

# City of Danbury



City Council Agenda

Special Meeting

November 15, 2011

# **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 15, 2011**

The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 P.M.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**

### **ROLL CALL**

Arconti, Curran, Deep-Damici, Riley, Seabury, Stanley, Taylor  
Colla, Nagarsheth, Halas, Cavo, Saadi, Visconti, Trombetta,  
Knapp, Nero, Perkins, Chianese, Rotello, Scozzafava, Teicholz

\_\_\_\_\_ **PRESENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSENT**

**NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING** – There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council on **Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Council Chambers in City Hall to act on the items below.

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## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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## **AGENDA**

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1. Public Health and Safety/Debris Removal and Securing of Safe Passage - Storm Alfred Declaration of State/Local Emergency
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There being no further business to come before the City Council a motion was made at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. by \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting to be adjourned.



## CITY OF DANBURY

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MAYOR

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November 9, 2011

Hon. Members of the City Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Re: Special Meeting-November 15, 2011  
Public Health and Safety/Debris Removal and Securing of Safe Passage  
Storm Alfred-Declaration of State/Local Emergency

Dear Council members:

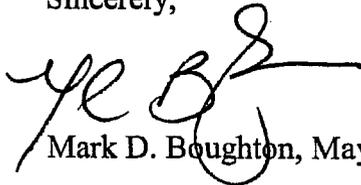
Pursuant to my authority by Charter and CGS Title 28 pertaining to necessary powers during a declared emergency, and the authority of the Director of Civil Preparedness, together with state and federal declarations, I have, through our Board of Awards, authorized the commissioning of services, in association with the State of Connecticut, to pick up, transport (to a selected, central collection point downtown near Kennedy Avenue), process and remove tree and brush debris from the streets of the City, including debris that residents are permitted to place at the street curb for such pick up. As you know, much of Danbury and environs were and some still are suffering with access and damage issues that will likely persist for some time. Thus the critical importance of securing this process as soon as possible.

In order not only to secure the services of a national and state approved and authorized firm, **Ashbritt**, headquartered in Florida, and a federal monitoring firm, SAIC also headquartered in Florida, but also to secure the availability of funding for this purpose, I have called the Special Meeting this night to seek your authorization for funding the costs and expenses of all work required to perform these emergency activities. Your funding appropriation in the approximate and anticipated **not to exceed** sum of \$2M, will, pursuant to state and federal (FEMA) declarations be expected to be reimbursable to at least 75/25 (federal-state/local respectively). We will be able to provide you more information and detail now, and as time goes on. Finance Director David St. Hilaire will be providing his certification of funds availability from fund balance for these needs.

It is important to understand that I have availed our City of all declared authority, both local, state and federal, to accomplish these tasks in a manner both lawful and effective, and I have deemed such actions that have been taken, are underway or will be taken as essential to handle this emergency event absolutely essential, and ask that you act rapidly pursuant to the attached resolution.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton, Mayor

cc: Gov. Dan Malloy  
Senator Michael McLachlan  
Paul D. Estefan, Director of Civil Prep.



## CITY OF DANBURY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the City Council

FROM: David W. St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *D.S.*

DATE: November 10, 2011

**CERTIFICATION**

SUBJECT: Certification of Funds – Debris Removal

According to the City's Director of Civil Preparedness, Mr. Paul Estefan, Governor Malloy's office will soon be making a request of President Obama to declare Fairfield County as a Federal disaster area. If a Presidential Declaration is so made, the City of Danbury will be permitted to seek reimbursement of up to 75% for eligible Storm Alfred related expenses from FEMA funds.

To minimize the impact to the budgets of those departments with Storm Alfred related expenses, such current and future expenses (and anticipated reimbursements which may take up 18 months) will be transferred into new accounts within the Special Revenue Fund to separately account for Storm Alfred. Presently, the projected expenditures, including the estimated cost of Ashbriitt and SAIC services, are expected to be approximately \$2,000,000.

Accordingly, I certify the availability of funds from general fund unappropriated fund balance in the amount of \$2,000,000 to be transferred to the Special Revenue Fund (Storm Alfred Accounts) for the expenses associated with Storm Alfred. Funds can and will only be used for Storm Alfred related expenses and any remaining funds shall be returned to the general fund upon completion of the processing and administration of the Storm Alfred event.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 797-4652.

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# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2011

**RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Danbury, pursuant to City Charter and Title 28 of the Connecticut General Statutes and in conjunction with the Danbury Department of and Director of Civil Preparedness has declared an emergency, due to the effects of Storm Alfred within the limits of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency actions are required to secure lives and property and alleviate conditions affecting residents' homes and access, as well as open City streets and thoroughfares; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to fund contracts and activities that will service these immediate needs, and in accordance with Charter requirements in these circumstances, the City Council must authorize the funding from fund balance; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish the tasks required to handle this emergency, the City will engage the vendor services of **Ashbritt**, through the procurement mechanism of the State of Connecticut, as well as the services of a monitoring entity, Science Applications International Corporation "SAIC", so as to secure reimbursement funding through FEMA and other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ashbritt** will secure a site at Kennedy Avenue to handle and process debris materials, in order to most efficiently, rapidly and cost effectively deal with these needs at a central location essential to this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, due to the emergency nature of these requests and needs, formally waives the requirement of a public hearing, normally necessary pursuant to Charter Sec. 7-5.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Mayor Mark D. Boughton, and through Paul D. Estefan, Director of Civil Preparedness, pursuant to their existing powers in an emergency, are authorized to secure and consummate all necessary contractual services and materials, site accessibility (including ratifying authorization for the use of the Kennedy Avenue site) as contracted through the auspices of FEMA authorized and State approved disaster remediation vendors and pass-through disaster declaration by the State of Connecticut and the President of the United States.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** funding therefor in an amount as certified herein by the Director of Finance is herewith authorized, together with such other and necessary actions in furtherance hereof, including seeking funding reimbursement and engaging such services as may additionally be required toward these purposes, with such waiver of public hearing and bid as may be necessary under those circumstances.