



City of Danbury 2006 – 2007 Budget

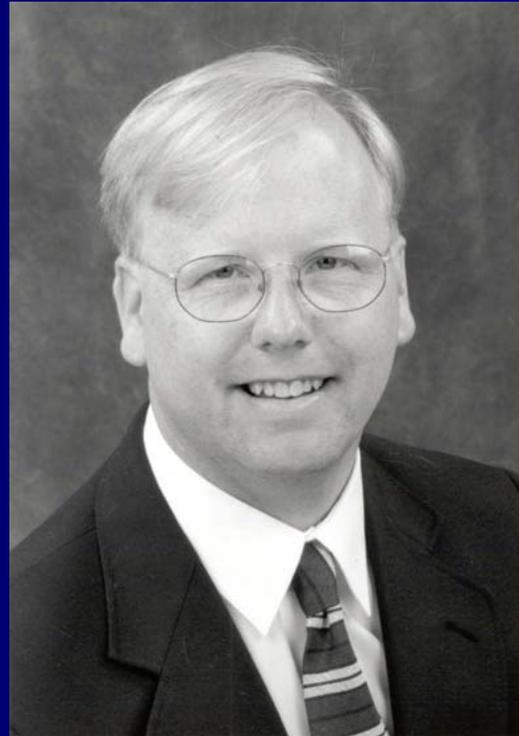
“Reinventing Danbury’s Government”

April 4, 2006

Mark D. Boughton, Mayor

Dena Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel

Welcome from Mark Boughton



Mayor, City of Danbury

Thank you, Vin Nolan



You Will Be Missed.

Retirees

Engineering Department:

- Bill Buckley



- Pat Ellsworth



Retirees

Health Department:

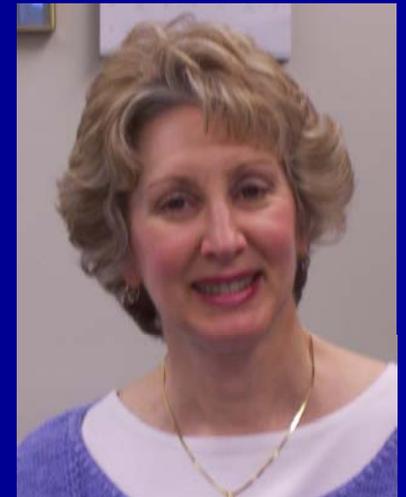
- Jack Kozuchowski



Retirees

Library:

- Betsy McDonough
- Laura McLaughlin
- Eileen McCormack



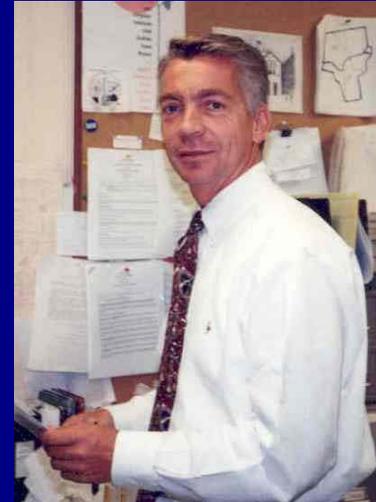
Retirees

Office of Common Council:

- Jimmetta Samaha

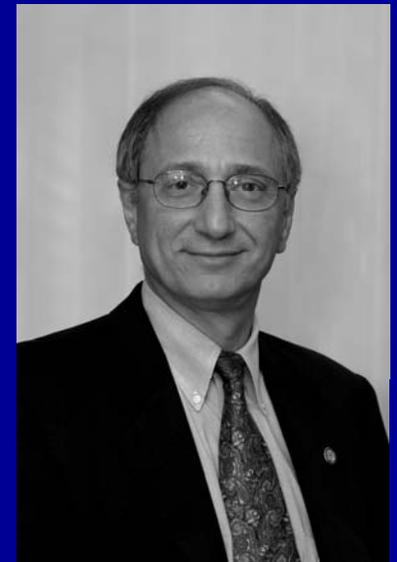
Zoning Department:

- Wayne Skelly



Corporation Counsel's Office:

- Eric Gottschalk



Retirees

Department of Welfare & Social Services:

- Deborah McKenzie



Retirees

Tax Collectors Office:

- Catherine Skurat

Personnel Office:

- Julio Lopez



Retirees

Thank you!

Reinventing Danbury

A REORGANIZATION PLAN

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future”

- John F. Kennedy

City of Danbury Mission Statement

The City of Danbury's mission is to ensure a superior quality of life for its citizens by providing the most cost effective municipal services while preserving the cultural, historical and natural resources of the City. We are committed to working with citizens to enhance Danbury's position as a premier place to live, work and raise a family in a traditional yet progressive community.

Public Safety Bond Package

**Bond Package Vote on
May 9, 2006**

**Public Safety Bond
\$49 million**

Public Safety

Bond Package includes:

- New state-of-the-art police headquarters:
\$33.8 million
 - 75,000 sq. ft. facility
 - Central dispatch for PD, FD, and EMS

Public Safety

- Superior Communications System Technology Enhancements:
– \$2.0 million



- Premier Fire Protection Services Equipment enhancements:
– \$1.8 million



Danbury Police Department

■ Enhanced Safety of Our Officers:

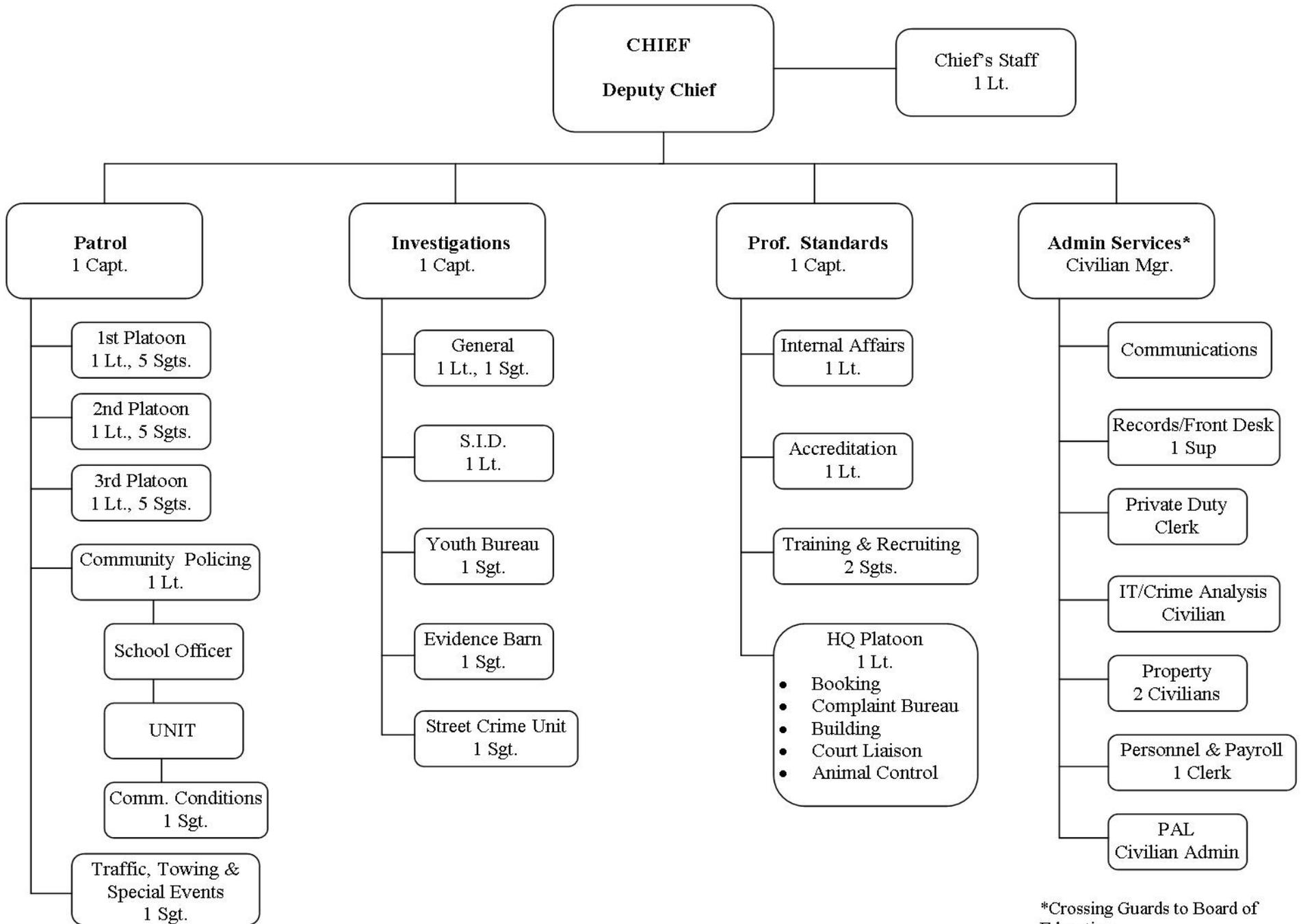
\$211,000

Includes:

- 16 new vehicles
- Video cameras
in patrol vehicles
- Laptops in patrol vehicles



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*Crossing Guards to Board of Education

Danbury Police Department

■ Four Divisions

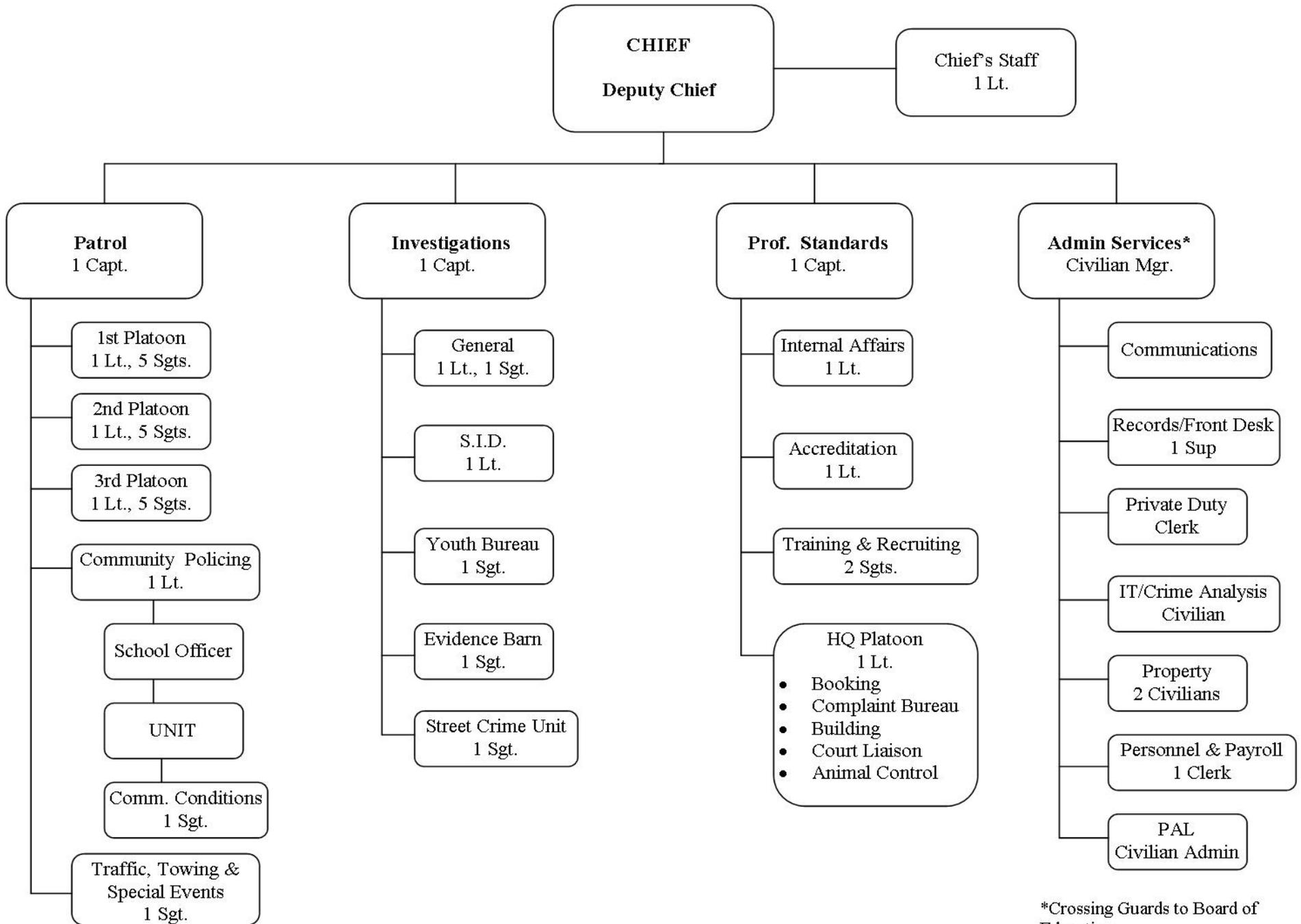
– Patrol Division

– Investigations

– Professional Standards

– Administrative Services

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- Returning officers to field duties

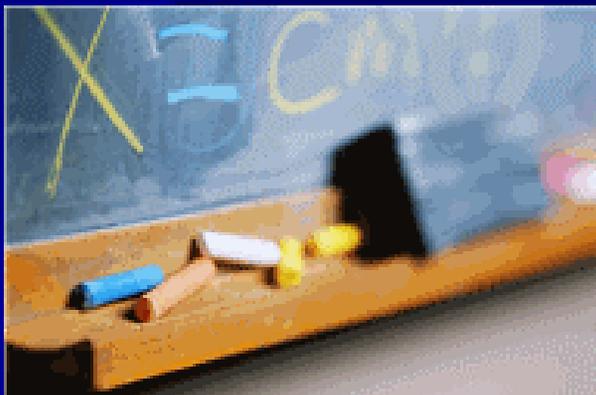
- More responsive to:
 - community concerns
 - quality of life issues



Education

Total Budget:
\$100,161,196

Increase of 5.9%



Education

- Highest education increase over last 4 years:

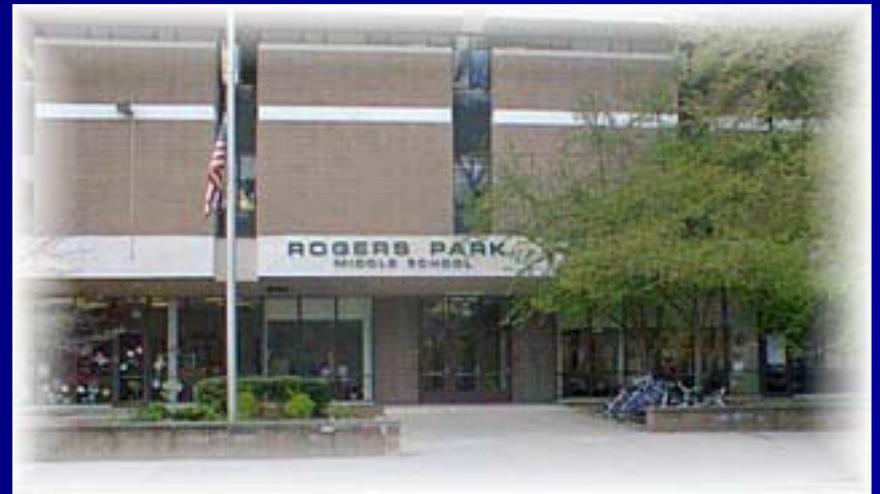
Operating budget increase of:
\$20 million or 15.5%

Education

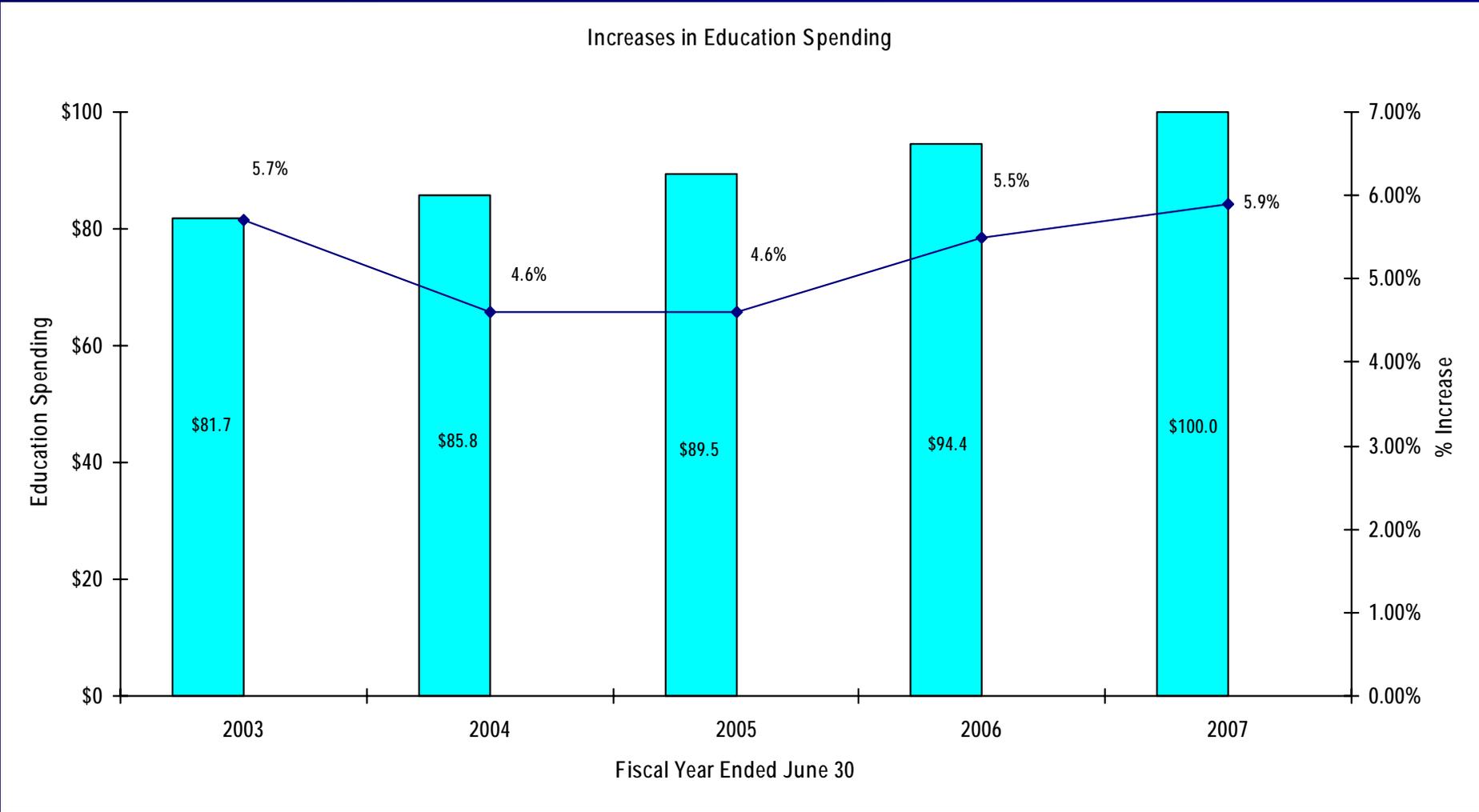
- Increased funding from last fiscal year

\$5,530,121

or 5.9%



Increases in Education Spending



The Future of Education

The Western Connecticut Academy of International Studies

Fully funded by State of Connecticut



The Future of Education

- Continued School Construction Program:



Livable Neighborhoods & Preservation of Resources

Unified Neighborhood Inspection Team

(UNIT)



Livable Neighborhoods & Preservation of Resources

The Challenge:

- Coordinating various team members.

The Plan:

- New Full Time

Department / Positions



Livable Neighborhoods & Preservation of Resources

The Office of Neighborhood Assistance:

- **Fire Marshall**
- **Police Officer**
- **Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer**
- **Blight Inspector**
- **Neighborhood Coordinator**



Livable Neighborhoods & Preservation of Resources

- **ZEO Coordinator-**
 - Sean Hearty, Director of Permit Coordination

Total Savings:

\$21,009

Corporation Counsel



■ Reorganization of staff

-New Deputy Corporation Counsel – Les Pinter

-Corporation Counsel Attorney- Robin Edwards

-New Labor Attorney – in house attorney



Total Savings:

\$40,203

Health, Housing, and Welfare

Scott Leroy, M.P.H., R.S.

Director of Health, Housing and Welfare

Merge and reorganize:

- **Departments of Health and Housing**
- **Welfare Department**

Health, Housing, and Welfare

- Implementation of recommendations by Task Force on Homelessness
- 10 year plan to end homelessness

Health, Housing, and Welfare

■ Departments of Health and Housing:

-Housing related issues

■ Welfare Department:

-Housing, emergency shelter, medical care, social services

Health, Housing, and Welfare

- **New organization:**

- Developing plans & strategies to create,

- More affordable housing opportunities for our citizens.



Health, Housing, and Welfare

Dream Homes Community Center –
resource for individuals and families to prevent
homelessness.

In association with:

- Danbury Housing Authority
- Association for Religious Communities
- WeCahr
- People First

Total Savings:
\$119,296



Public Works / Engineering

- Position of City Engineer/Director of Public Works eliminated
 - replaced with City Engineer.
- Director of Public Works created
 - funded in the Highway Dept.

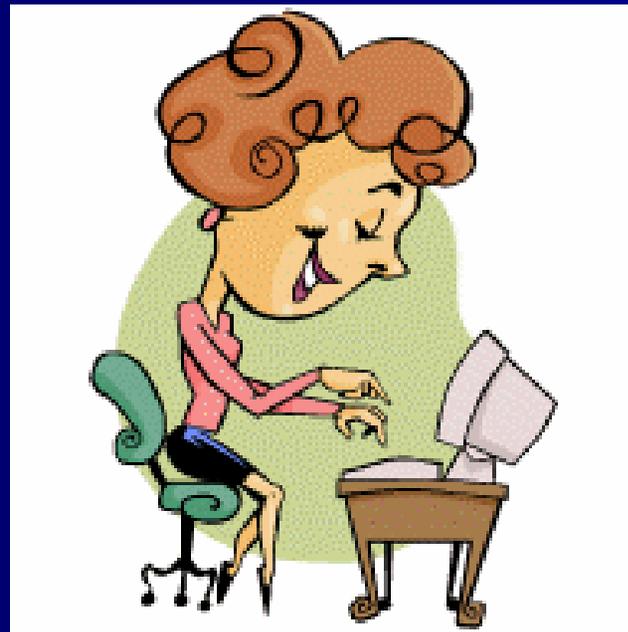
Total Savings:
\$23,000

Personnel

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Upgraded Executive Secretary position to:

- Personnel Resource Assistant



Airport



Airport-

Airport Security Study

Key Recommendation:

- **Additional Airport Administration Staff-**
 - New Assistant Airport Administrator
 - To assist with implementation of additional study recommendation

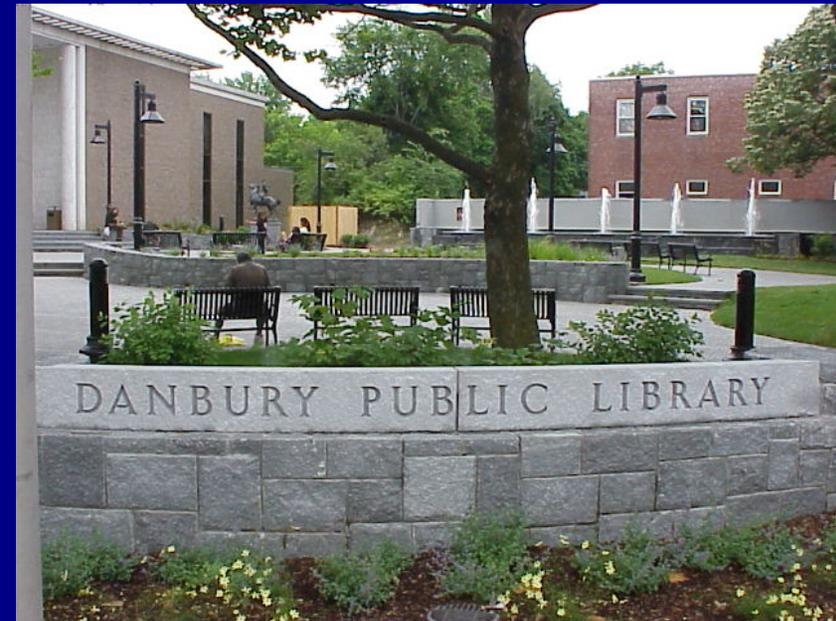
Additional Savings

Assistant City Clerk-

Reduced position to part-time

Assistant Library Director-

Eliminated position



Total Savings:

\$93,032

Sewer and Water Fund



Sewer and Water Fund

■ 5 Year Plan to Improve Financial Operations:

-Past Rate Changes:

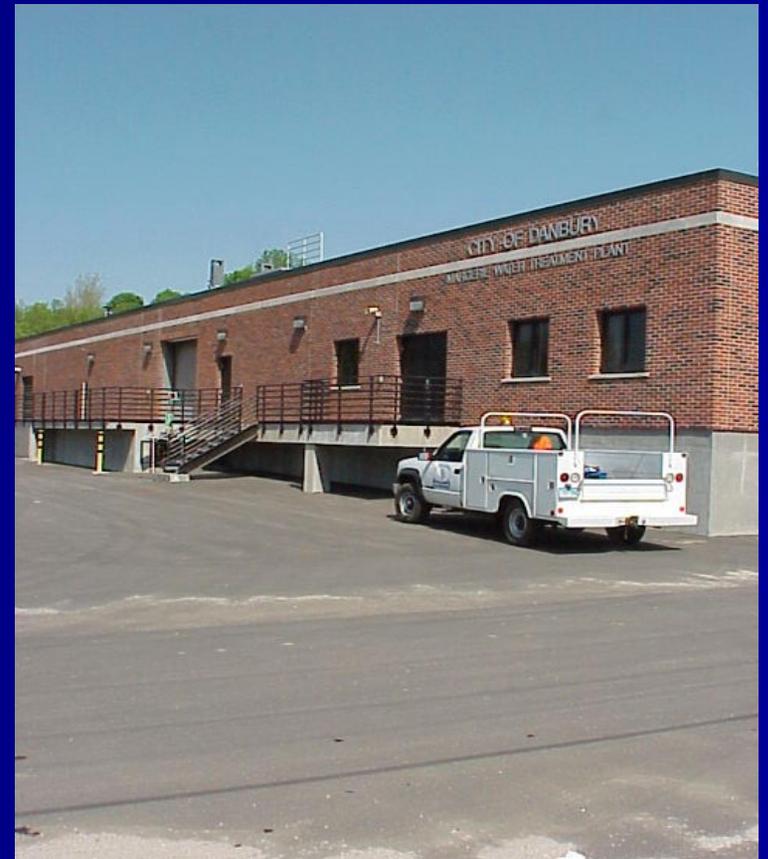
-Improve performance

-Secure financial footing

-2006/2007 Changes:

-Gentle increase in rates

-No rate structure changes



**Total Savings to Taxpayers
with Reorganization Plan:**

\$278,331

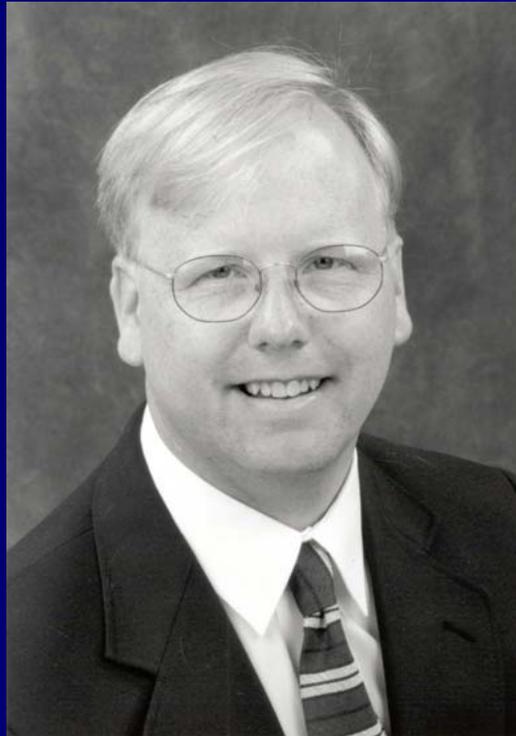
Summary

- Cut mill rate from 23.03 last year to **22.05**
- No new fees or changes to existing fees
- Expanding services:
 - Public Safety
 - Education
 - Efficiency

Summary

- Mission statement reflecting a progressive, forward thinking city.
- Realignment of key departments
 - reflects growing community needs
 - saves valuable tax dollars & resources

Thank You



**Mayor Mark Boughton
City of Danbury**