

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

The Meeting is called to order at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. by his honor Mayor James E. Dyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Visconti, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Evans, Fabiano, Torian.

20 Present 1 Absent.

NOTICE

Re: Special Meeting of the Common Council, to be held on the 30th day of September, 1980 at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of a statement from the Mayor of the City of Danbury relating to City finances.

RETURN OF SERVICE - Delivery of Notices by Police Officers of the Danbury Police Department.

A motion was made by Ryan & seconded by _____ for the Call and Return of Service to be accepted.

Statement from Mayor Dyer.

One-half hour for Public Speaking Session.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by _____ & seconded by _____ for the meeting to be adjourned at _____ O'Clock P.M.

CITY OF DANBURY

To: Common Council - City of Danbury

A special meeting of the Common Council _____ of the City of Danbury will be held on the 30th day of September, 1980 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., at the City Hall in said Danbury.

For the purpose of

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR JAMES E. DYER

Dated at Danbury, this 23rd day of September, 19 80.

James E. Dyer Mayor
Eugene A. ... Clerk

To the sheriff or any policeman of the City of Danbury:

You are hereby required to notify the above named member _____ of the Common Council of the City of Danbury of the special meeting of said board by leaving with or at the usual place of abode or place of business of such member not less than 24 hours before the hour specified for said meeting, a notice in form annexed, and to make due return thereof at the time of said meeting.

James E. Dyer Mayor



CITY OF DANBURY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

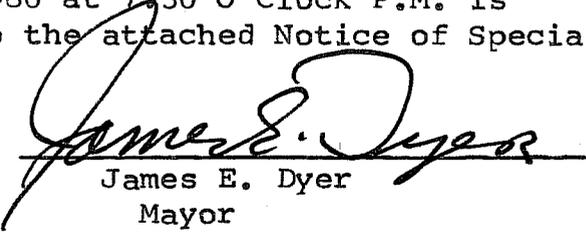
JAMES E. DYER
MAYOR

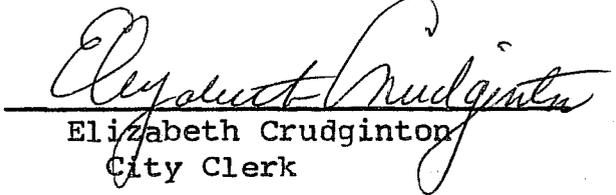
September 26, 1980

Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Council Members:

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Danbury scheduled on September 30, 1980 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. is cancelled and rescheduled pursuant to the attached Notice of Special Meeting.


James E. Dyer
Mayor


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk

CITY OF DANBURY

To: _____

A special meeting of the Common Council _____ of the City of Danbury will be held on the 30th day of September 19 80 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., at the City Hall in said Danbury.

For the purpose of a statement from the Mayor of the City of Danbury relating to City finances.

Dated at Danbury, this 26th day of September, 19 80.

James E. Dyer Mayor

Elizabeth M. McGowan Clerk

To the sheriff or any policeman of the City of Danbury:

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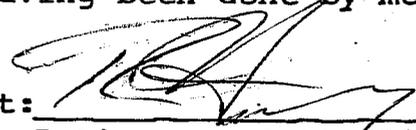
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RETURN OF SERVICE

By virtue of the within warning, I have served Notice on each of the members of the Common Council of the City of Danbury, of the Special Meeting of said Board, each Notice duly signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, by leaving such written Notice with each of the following members of said Common Council, to-wit:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1.	Roger Delsin	20:10
2.	Constance McManus	22:05
3.	Bernard P. Gallo	18:45
4.	William T. Walsh	21:40
5.	Lilija Rinder	21:15
6.	Vincent Scialabba	21:25
7.	Richard Murray	20:30
8.	James E. Ryan	20:20
9.	Frederick Visconti	16:20
10.	Frank Repole	16:15
11.	Diane Eppoliti	17:15
12.	Richard White	19:55
13.	Anthony Cassano	16:55
14.	John Turk	22:20
15.	Ernest Boynton	20:40
16.	Joseph DaSilva	20:02
17.	James P. Burke Jr.	16:10
18.	Thomas E. Evans	16:50
19.	Janet A. Butera	10:30
20.	Thomas Fabiano Jr.	21:30
21.	Edward T. Torian	21:55

Each Notice so served upon each member, all having been done by me on this date 9/26/80.

Attest: 
Policemen of the City of Danbury

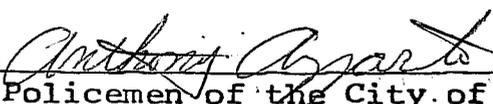
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1. Roger Delsin	1904
2. Constance McManus	1919
3. Bernard P. Gallo	2101
4. William T. Walsh	1940
5. Lilija Rinder	1950
6. Vincent Scialabba	2000
7. Richard Murray	2108
8. James E. Ryan	2018
9. Frederick Visconti	1734
10. Frank Repole	1739
11. Diane Eppoliti	1758
12. Richard White	1817
13. Anthony Cassano	1845
14. John Turk	1852
15. Ernest Boynton	2014
16. Joseph DaSilva	1910
17. James P. Burke Jr.	1746
18. Thomas E. Evans	2041
19. Janet A. Butera	2029
20. Thomas Fabiano Jr.	1955
21. Edward T. Torian	1934

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Attest: 
Policemen of the City of
Danbury



CITY OF DANBURY

COMMON COUNCIL

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

September 30, 1980

Within my constituency there is a great deal of disagreement and dissatisfaction with regard to the City budget, and as a member of the minority on this Council I respectfully ask to have my opinion read into the record.

The result of the referendum held on the third day of this month was a clear call from the taxpayers of Danbury to the City government to lower the budget appropriations for the 1980-81 fiscal year.

The taxpayers do not care whether it is the Common Council's budget, the Mayor's budget, or the Corporation Counsel's budget. What they do care about is that a 15.9 % tax increase is too much, and they want it decreased.

The City Charter does not say that if the Common Council's budget is renounced in a public referendum that the Mayor's recommended budget automatically comes in force. The Charter fails to address this circumstance in any way whatsoever.

The attempt to implement a modified so-called "Mayor's Budget" is based upon the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. He has made an interpretation based upon what the Charter demands if - and only if - the Common Council fails to meet the May fifteenth deadline. The Council did meet that deadline, and the Council legally adopted a budget, which from that moment nullified any so-called "Mayor's Budget."

Further, the Charter, by not addressing this circumstance, does not prohibit the Common Council from convening to review, deliberate, and if necessary, adjust the rejected budget. In my opinion, The Common Council, as the elected representatives of the voters, and as the legislative body of the City, has the mandated duty to convene at special meeting to review and lower the budget appropriations such that it is adequate for city operations, and at the same time not oppressive to the taxpayer.

If the Councilmembers fail to convene this special meeting, then they are not only ignoring their duty, BUT IGNORING AND DISENFRANCHISING THEIR CONSTITUENTS !

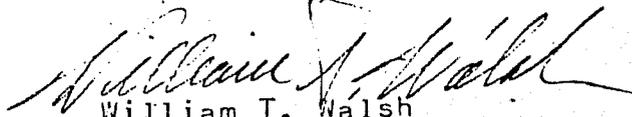
I would also point out that section 3-4 of the City Charter states that " The legislative power of the City shall be vested EXCLUSIVELY in the Council." Further, Section 3-9

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of the Charter gives veto power to the Mayor if he disapproves any measures adopted by the Common Council. (Of course the Council may override the veto by a two thirds vote.) In any event, it is clear to me, the Charter fully intends that the Common Council shall have the power to legislate the budget appropriations, and any other ordinance it sees fit, as long as it is consistent with both the rules of the Charter and Connecticut State Statutes.

If this council fails to follow its mandate, and weakly relinquishes its authority to the Mayor's Office, it is setting a woeful precedent, and it is doing a serious injustice to the voters and citizens of Danbury.

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Walsh
Councilman
2nd Ward