Chianese, Rotello and Teicholz vote in favor. Council Members Riley, Stanley, Saadi, Visconti, Trombetta and Knapp voted in opposition. **Motion passed 13/6.**

Council Member Seabury moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, seconded by Council Member Rotello. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Cavo, President