

Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor

Common Council Members

Mayor Mark D. Boughton called the Common Council Meeting to order at 7:30PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

**Present were Council Members:** Louise P. McMahon, Shay Nagarsheth, James H. Johnson, Charles Trombetta, Michael J. Calandrino, Duane E. Perkins, Fred Visconti, Benjamin Chianese, John J. Esposito, Thomas J. Saadi, Joseph M. Cavo, Paul T. Rotello, Jane Diggs, Mary Teicholz, Robert F. Arconti, Philip Curran, Jack Knapp, Warren M. Levy, Robert T. Riley, Colleen A. Stanley

**ABSENT were Council members:** Gregg Seabury (absent due to illness)

**PRESENT: 20, ABSENT: 1**

Also present were Jean Natale, City Clerk; Robert J. Yamin, Corporation Counsel and Laszlo L. Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER:**

Councilman Perkins led everyone in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Saadi led everyone in the room in a prayer.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was no public participation.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Joseph Cavo and seconded by Shay Nagarsheth that the Common Council approve the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of February 6, 2008 as presented and to waive the reading of same as the Council have copies of the Minutes and are available in the City Clerk's office. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilwoman Teicholz presented the following items for the Consent Calendar:

**4 - COMMUNICATION - Sewer Survey - Butternut Lane:**

Receive the communication and direct the Engineering Department to prepare preliminary assessments for a mail survey.

**5 - RESOLUTION - WIC - Budget Amendment:**

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution to authorize Mayor Mark D. Boughton or Scott Leroy to accept additional funding for the WIC Program, and execute all contracts, agreements or amendments and to take all actions necessary to effectuate purposes thereof.

**6 - RESOLUTION - Danbury Youth Services:**

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution to authorize Mayor Mark D. Boughton to

contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for a state cost-sharing grant not to exceed \$70,000.00 for a Youth Services Bureau for the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2008.

**7 - RESOLUTION - Still River Greenway:**

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution to authorize the Corporation Counsel of the City of Danbury, to acquire two easements from STLJ, LLC and Maybrook Railroad Company, either by negotiation or eminent domain.

**8 - REPORT - Water Extension - 102 Federal Road and Starr Road:**

Receive the communication and approve the request for a water main extension, 102 Federal Road and Starr Road, Danbury Auto Partnership, subject to the standard eight steps/conditions.

**9 - REPORT - Water Extension - 22 Shelter Rock Lane:**

Receive the communication and approve the request for water extension for Shelter Rock Business Center, LLC, 22 Shelter Rock Lane, subject to the standard eight steps/conditions.

Councilman Cavo moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilman Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**1 - COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Danbury Museum and Historical Society:**

City Clerk Natale read the communication from the Mayor appointing Michael Kallas, Ellen Ann Blom, Michael A. McLachlan, Anne L. Harrigan, Kay M. Schreiber, Robert J. Young and Barbara Rosseland to serve as Members of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority and Natalie A. Weise as an Alternate Member. Councilman Nagarsheth moved to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Michael Kallas, Ellen Ann Blom, Michael A. McLachlan, Anne L. Harrigan, Kay M. Schreiber, Robert J. Young and Barbara Rosseland to serve as Members of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority and confirm the appointment of Natalie A. Weise as an Alternate Member. Councilman Visconti seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the process utilized for recommendation of individuals for appointment.

Warren Levy moved to divide the question. There was no second. The motion failed.

The original motion by Councilman Nagarsheth passed by unanimous vote.

**2 - COMMUNICATION - Amendment to Ordinances - Illegally Parked Motor Vehicles:**

Councilwoman McMahon requested that this item be referred to a public hearing.

**3 - COMMUNICATION - Donations to the Department of Elderly Services:**

City Clerk Natale read the communication. Councilman Cavo moved to accept the donations and send letters of thanks. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**4 - COMMUNICATION - Sewer Survey - Butternut Lane:**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and approved.

**5 - RESOLUTION - WIC - Budget Amendment:**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and approved.

**6 - RESOLUTION - Danbury Youth Services:**

The communication was received on the consent Calendar and approved.

**7 - RESOLUTION - Still River Greenway:**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and approved.

**8 - REPORT - Water Extension - 102 Federal Road and Starr Road:**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and approved.

**9 - REPORT - Water Extension - 22 Shelter Rock Lane:**

The communication was received on the Consent Calendar and approved.

**10 - REPORT - Governmental Entities Review Board:**

Councilwoman Stanley requested that this item be referred for a public hearing.

Councilman Cavo moved to place items #11, 12 and 13 at the end of the agenda in order to take up #14, Department Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nagarsheth. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**14 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Police, Fire, Health-Housing & Welfare, Dream Homes, Elderly Services, Public Works, Unit, Library, Economic Development, Permit Center**

Councilman Cavo moved to accept the communication and the Department Reports as presented as all members have copies and they are also available in the City Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Perkins. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jack Kozuchowski gave a brief presentation regarding the Still River Greenway. A brief discussion followed.

Councilman Cavo moved to go into executive session to discuss items #11, 12 and 13 at 8:11PM. Motion seconded by Mary Teicholz. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - Open Space Acquisition**

Councilman Cavo moved to approve the purchase of the property as identified and described, together with an allocation and certification of Open Space Bond funds necessary therefore by the Director of Finance and subject to Planning Commission approval. Councilman Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**12 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - Grenier Property**

Councilman Cavo moved to authorize the Corporation Counsel to acquire approximately 10.7 acres of land from the Grenier family, described in the attached Schedule A legal description; approve the allocation of all funds necessary for this acquisition, subject to the certification of the Director of Finance of all sums required; to settle pending civil litigation with the Grenier family concerning this land; and apply to the FAA to obtain grant funding for reimbursement of the eligible portion of the purchase price and related costs.

Further authorize and approve the allocation of all funds necessary to complete the previously approved acquisitions of aviation easements from the Wooster School Corporation, Orlando and Gloria Valencia Drew and Pamela Brown and John Edmond, subject to the certification of the Director of Finance of all sums required. Councilman Rotello seconded the motion.

Councilman Arconti and Councilwoman Stanley recused themselves from the Executive Session discussion.

The motion passed by majority vote. Councilman Arconti and Councilwoman Stanley abstained.

**13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - Metcalf and Eddy**

Councilman Cavo moved to receive the summary report from Corporation Counsel, authorize the further proceedings as described, and approve the designation of funds, subject to certification by the Director of Finance in the amount of \$450,000.00. Councilman Rotello seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Boughton extended all committees.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, Councilwoman Diggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34PM. Councilwoman Teicholz seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Doratheia Gulya-Stasny

Recording Secretary

Attest,

Mark D. Boughton, Mayor