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CITY OF DANBURY

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COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

July 6, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: **Aqua Vista Water System**

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for the City to acquire the Aqua Vista Water System met on June 9, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Seabury, Riley and Visconti. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works William Buckley, Deputy Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk, the petitioners George Krampetz, Edward Knapp and Rory Ahearn and Council Members Cavo and Teicholz, ex-officio.

Mr. Buckley reported that this is a privately owned water company with 63 or 64 customers and four or five wells. There is a small water system on Frandon Drive and the City would interconnect the two systems since it is not ready to extend water there. There is a negative Planning Commission report because it was not clear what this request was. It is a simple thing to do, both in terms of engineering and assessment. He suggested that the City authorize him to proceed by assessment methodology and then hold a community meeting. This eliminates unanswered questions at a public hearing. They will know their value and assessment.

Mr. Visconti asked if there are any problems with the water system in the immediate future? Mr. Knapp said there are no problems in the immediate future, but there are warning signs as to quality and quantity. Mr. Buckley said he would have to secure records from the State Health Department to make sure the quality and quantity are there. We would not want to acquire a system that the State is going to come down on. It may be that the wells are not sufficient. He will find this out in an engineering evaluation.

Mr. Visconti made a motion to recommend that Mr. Buckley be authorized to proceed with the acquisition of the Aqua Vista Water System through assessment methodology. Seconded by Mr. Riley. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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ROBERT RILEY

FRED VISCONTI