

**RESTRICT PRIVATE BUSINESSES FROM SEWAGE PROCESSING
CAUCUS ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL
23-AUG-2011**

Chairman, Joseph Cavo called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Cavo, Committee Chairman, Fred Visconti, Thomas Saadi, Jack Knapp (arrived at 6:44pm) and Ex Officio members Donald Taylor and Benjamin Chianese.

ABSENT: Greg Seabury due to family business.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Mark Boughton; Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Antonio Iadarola, Director, Public Works; David Day, Superintendent, Public Utilities; and interested members of the public.

After making introductions and stating the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Chairman, Cavo opened the discussion to committee members. Committee members discussed making exceptions to Planning and Zoning Regulations and the interests of the Danbury tax payers and the rights of individual citizens. The discussion continued in regard to creating an ordinance versus amending Planning and Zoning Regulations.

Mr. Saadi moved that this committee should recommend to the City Council as a whole that it task the Planning and Zoning Department to proceed, consistent with applicable state statute and case law with promulgating regulations to restrict the construction and operation of sewage treatment facilities to those so constructed or operated by the City of Danbury or lawfully designated agent or agents thereof. Mr. Visconti seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion ensued. Mr. Visconti wanted to make it clear that the City Council was not trying to tell individuals what kinds of business to enter, but that the interest of other residents had to be taken into consideration. Mayor Boughton stated that in taking action on this specific matter the City Council should be concerned about the consequences of allowing a private citizen to use the cities infrastructure for profit making. He continued that the taxpayers have invested significant resources into establishing the public utilities infrastructure to serve the City's residents and businesses. Further, he stated that he would be concerned that changing the regulations would not be sufficient. Regulations are subject to interpretation and the appeal process. He stated that he would like to see Corporate Counsel be given more time to review the issue and propose alternatives which include creating an ordinance. Mr. Saadi agreed with the Mayor that a broader approach to the private use of the City's public utilities to make a profit should be addressed. Further discussion took place.

The Mayor suggested and Mr. Saadi accepted as a friendly amendment to his original motion the following: and the City Council that it task Corporation Counsel to draft ordinance language that addresses private use of public utilities for profit making

enterprises and to continue this Committee at the Call of the Chair. Mr. Visconti seconded the amendment.

Additional discussion regarding the entire motion ensued. Further, discussion regarding the process occurred. The committee voted unanimously to approve the amended motion. Mr. Saadi moved to continue the meeting at the call of the chair which was seconded by Mr. Visconti and the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Cavo, Committee Chairman

Jack Knapp

Gregg Seabury

Thomas Saadi

Fred Visconti