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The Members of the Common Council
The Citizens of the City of Danbury

I am pleased to present the adopted budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004 and ending on June 30, 2005.

INTRODUCTION

The citizens of Danbury can take pride in our City's accomplishments and remain confident that the future of our City is bright. Danbury is widely recognized throughout the country as a City on the rise. Danbury's success is attributable to a number of factors, but ultimately what sustains our success is the quality of life we enjoy in Danbury. Quality of life means providing a first rate educational system for our students; providing comprehensive recreational opportunities to our citizens; and promoting a vibrant and exciting cultural life in our community. Sustaining this quality of life also means investing in and properly maintaining the City's infrastructure, including school buildings, our transportation network, and recreational facilities; yet doing so within a framework that does not create an undue burden on our taxpayers. The operating and capital budgets for FY 2004-2005 include the necessary resources to continue prior year initiatives and limit the increase in taxes to reasonable levels.

MAJOR POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Developing the budget for FY 2004-2005 has been difficult at best. The slowing economy over the last two years has resulted in a shortfall in revenue necessitating some very difficult decisions. Revenue shortfalls for next year are projected at \$2.9 million due to further reductions in interest income, reductions in state-aid, a \$500,000 revenue reduction due to the one-time operating transfer into the general fund from the ambulance fund in FY

2003-2004, and financial policies designed to reduce the City's reliance on short-term revenues to balance the budget. I have taken several steps to offset the reduction in revenue including a program to adjust user fees, and reductions in spending at the City department level.

Four major factors will drive expenditure growth in the FY 2004-2005 operating budget. First, Board of Education spending is projected to rise well above the rate of inflation. Increases in salaries and employee benefits costs and increasing enrollment at the high school level are among the major reasons that education spending is projected to increase. The Board of Education has adopted a budget that provides an expenditure increase of 8%. An increase of this magnitude would drive up the City's tax increase well above acceptable levels and would impose a real burden on Danbury taxpayers. The adopted budget, therefore, proposes an expenditure increase for the Board of Education of 4.6%, approximately \$2.8 million less than the amount requested by the Board of Education.

On the City side of the budget, spending will increase by 4.4%. However, excluding recurring costs and debt service and contingency, City spending at the department level is expected to decline by \$856,190, or 2.1%. City Departments were instructed to submit flat budget requests that reflect only their core mission. Where possible, most departments complied with these instructions; however, budgets ultimately presented by departments would have increased spending by 9.4%. Due to the revenue shortfall, I was required to shave \$3.5 million from the amount requested by City departments. This was achieved through the elimination of vacant positions, reorganization of some City departments and flat spending in most other areas. City expenditures are driven by increases in wages for City employees, which are averaging 3.0%; increases in employee health insurance costs which are rising by \$1.7 million or 18.9 %; and worker's compensation and related insurance costs are increasing by \$221,267 or 7.4%.

In addition to loss of revenue from various sources, new growth in the City's Grand List was less than anticipated. Overall, the City's Grand List grew by over \$300 million or 6.3%. The majority of this growth is due to the second year of the phase-in of property revaluation. Approximately \$44 million represents new growth or additions to the Grand List. In addition, the Personal Property and Motor Vehicle portions of the Grand List declined in value from the prior year. Expanding the City's tax base is a major initiative and the budget reflects this through the creation of an Office of Economic Development. Based on current development and construction activity in the City, new growth for the October 1, 2004 Grand List is expected to increase.

CHANGES IN NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST AFTER BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS				
	October 1, 2002	October 1, 2003	\$ Change	% Change
Real Estate	\$4,153,829,110	\$4,469,003,460	\$315,174,350	7.59%
Personal Property	\$330,035,330	\$329,968,950	(\$66,380)	(.02%)
Motor Vehicles	\$408,352,010	\$401,484,930	(\$6,867,080)	(1.68%)
TOTAL	4,892,216,450	5,200,457,340	\$308,240,890	6.30%

SUMMARY OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET

The total general fund spending plan for FY 2004-2005, including the Board of Education, is \$161,229,195. This represents an increase over the current year budget of \$6,968,432 or 4.5%. Spending by the Board of Education is projected to increase by \$3.9 million or 4.6%, and City expenditures (excluding contingency) are expected to increase by \$2.4 million or 3.6%. Net revenue from all sources other than current property taxes total \$32,783,147, leaving a balance to be raised from local taxes of \$128,446,048. With adjustments for a reserve for tax appeals, the gross tax levy that must be raised to support the budget is \$129,296,048. The grand list as filed by the Tax Assessor has grown by \$308.2 million and reflects the second year of the phase-in of property revaluation. Based on an assumed grand list of \$5.2 billion after Board of Assessment Appeals, the mill rate needed to support the adopted budget is 24.86 mills. This represents an increase in the mill rate of .57 mills, or 2.31%.

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

Revenues:

- As was the case in prior years, the budget assumes that the City will collect 100% of its current tax levy by June 30, 2005. Since the City does not budget for prior year tax collections and supplemental automobile taxes, any fall-off from the 100% collection rate is offset by these unbudgeted sources of revenue.
- The budget assumes that State aid will decline by \$827,000. This reduction is due to changes in reimbursement for some categories of revenue and a significant reduction in the taxes received from telecommunications companies. Due to a reduction in the acquisition of new assets by telecommunications companies, their tax liability is reduced from the prior year.
- The City will realize \$7.2 million in revenue from licenses and permits, fines and penalties and charges for services, an increase of 37.2 % from the FY 2003-2004 budget. Increases in these sources of revenue are the result of an aggressive program to increase user fees and fines to mirror programs and initiatives taking place in other communities. Overall, increases in user fees will result in \$1.9 million in additional revenue.
- The budget assumes no use of fund balance for FY 2004-2005.

Expenditures:

- For the most part, goods and services are budgeted at current year levels. The exception is heating and electric utility costs. Costs for these items are expected to increase by 20% and 3% respectively. Adjustments have been made to reflect these increases.

- In most cases, regular wages are budgeted at 100% of a full complement of personnel based on approved collective bargaining agreements. Where no agreement exists, wages have been budgeted based on the most recent contract settlement. As was the case in the FY 2003-2004 budget, raises for non-union employees will be merit based and will be effective January 1, 2005.
- Employee health insurance costs for City employees and retirees are expected to increase by 18.9% based on national trends in the health insurance industry. The City went through an RFP process for the procurement of health insurance. Based on the results of the process, the City's health insurance consultant is recommending that the City maintain its relationship with the current provider.
- The budget provides for a 7.4% increase in risk management costs compared to the original budget for FY 2003-2004. While insurance premiums are expected to decline by \$86,707 due to a reduction in the budget for public liability insurance, claims in all areas including workers' compensation, public liability and auto are expected to increase by \$309,974.
- The general fund appropriation for debt service will increase by \$1.2 million or 15.2%.
- The budget includes a contingency of approximately \$1.4 million for unsettled labor contracts and unanticipated expenses throughout the year.

BUDGET OVERVIEW AND MAJOR INITIATIVES

GENERAL FUND

General Government

- The adopted budget includes a new full-time position in the Assessor's Office. The new GIS Analyst will be responsible for maintaining map data on the City's recently implemented GIS system. The City's considerable investment in this system will retain its value through on-going maintenance. This position will replace an existing part-time position in the Assessor's Office resulting in a net cost to taxpayers of \$18,798.
- The budget for the Corporation Counsel's Office will decrease by \$786,050. The City has made its last payment on the ice rink settlement and recently settled litigation related to the landfill. With the settlement of these cases and with no additional large cases pending, the City can reduce its budget for litigation related expenses.

- The adopted budget includes a newly created Office of Economic Development. The Office will include one full-time staff person and funds for related expenses. The focus of the Office will be to develop a strategy for marketing Danbury to potential businesses and corporations interested in locating in the City. Funding for this office will be offset by contributions from the Danbury Downtown Council and the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce.
- The Department of Personnel has been reorganized and includes the elimination of funding for the position of Personnel Director. The Assistant Personnel Director will manage the day-to-day operations of the Office under the direction of the Director of Finance. A new part-time position has been added and will serve as the Civil Service Examiner. This reorganization will enable the Office to fulfill its obligations with fewer resources. The savings from this reorganization total \$60,741.

Public Safety

- The adopted budget for the Police Department includes funding for 158 personnel. As was the case over the last three fiscal years, funding is not included for four vacant police officer positions. These positions had been funded through the State of Connecticut TNT grant that was eliminated in FY 2002-2003. In addition, a salary accrual of \$41,634 has been incorporated in the budget as a result of vacancies that occur throughout the year. The Department's appropriation for overtime has been reduced by \$100,000 to reflect improved management of overtime expenditures.
- The City's contribution to the Animal Control Fund is increasing by \$40,188. The increase is due to the restoration of funding for an Assistant Animal Control Officer that was eliminated in the FY 2003-2004 budget. The position is now filled and was funded internally this fiscal year.
- The adopted budget for the Fire Department includes funding for 110 full-time positions. This is a reduction of one full-time position and reflects the elimination of a Deputy Fire Marshal that was vacated through retirement.
- As was the case in the FY 2003-2004 budget, the operating budget for FY 2004-2005 does not include a general fund subsidy to the Ambulance Fund. Expenditures in the Ambulance Fund will increase by \$111,568 or 7.5%. Wages and benefits are the major drivers of this increase. The budget also includes funds to lease two new ambulances to replace older vehicles, which will reduce expenditures related to vehicle maintenance.
- The adopted budget for the Building Department will decrease by \$34,029. The reduction is due to a shift of two full-time positions to the Office of Permit Coordination. The consolidation of administrative staff will allow for better coordination between the various departments and the public that interface with the permit process. Additionally, the adopted budget includes funding for two part-time positions to assist with plan review.

- The adopted budget includes funding for a newly created Department of Consumer Protection. As of July 1, 2004 the State of Connecticut will require the City of Danbury to perform its own weights and measures inspections. The Department includes funding for two part-time staff and related expenses including equipment as mandated by the State. The City will institute fees for this service and will receive offsetting revenues totaling approximately \$59,000. As a result, the taxpayers will not bear the cost of this new Department.

Public Works

- The adopted budget includes a complete reorganization of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The park maintenance and forestry functions will now fall under the auspices of the Director of Public Works. Twenty-four full-time positions have been transferred to Public Works under a new department titled Park Maintenance and Forestry. The position of Coordinator of Maintenance has been eliminated and has been replaced with an additional Park Maintainer. This reorganization will permit for the sharing of resources and improve maintenance activities citywide. Savings from this reorganization total \$25,098.
- Funding for snow and ice removal has been reduced by \$39,000. An excess in inventory of sand and salt at the end of the winter will result in a supply of sand and salt for next fiscal year. Other line items were budgeted at either current or slightly higher levels than the current fiscal year.

Health and Housing

- The adopted budget recommends funding at current year levels. Funding for a vacant part-time inspector position has been eliminated.

Public Welfare and Social Agencies

- The adopted budget includes a reduction in funding for grant agencies. Funding for the majority of agencies was cut by fifteen percent, and funding for some was completely eliminated. Funding for organizations that focus on cultural activities has been eliminated and shifted to the Cultural Commission. The Cultural Commission is charged with awarding grants to cultural organizations, and the funding is now concentrated in a single place. The reduction in funding to the grant agencies is necessary given the tight budget constraints the City is operating under. Restoration of these funds will be considered next year, if the City is in a position to do so.

Education

- The adopted budget includes funding for the Board of Education totaling \$89,708,575, an increase of \$3,976,890 or 4.6%. Direct funding to the Board of Education is expected to increase by \$4,000,000. This is offset by a slight reduction in the City's subsidy for public and private school nurses. This has been budgeted to reflect FY 2002-2003 actual expenditures.

Libraries

- The adopted budget eliminates funding to the Long Ridge Library. The Danbury Public Library offers tremendous resources and programs to our residents and the City no longer has the ability to fund a satellite library.
- Funding to the Danbury Public Library remains at FY 2003-2004 levels. Funding for adult books, children's books, recordings, films, and audio books remain at FY 2003-2004 budgeted levels. Additionally, the Library Board can direct funding it receives from library fines and donations toward the purchase of books and other materials.

Parks and Recreation

- As discussed in the Public Works section, the adopted budget includes a reorganization of the Department of Parks and Recreation. While the maintenance and forestry functions will be transferred to Public Works, recreation will remain its own department. The budget for Recreation includes funding for two full-time staff and related expenses. The Director of Recreation will be responsible for execution and management of all programming and will serve as the Stadium Manager for the stadium at Danbury High School.
- The adopted budget includes a \$9,753 increase or 14.6% in funding to the Cultural Commission. The increase is due to the elimination of funding to cultural organizations that will now apply for grant funding through the Cultural Commission. As indicated earlier, this concentrates funding to cultural organizations with a single commission charged with enhancing cultural opportunities in the City.

Recurring Costs

- As discussed earlier, spending on employee health insurance is expected to increase by \$1,719,839 or 18.9%. The increase is due to trends in the health care industry. The budget also includes an increase in the premium co-share for non-union employees. This is expected to save the City approximately \$60,000.
- Spending on workers' compensation and related insurance is expected to increase by \$221,267 or 7.4%. Claims for workers' compensation including heart and hypertension are the primary drivers of this increase.
- The City's contribution to the pension funds is budgeted at \$3,911,000, a decrease of \$169,000 or 4.1%. Favorable results in the stock and bond markets contributed to this decline.

Debt Service

- The adopted budget includes debt service expenses totaling \$9,240,565, an increase of \$1,218,795. The increase reflects new debt service from bonds that were sold in July 2003, and includes \$197,500 in new interest expense for an anticipated bond sale in July 2004.

Transportation

- The adopted budget includes a reduction in the City's subsidy to Housatonic Area Regional Transit (HART). The reduction reflects a reduction in operating hours of the trolley. The trolley will now run 7.5 hours three days a week, down from 11.5 hours three days a week. The eliminated hours will be during off-peak times when ridership is low. The budget also assumes additional fare box revenue from a proposed fare increase that will reduce the required City subsidy for fixed route service.

Contingency

- The adopted budget includes a contingency totaling \$1,428,754, an increase of \$577,769 or 67.9%. The City is currently in negotiations with three of its collective bargaining units, all of whose contracts have been expired since June 30, 2003.

SEWER AND WATER FUNDS

- Expenditures in the Sewer Fund are expected to increase by \$200,177 or 2.4%. The increase is driven by increased utility rates for operating the sewage treatment plant and the various pump stations and is reflected in the City's payment to U.S. Filter, the company responsible for managing the facility. In addition, the City's payment for nitrogen credits is increasing by \$106,204 or 39%. A nitrogen removal study is underway that will assist the City in implementing measures that will reduce the number of credits we are required to purchase. Although expenditures are only increasing by 2.4%, the Sewer Fund continues to experience cash flow problems due to low rates that are not sufficient to sustain the operations. In a 2003 survey of sewer rates in Connecticut, the average annual sewer bill in the City of Danbury was \$102, 106% below the statewide average of \$210, and the second lowest in the State. As a result, the adopted budget includes an increase in sewer rates.
- Expenditures in the Water Fund are expected to decline by \$230,775 or 3.9%. As is the case with the Sewer Fund, the Water Fund is experiencing cash flow problems resulting from low rates and multi-year budget deficits. For FY 2004-05 only critical expenditures have been budgeted to ensure balanced operations. In a 2003 survey of water rates in Connecticut, the average annual water bill in the City of Danbury ranged between \$88 and \$102 depending on the meter size. That is the lowest in the State of Connecticut and 165% below the statewide average of \$273. To ensure sufficient cash flow to sustain the operations of the Fund, the adopted budget includes an increase in water rates.

CONCLUSION

The adopted budget is a balanced plan of operations designed to continue essential municipal services and direct additional resources into public education and selected quality of life initiatives. The budget that we have crafted represents a finely tuned plan which meets the City's service needs, reorders our priorities where appropriate, and challenges all of our employees to deliver public services more efficiently. Moreover, the plan places the minimum burden possible on our taxpayers consistent with sound financial practice.

I would like to thank all of the department heads, and other City staff involved in the budget preparation process for the many long hours that they have put into developing the budget. I would also like to thank the members of the Common Council who spent several weeks working diligently on the budget. And most of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the citizens of Danbury who have provided me with many valuable insights and suggestions which we have incorporated into the adopted plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. D. Boughton', written in a cursive style.

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor



ORDINANCE
CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COMMON COUNCIL

May 4, 2004

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

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2005.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

SECTION 1. That the amounts hereinafter set forth aggregating \$161,229,195 or so much as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the General Fund, from current revenue, for the use of the several departments of the Municipal Government and for the purpose hereinafter mentioned for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

	<u>MAYOR'S</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
I. <u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Common Council	\$ 62,853	\$ 62,853
Mayor's Office	311,118	311,118
City Clerk's Office	44,354	44,354
Ordinances	20,600	20,600
Probate Court	15,625	15,625
Registrars & Elections	154,880	153,637
City Treasurer	17,748	17,748
Director of Finance	717,030	717,030
Data Processing/Info Tech	1,052,770	1,052,770
Independent Audit	43,900	43,900
Bureau of Assessments	375,647	375,647
Board of Assessment & Appeals	4,050	4,050
Tax Collector	501,461	501,461
Purchasing	209,956	209,956
Corporation Counsel	591,202	591,202
Town Clerk	364,148	364,148
Annual Report	7,650	7,650
Permit Coordination	282,573	282,573
Planning Department	468,956	468,956
Office of Economic Development	88,000	88,000
Conservation Commission	8,665	8,665
Personnel Department/Civil Service	222,498	222,498
Mayor's Discretionary Fund	10,000	10,000
Fair Rent Commission	1,450	1,450
City Memberships	77,786	77,786
Lake Authority	48,812	48,812



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	<u>MAYOR'S</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Retirement Administration	\$ 72,500	\$ 72,500
Labor Negotiations	82,000	82,000
Public Buildings	863,633	863,633
City Hall Building	281,046	281,046
Library Building	162,885	162,885
Police Station Building	174,965	174,965
Senior Center Building	79,100	79,100
Old Library Building	38,092	38,092
Employee Service Benefit	<u>44,402</u>	<u>44,402</u>
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>\$ 7,502,355</u>	<u>\$ 7,501,112</u>
II. <u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
Police Department	\$11,443,035	\$11,443,035
Animal Control	172,993	172,993
Fire Department	8,487,154	8,487,154
Ambulance Fund	0	0
Building Inspector	453,423	453,423
Department of Civil Preparedness	41,650	41,650
Employee Service Benefit	9,957	9,957
Department of Consumer Protection	<u>50,659</u>	<u>50,659</u>
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	<u>\$20,658,871</u>	<u>\$20,658,871</u>
III. <u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		
Highways	\$ 2,073,531	\$ 2,073,531
State Aid - Highways	181,121	181,121
Snow and Ice Removal	426,000	426,000
Street Lighting	386,250	386,250
Park Maintenance & Forestry	1,259,825	1,259,825
Public Building Maintenance and Repair	510,653	510,653
Equipment Maintenance	778,828	778,828
Recycling/Solid Waste	326,150	326,150
Engineering Department	981,702	981,702



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	<u>MAYOR'S</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		
Employee Service Benefit	\$ 16,586	\$ 16,586
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>\$ 6,940,646</u>	<u>\$ 6,940,646</u>
IV. <u>HEALTH & HOUSING DEPARTMENT</u>		
Health & Housing	\$ 827,771	\$ 827,771
Employee Service Benefit	6,859	6,859
<u>TOTAL HEALTH & HOUSING</u>	<u>\$ 834,630</u>	<u>\$ 834,630</u>
V. <u>PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>		
Welfare Department	\$ 312,097	\$ 312,097
Veterans' Advisory Center	55,838	55,838
Commission on Aging	227,013	227,013
Elderly Transportation	12,000	12,000
Grants -- Human Services	1,005,493	1,004,983
Employee Service Benefit	3,738	3,738
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>	<u>\$ 1,616,179</u>	<u>\$ 1,615,669</u>
VI. <u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
Schools, Regular	\$89,500,000	\$89,500,000
Schools, Health & Welfare	208,575	208,575
<u>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$89,708,575</u>	<u>\$89,708,575</u>
VII. <u>LIBRARIES</u>		
Danbury Public Library	\$ 1,889,260	\$ 1,889,260
Employee Service Benefit	5,059	5,059
Long Ridge Library	0	0
<u>TOTAL LIBRARIES</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,319</u>	<u>\$ 1,894,319</u>
VIII. <u>PARKS & RECREATION</u>		
Parks & Recreation	\$ 430,144	\$ 430,144
Tarrywile Park Authority	245,000	245,000



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	<u>MAYOR'S</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>PARKS & RECREATION</u>		
Cultural Commission	\$ 75,000	\$ 76,753
Lake Kenosia Commission	2,500	2,500
Employee Service Benefit	1,473	1,473
<u>TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION</u>	<u>\$ 754,117</u>	<u>\$ 755,870</u>
IX. <u>RECURRENT COSTS</u>		
FICA	\$ 1,403,411	\$ 1,403,411
Pension Expense	3,911,000	3,911,000
Employee Service Benefit	177,370	177,370
Worker's Compensation	641,852	641,852
State Unemployment Compensation	36,000	36,000
Employee Health & Life Insurance	10,095,593	10,095,593
Union Welfare	740,000	740,000
Insurance & Official Bond Premium	2,699,086	2,699,086
<u>TOTAL RECURRENT COSTS</u>	<u>\$ 19,704,312</u>	<u>\$ 19,704,312</u>
X. <u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
Interest on Debt	\$ 1,678,632	\$ 1,678,632
Interest on Debt -- School	1,329,674	1,329,674
Redemption of Debt	3,687,350	3,687,350
Redemption of Debt -- School	2,545,000	2,545,000
<u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$ 9,240,656</u>	<u>\$ 9,240,656</u>
XI. <u>CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	0	0
<u>TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
XII. <u>TRANSPORTATION</u>		
Danbury Airport	\$ 312,267	\$ 312,267
H.A.R.T.	632,040	632,040
Employee Service Benefit	1,474	1,474
<u>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>\$ 945,781</u>	<u>\$ 945,781</u>



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	<u>MAYOR'S</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
XIII. <u>CONTINGENCY</u>	<u>\$1,428,754</u>	<u>\$1,428,754</u>
<u>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</u>	<u>\$1,428,754</u>	<u>\$1,428,754</u>
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$161,229,195</u>	<u>\$161,229,195</u>



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 4 A. D. 2004

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

SECTION 1. The sum of \$129,296,048 representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$161,229,195 for the fiscal year of July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, minus Indirect Revenue of \$32,783,147, plus reserve for tax appeals in the amount of \$850,000, 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, 2003.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 shall be as follows:

TAX RATE: 24.86 MILLS

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as hereinafter provided shall be payable in quarterly installments on July 1, 2004, October 1, 2004, January 1, 2005, and April 1, 2005 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, 2004, 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, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

SECTION 2. That the amount of \$1,601,000 is appropriated to the AMBULANCE FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

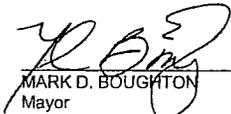
SECTION 3. That the amount of \$186,593 is appropriated to the ANIMAL CONTROL FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. That the amount of \$8,512,677 is appropriated to the SEWER FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

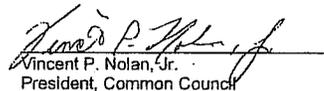
SECTION 5. That the amount of \$5,753,209 is appropriated to the WATER FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 6. That a provision for tax appeals reserve is established in the amount of \$850,000.

Adopted by the Common Council
Approved by Mayor Mark D. Boughton


MARK D. BOUGHTON
Mayor

ATTEST:


Vincent P. Nolan, Jr.
President, Common Council