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**Committee of the Whole—
Danbury Still River Alliance Section 2-56.2
DANBURY CITY COUNCIL
09-December-2013**

Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

President Cavo called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:29 pm in the City Council Chambers.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Wetmore, Benjamin Chianese, Duane Perkins, Fred Visconti, Gregg Seabury, Irving Fox, Jack Knapp, John Priola, Joseph Cavo, Marina Loyola, Mike Haddad, Philip Curran, Thomas Saadi, Vinnie DiGilio, Warren Levy, and Chris Arconti

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Colleen Stanley, Elmer Palma, Joe Scozzafava, Paul Rotello, and Peter Nero. All were attending to business obligations.

PRESENT: 16 ABSENT: 5

ALSO PRESENT: Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel

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A motion was made by Jack Knapp and seconded by Thomas Saadi to receive the communication and adopt ordinance Section 2-56.2 as recommended by the Ad hoc Committee.

To address the question posed at the Public Hearing, Councilman Saadi stated that the new Still River Commission would have to comply with all state statues related to this type of commission including public notice, Freedom of Information and minority representation. He continued that the Ad hoc committee looked to balance the liability protection sought by the current Alliance members against those regulations. Councilman Knapp asked for clarification about the appointment process. Mr. Pinter stated that those interested in the position including those currently serving should submit their interest to the Mayor's office. The Mayor will give consideration and bring candidates forward to the City Council. The discussion continued regarding the number of members, voting procedures and the need for alternates.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn As there was no further business before the committee, a motion was made by Gregg Seabury and seconded by Chris Arconti to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shani Burke Specht
Recording Secretary



ORDINANCE

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2014

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

Sec. 2-56.2 Danbury Still River Alliance Commission.

- (a) *Created.* There is hereby created the City of Danbury Still River Alliance Commission.
- (b) *Purpose; duties.* Said commission shall perform essential functions related to nature conservancy and community outreach in a variety of capacities on behalf of City departments and citizens. Said commission's activities shall include, but are not limited to, maintaining the Still River Greenway and promoting it to the Danbury community through events and programs involving passive recreation, nature appreciation and environmental education, and to this end may be aided by financial donations.
- (c) *Membership.* Said commission shall consist of ten (10) regular members, six (6) who shall be chosen from legal residents of the city, three (3) who shall be chosen from non-residents outside of the city and one (1) city official, for their knowledge, competence or experience in connection with nature conservancy, by the mayor subject to the approval of the city council.
- (d) *Terms of office.* The terms of office for said members shall be as follows:
- (1) Four (4) members for a period of three (3) years each.
 - (2) Three (3) members for a period of two (2) years each.
 - (3) Three (3) members for a period of one (1) year.
- Thereafter, at the expiration of the original term of office of each of the ten (10) original members, he or she may be reappointed or his or her successor shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.
- (e) *Receipt and disbursement of funds.* The said commission shall be authorized to receive and disburse local, state and federal funds and private monies for purposes within the jurisdiction and authority of the commission in accordance with standard municipal fiscal procedures.
- (f.) *Other functions.* The said commission may undertake such other activities as deemed appropriate to recognize and encourage nature conservancy in the City of Danbury.
- (g.) *Staff.* The staff of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide clerical support services to the commission.