

Mayor Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
Common Council Members

Mayor Mark D. Boughton called the **Special City Council Meeting** to order at 8:45pm on April 20, 2011.

Present were Council Members: Robert Arconti, Philip Curran, Nancy Deep-Damici, Robert Riley, Gregg Seabury, Colleen Stanley, Philip Colla, Don Taylor, Michael Halas, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Charles Trombetta, Jack Knapp, Peter Nero, Benjamin Chianese, Paul T. Rotello, Duane Perkins, Mary Teicholz

PRESENT: 19 **ABSENT :** 1 **Vacancy:** 1

Absent: Shay Nagarsheth was away on a family vacation

Corporation Counsel Robert Yamin and Deputy Corporation Counsel Laszlo Pinter and Legislative Assistant, Jean Natale, were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Prayer

Director of Finance, David St. Hilaire, led everyone in the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Curran led everyone in the room in a prayer.

Council President Cavo moved to accept the call to return to service for the Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Stanley. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

Public Speaking-

Irving Fox of 53 Wedgewood Drive spoke in favor of items 1 and 2.
Bob Ronan of 10 Jackson Drive spoke regarding item #2.

Public speaking closed at 8:50pm.

1 – COMMUNICATION - Appointment to the City Council

Council Member Teicholz moved to appoint Joseph Scozzafava to fill the unexpired term on the City Council vacated by Sal Tumino in accordance with the City Charter, Section 2-6, seconded by Council Member Stanley. Council Members Teicholz and Cavo thanked Sal Tumino for serving on the Council and welcomed Joseph Scozzafava.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Corporation Counsel Robert Yamin administered the oath of office to Mr. Scozzafava. Council Member Scozzafava took his seat on the dais.

2 – AD HOC REPORT - Danbury Schools Energy Conservation Project.

Council Member Cavo moved to waive the reading of the minutes as all members have copies and additional copies are on file in the Office of the Legislative Assistant.
As there was no objection, Mayor Boughton so ordered.

Council Member Knapp moved to receive the report and adopt the Resolution authorizing the schools project as set forth, for the replacement of boilers, windows and insulation, including the securing of financing as described, in an amount not to exceed \$11.5M, seconded by Council Member Trombetta.

Council Member Knapp pointed out that the second paragraph of the Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes contained an error, there is not any fuel contingency included in the proposed project and called upon the Public Works Director, Antonio Iadarola,P.E., to briefly discuss the project.

Mr. Iadarola explained that there is no fuel contingency, however it would be inappropriate not to have any contingency fund for the project due to the fact that when going into old buildings, unforeseen conditions sometimes come to light and could bring the entire project to a halt. The work would start in the most difficult schools first and it is expected that the boilers would be done by the end of 2011. The window phase should be completed by the end of 2012. The state of the boilers and his low confidence level in them was discussed.

Discussion and debate followed. Among other things, the expected rebate for the windows, impact on future budgets, the estimated \$800,000 annual payment which would be paid through the operating budget, return on investment vs. cost avoidance and the opportunity to bundle the project to reduce interest costs was discussed.

Mayor Boughton advised that there are 1,000 windows at the high school and 50% of the cost would be reimbursed. This project is not a want, but a critical need and must move forward.

Council Member Saadi spoke in opposition to the motion.

Deputy Corporation Counsel, Lazslo Pinter, advised that voter approval is not required for this particular project.

Council Members Arconti, Curran, Deep-Damici, Riley, Seabury, Stanley, Colla, Taylor, Halas, Cavo, Visconti, Trombetta, Knapp, Nero, Chianese, Rotello, Perkins, Teicholz and Scozzafava voted in favor. Council Member Saadi voted in opposition. ***Motion passed 19/1.***

As there was no further business to come before the Council, **Council Member Cavo moved to adjourn at 9:30pm.** seconded by Council Member Taylor. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

Respectfully submitted,

Doratheia A. Gulya-Stasny

Attest: Mark D. Boughton, Mayor