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REPORT

November 28, 2006

Re: **Danbury Housing Partnership**

The Common Council met as a committee of the whole immediately following a public hearing in the Common Council Chambers in the City Hall on November 27, 2006. Mr. Cavo noted for the record that Mr. Perkins was working. Mr. Esposito and Ms. Basso were out of town on vacation.

Mrs. Saracino moved to recommend the adoption of the ordinance creating the Danbury Housing Partnership. Seconded by Mr. Riley.

Mr. Saadi asked if Section 10-77, subsection (1) referring to "other housing needs" would include the issue of senior housing. Mr. Leroy, Director of Health, Housing & Welfare, answered that it does include senior housing and the wording was placed in the ordinance to give the partnership flexibility over the years to take up that issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Cavo, Chairman

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ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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

THAT Sections 10-75 and 10-77 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-75. Danbury Housing Partnership created.

(a) There is hereby created the Danbury Housing Partnership. The Partnership shall include, but shall not be limited to, the mayor or his designee and not less than twelve members to be appointed by the mayor from among the following categories, with consideration given to candidates with demonstrated experience or interest in the area of housing and homelessness:

(1) representatives selected from any of the following sources: the planning commission, zoning commission, environmental impact commission, The Danbury Housing Authority or any local economic or community development agency.

(2) representatives of the local business community, such as local bankers, financiers, realtors and developers.

(3) representatives of public interest groups, such as housing advocates, members of the clergy, members of local civic groups, human service agencies and representatives of local nonprofit corporations.

(4) local urban planning, social service, employment, marketing, communications, land use and housing professionals.

(b) A quorum of the Partnership shall consist of five (5) members. Except as otherwise provided in the Danbury Code of Ordinances, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings and the business of the Partnership.

(c) During the month of November in each even-numbered year, the members of the Danbury Housing Partnership shall elect from among its members a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary, each of whom shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected. The vice-chairman shall assume the duties of the chairman in case of his or her absence or inability.

(d) Of the initial members appointed by the mayor, at least four shall be appointed to serve for a term of three (3) years, at least four shall be appointed to serve for a term of two (2) years and at least four shall be appointed to serve for a term of one (1) year. Thereafter, the appointment of all members shall be for a term of three (3) years.

Sec. 10-76. Duties of Danbury Housing Partnership.

The duties of the Danbury Housing Partnership, as determined by the chairman in consultation with the mayor, shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) To take measures necessary to implement the Plan to End Homelessness in Ten Years as adopted by the Common Council of the City of Danbury in March of 2006 (the "Plan"), as the same may be amended from time to time, subject to the availability of resources in any given budget year;

(2) To oversee measures to implement the Plan and to monitor and assess the effectiveness of such measures;

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(3) To provide annual reports to the mayor and the common council, summarizing the measures taken in the prior year to implement the Plan, the results of monitoring the effectiveness of the measures taken and describing the projected administrative and budgetary needs for the next fiscal year;

(4) To advise the mayor and the common council concerning policies, projects, and proposals potentially affecting the homeless to ensure their conformity with the Plan;

(5) To propose to the mayor and the common council for review and approval any revisions to the Plan determined to be necessary to effectively meet the endorsed aim of eliminating chronic and long-term homelessness by the year 2015;

(6) To examine and identify housing needs and opportunities in the community;

(7) To identify available public or private land that is suitable for the development of affordable housing;

(8) To review applicable laws, customs, practice and regulations including specifically zoning regulations, to determine whether such laws, customs, practices and regulations restrict the development of affordable housing in community;

(9) To establish priorities to meet identified housing needs in the community.

(10) To recommend activities or projects designed to create additional affordable housing in Danbury

Sec. 10-77. Standing committees.

The Danbury Housing Partnership shall establish four standing committees, whose members shall be appointed by the chairman of the Partnership. Said committees shall reflect the major action areas outlined in the Plan. The standing committees shall be as follows:

(1) The Committee on Housing and Community Development. Said committee shall, in addition to such other housing needs as identified by the Partnership, be responsible for facilitating the housing development, rehabilitation, preservation and related neighborhood improvement activities outlined in the Plan. The committee shall encourage the production of permanent and supportive housing proposed in the Plan and shall assist the Social and Supportive Services Committee and insure that development activities for the benefit of the Homeless population are coordinated with the City of Danbury.

(2) The Social and Supportive Services Committee. Said committee shall be responsible for supporting and monitoring the Point of Entry system as well as for coordinating activities with the Danbury Continuum of Care. Among other things the committee shall also be responsible for discharge planning, eviction prevention, cost management, transitional housing services, Housing Authority preference policies, expansion of homeless services and the coordination of services for the homeless. The committee shall coordinate its efforts with those of the Housing and Community Development Committee to insure that the appropriate transition and support services are in place for the benefit of the homeless population.

(3) The Financial Resources and Fundraising Committee. Said committee shall be responsible for aggressive pursuit of financial resources necessary to implement the initiatives identified in the Plan and for coordinating efforts to avoid duplication and unnecessary competition among

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Partnership and the mayor as to whether or not the service and development proposals from organizations with similar missions are consistent with the objectives of the Plan.

(4) The Public Relations, Marketing and Education Committee. Said committee shall be responsible for keeping the mayor, common council and the general public informed about the progress being made by the Partnership to implement the Plan. The committee shall be responsible for the creation of a web page devoted to the Partnership and for coordination of effort with other committees to develop marketing materials to support fundraising and program development activities. The committee shall be responsible for facilitating the training and educational recommendations contained in the Plan.