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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Danbury
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Dear City Council Members:

Attached for your consideration is the Public Improvement Projects 2016 (PIP 2016) Bond narrative which will summarize two separate proposed ordinances:

Danbury Waste Water Treatment Plant:	\$10,000,000
Public Improvement Projects:	\$10,000,000

Please note that the Waste Water Treatment Plant project may be eligible for certain State grants/funding and reimbursements from participating communities.

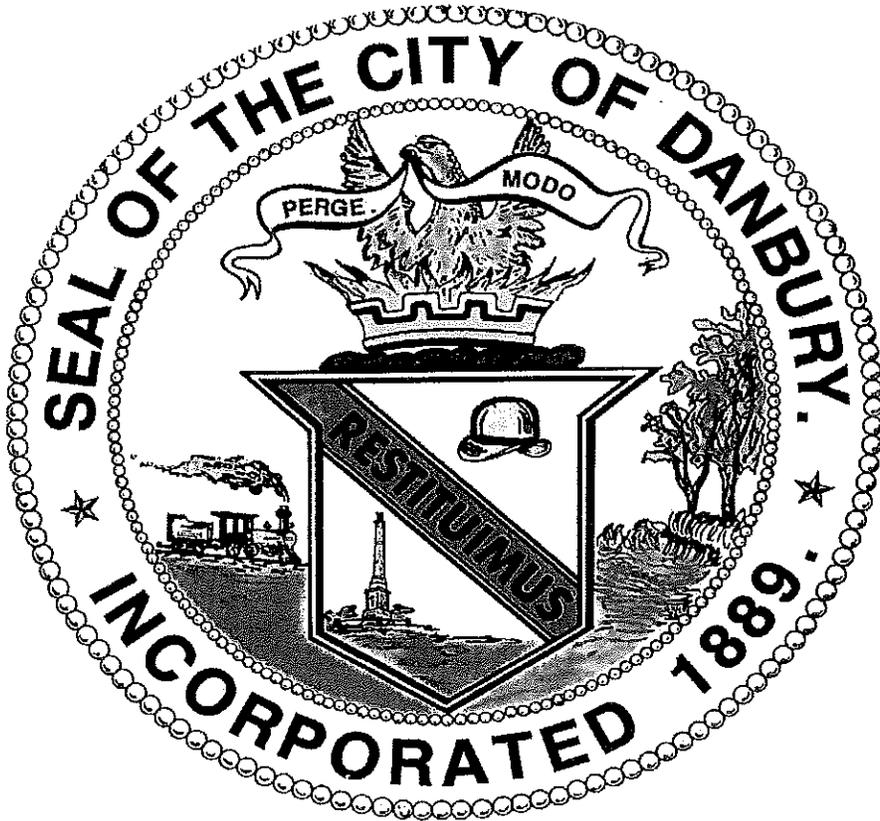
I am requesting that these ordinances be referred directly to an ad hoc to allow for plenty of discussion and public input while leaving adequate time to ensure these two questions are on the ballot for the November 1, 2016 Election. Bond Counsel will contemporaneously be forwarding a timeline and processing information packet together with resolution, ordinance documents and project summary, in furtherance hereof.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Boughton".

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor



CITY OF DANBURY

Public Improvement Projects 2016 “PIP 2016” Bond

Proposed Bond Authorization

November 2016 Referendum (v1 June 30, 2016)

BOND AUTHORIZATIONS IMPACTING FUTURE SEWER FUND BUDGETS

Public Utilities – Sewer

Question 1: Public Utilities Bond **\$10,000,000**

This bond would fund the design and engineering costs for the rehabilitation of the Danbury Waste Water Treatment Plant as required by the State of Connecticut to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act. Compliance actions will be implemented in phases with the design and engineering portion being considered as the first phase. It is anticipated the activities of this phase, while funded separately than later construction phases, will be included in the total costs eligible for reimbursement upon project completion.

The City is expected to receive approximately 50% grant funding and approximately 12% in reimbursements from participating communities on all eligible construction costs and 20 year bonds will be issued for the remaining costs.

BOND AUTHORIZATIONS IMPACTING FUTURE GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

Question 2: Danbury 2016 Livable improvements Bond **\$10,000,000**

We are the stewards of our infrastructure. To maintain a strong foundation for continued economic growth and sustainable living, we must persistently invest in a wide array of infrastructure projects to strengthen the substructure of the City of Danbury. Funding infrastructure improvements will pay off economically in private sector investment in our community and continued job growth while creating a healthier environment and enhancing the attractiveness of Danbury as a more desirable community to live, work and play.

This bond would fund several public improvements aimed at strengthening our infrastructure, upgrading and or creating facilities that improve the quality of life for the citizens of Danbury. Improvements to existing infrastructure include: sidewalk repair and replacement in strategic downtown locations to enhance pedestrian experience and economic investment; additional funds for street paving, drainage and bridge repairs; repairs and replacement to much utilized recreational playing courts and fields at existing city parks; continued investment in recreational and historic resources including capital improvements to the Richter House mansion and to the City's public golf course; implementation of a previously proposed concept for a walled garden at the Hearthstone Castle within Tarrywile Park; and the construction of a new animal control facility.

Street Infrastructure Improvements **(\$1,100,000)**

Sidewalk repair and replacement at strategic locations within the downtown. Downtown Danbury is characterized by pedestrian-scaled streets. The safe and efficient movement of pedestrians and enhancement of the pedestrian experience is critical to the continued economic growth and success of the downtown and its feeder

streets and neighborhoods. Being able to enjoy a safe and attractive pedestrian environment will both keep businesses, residents and visitors downtown as well as attract them to it. Programs are required to encourage a mix of complimentary uses and activities and must be supported by the commensurate public investment in infrastructure to sustain downtown as walkable. Establishment of a sidewalk policy within downtown and the Downtown Revitalization Zone is a recommendation of the 2010 Downtown Danbury Issues & Recommendations Report of the Main Street Renaissance Task Force. These funds will be used to repair and replace sidewalks consistent with the recommendations pursuant to the downtown sidewalk repair/replacement program.

Street paving, drainage and bridge repairs (\$4,350,000)

These funds will be appropriated for use for the continued Road Reconstruction Program. Activities include the planning, design, acquisition and construction of the rebuilding, paving, drainage remediation, easement acquisition, cross culvert repair and replacement, curbing, guardrail, resurfacing, lighting, installation of sprinklers in median and islands, thoroughfare beautification and significant repairs to City streets, parking lots, and bridges and within associated easements. Bond funds for this particular issue will be exclusive of grant funding. Any grant funding received for bridges will be reallocated back into the Bridge Repair/Replacement Program.

Recreational Improvements (\$1,050,000)

The City's playing fields and courts (basketball, tennis, etc) offer various recreational opportunities and are tremendously popular among the residents of Danbury. The use of these facilities have increased significantly as Danbury's population has grown. The provision of playing fields and courts with updated and improved surfaces, fencing and associated amenities is required for the continued and safe use of these facilities. Funds appropriated will be utilized for required enhancements/upgrades to selected playing fields and courts including, but not limited to, Westerner's Baseball Field and Rogers Park Tennis Courts.

Richter Park Improvements (\$ 950,000)

Richter Park is a place for Danbury residents and visitors to enjoy recreation opportunities through golf, performing arts and other passive and active activities. Richter Park golf course is recognized as one of the best public golf courses in the country. To maintain its standing and desirability for play by golf enthusiasts, the aging course must be maintained and improved. A portion of this funding allocation will be utilized for general repairs to the golf course. In addition to the golf course, The Stanley L. Richter Memorial Park includes the historic Richter House mansion. Funding is included to supplement the state grant recently awarded for much-needed rehabilitation and renovations to the mansion structure and its environs to ameliorate structural, environmental, utility and code-related issues to ensure future use. It is critical to support the recreational and cultural programs and facilities available at Richter Park.

Tarrywile Park Improvements (\$1,600,000)

Funds will be used for the preparation of detailed design and construction plans for the creation of a walled garden at Hearthstone Castle. This concept was originally proposed in 2013 in a report prepared by City consultants and requested to be considered by City Council. Upon completion, it will preserve the stone walls of this

National Register historic structure. Design and construction plans will include removal of all contaminated debris within the structure and selective stone removal to create a natural and open walled garden environment. Some stabilization of adjacent rock retaining walls may be required. This is the most cost effective use of this site and will provide an additional event venue for use by the Tarrywile Park Authority. It will also provide a link to existing trails both internal and external to the Park for hikers and recreation enthusiasts. Once the project is completed, any remaining funds may be utilized to promote the use of Tarrywile Park for increased tourism, economic development and will provide opportunities to meet community health objectives.

New Animal Control Facility **(\$ 950,000)**

Funds will utilized for the planning, design and construction of a new building and associated site improvements for the Animal Control facility at its current location on Plumtrees Road. The existing facility is out of date and inappropriate to meet the mission, objectives and delivery of services of Animal Control. After this project is completed, any remaining funds may be utilize for other current/future capital needs related to Animal Control operations including but not limited to vehicle replacements.

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**CITY OF DANBURY
PIP 2016 BOND AUTHORIZATION
November 2016**

			10 YEAR BOND	20 YEAR BOND
	PROJECT	AMOUNT		
Question #1 - Public Utilities Bond				
	SEWER FUND			
	Danbury Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$ 10,000,000		\$ 10,000,000
	TOTAL	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000
	SUBTOTAL (Sewer Fund)	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000
Question 2 - Danbury 2016 Livable Improvements Bond				
	Street Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 1,100,000		\$ 1,100,000
	Street paving, drainage and bridge repairs	\$ 4,350,000		\$ 4,350,000
	Recreational Improvements	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 550,000
	Richter Park Improvements	\$ 950,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000
	Tarrywile Park Improvements	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
	New Animal Control Facility	\$ 950,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 500,000
	SUBTOTAL (General Fund)	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 7,750,000
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 17,750,000
Please note that 10% of each project will be set aside to cover debt issue costs. Any unused amounts will be reallocated to the projects.				
	CONTINGENCY @4.25%	\$ 850,000	\$ 95,625	\$ 754,375
	SHORT TERM INTEREST @4.25%	\$ 850,000	\$ 95,625	\$ 754,375
	BOND ISSUE EXPENSE @1.5%	\$ 300,000	\$ 33,750	\$ 266,250
	Debt Issue Costs	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 1,775,000