



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

\_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2012

**RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

## A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

SECTION 1. The sum of \$177,136,413 representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$220,100,000 for the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, minus Indirect Revenue of \$41,613,587, minus use of fund balance of \$2,350,000, plus \$1,000,000 for uncollected taxes/tax appeals, 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, 2011.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 shall be as follows:

TAX RATE: 22.45 MILLS

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as hereinafter provided shall be payable in quarterly installments on July 1, 2012, October 1, 2012, January 1, 2013, and April 1, 2013 except for taxes levied and assessed on mobile homes, motor vehicles and where not in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which taxes shall be paid on July 1, 2012, 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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

**General Government I Budget Committee**  
**Room 3C #rd Floor City Hall**  
**17-April-2012**

Chairman Gregg Seabury called the Committee meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gregg Seabury, Chairman, Joseph Cavo, Donald Taylor, Thomas Saadi, and Duane Perkins (arrived at 5:45 pm).

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ex Officio Council Members: Mary Tieholz, Colleen Stanley, Warren Levy, Paul Rotello, and Benjamin Chianese.

Mayor Mark Boughton; David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance; Robert Yamin, Corporation Counsel; Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Wayne Sheppard, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Bruce , Director Economic Director, Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant; Lori Kaback, Town Clerk; Paul Estefan Airport Administrator and interested members of the public.

After making introductions and stating the charge of the committee, Chairman Seabury asked Mr. St. Hilaire to give an overview of each budget item.

**Town Clerk**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$342,122 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$365,520. The increase is primarily due an increase costs associated with the Presidential Election. Chairman Seabury asked Ms. Kaback if she had anything to add. Ms. Kaback encourages the Committee to consider giving an increase to the Town Clerk position for the 2013-2014 budget. A discussion about raises, salaries, and position reclassification ensued. The Mayor stated that no elected officials have received raises for the past 4 years, and they are not permitted to give raises to the Town Clerk this year due to statutory regulations.

**City Council:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$23,650 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is reduced to \$22,150. A discussion regarding the cost of printed materials and the savings and challenges of going "paperless" ensued.

**Ordinances:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$27,155 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$25,000. A discussion about alternative methods to publish required legal notices ensued. Mr. Taylor asked if these changes would meet the requirements of the state statutes. Mayor Boughton stated that a legal review is in process.

**Mayor's Office:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$336,028 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$336,028. There is no change.

**Annual Report:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that this remained flat at \$10,000.

**Mayor's Discretionary Fund:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that this remained flat at \$10,000. Mr. St. Hilaire explained that the Mayor is approached regularly for contributions. Examples include the Memorial Day parade, veteran's events and the Ives Trail. The fund is managed through the finance department and is completely transparent. Mr. Saadi noted that this fund has been reduced in recent years.

**City Memberships:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$84,749 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$86,726. The increases are due to the increase in the dues to these organizations. Mayor Boughton gave an overview of the resources that these organizations provide that city. He stated that these resources are available to all departments and City Council Members.

**Legislative Assistant:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$55,370 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$56,773. The increase was due to an increase in salaries.

**Probate Court:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$18,600 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$17,400.

**Registrars & Elections:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$183,936 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$194,481. A discussion about the cost of the Presidential election and state bill pending that would allow cities to change the number of polling places ensued.

**Corporation Counsel:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$756,627 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$811,014.

**Permit Coordination:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$300,624 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$311,450.

**Planning Department:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$475,163 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$485,386. Mr. Saadi asked for an explanation of the salary increases at this office and those that he is hearing about for all non-union position. Mayor Boughton stated that after settling with all of the collective bargaining groups he was able to make some funds available for raises for non-union employees. There have been no raises for 4 years. He asked each department to come up with savings in their budgets, and then he gave a midyear adjustment of 2.75%. There were a few job reclassifications and 2 promotions which received a different percentage. The individuals filling the promoted jobs had been fulfilling the responsibilities for 2 years without any increases. The total cost of these raises was \$80,000 when matched with the required budget reductions. The Mayor concluded that the amount in the 2012-2013 proposed budget is the current rate of pay. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Natale for all her work to keep the Council working.

**Office of Economic Development:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$81,541 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$98,791. The change is due to a full year of salary. A brief discussion of the duties and related expenditures took place.

**Danbury Conservation Commission:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the budget remains flat at \$10,024. Ms. Linda Murray, Chairman, state that these funds are used for maintenance of the trail and meadow at Bear Mountain and Still River Greenway. A brief discussion of the status and activities at the Old Quarry Nature Center ensued.

**Fair Rent Commission:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$875 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$775.

**Lake Authority:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$60,514 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$63,540. A discussion regarding development, invasive species and conservation ensued.

**Danbury Public Library:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$1,906,053 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$ 1,847,146. The decrease is due to several vacant positions. Some of these positions will be filled and some will not be funded. A brief discussion regarding the status of the space being vacated by Union Savings Bank took place.

**Long Ridge Library:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the remained \$4860.

**Airport:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the current budget as amended was \$511,858 the budget proposed for the 2012-2013 year is \$519,364. The increase is contractual salary obligations.

**HART:**

Mr. St. Hilaire stated that the budget remained \$733,080. A discussion regarding efficiency and ridership ensued. Mr. Taylor asked for data related to routes, ridership/utilization and bus size.

***A motion was made by Councilman Cavo and seconded by Councilman Taylor that the Committee recommends to the City Council adoption of the Mayor's proposed budget for General Government 1 as presented with an amendment to the Registrars of Voters to receive a 2.75% raise beginning January 01, 2013 and no increase in 2014.***

*Mr. Saadi stated that he would not support the increase for the Registrars of Voters and would reserve judgment on the final budget at this time.*

***Vote: 3 in favor, Seabury, Cavo, Taylor, 2 opposed, Saadi and Perkins. The motion passed.***

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There being no further business before the committee Council Member Cavo moved adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregg Seabury, Chairman

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Joseph Cavo

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Donald Taylor

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Thomas Saadi

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Duane Perkins