

TO: Mayor Gene F. Eriquez and Members of the Common Council

RE: Minutes of the Special Common Council Meeting held May 12, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were recited. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT - Scalzo, Abrantes, McAllister, Arconti, Boynton, Buzaid, Valeri, Machado, Setaro, Esposito, Levy, Charles, Gomez, Basso, Fox, Gallagher, Nolan, Mead.

ABSENT - Coladarci, Shuler, Butera

18 Present - 3 Absent

Mrs. Coladarci is on vacation.

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Danbury will be held on the 12th day May, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall for the purposes of acting upon the items listed below.

At 7:36 Mrs. Butera arrived and was marked present.

Mr. Setaro made a motion that the call and return of service be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Ellen Farrar, 26 High Rise Road - Chairman of the Danbury Animal Welfare Society. Members of DAWS are very sad about the budget cut. 80% of their funds go towards medical care. Originally, their budget was \$14,000, down to \$3,000 now to \$2,000. Their expenditures are \$10,000 per month. The budget cut shows a lack of appreciation for the hard work of the volunteers.

At 7:40 P.M. Mr. Shuler arrived and was marked present.

2. Nancy Dolan - Spoke regarding the donation of property at 22 Padanaram Road to Ann's Place, Home of I CAN. Please support the donation. New Milford Bank & Trust has donated the property next door. With this donation, the parcel will be large enough. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

3. Dean Esposito, 4 Mountainville Road - Thanked the members of the Common Council for its work. He knows the efforts that are put into the budget process. The Mayor does a quality job.

1 - ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION - An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998 and a Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1997 and Ending June 30, 1998.

Mr. Setaro made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998 and the Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1997 and Ending June 30, 1998. Seconded by Miss Fox.

a. General Government I Budget Report

Mr. Boynton submitted the following report:

To Mayor Gene F. Eriquez and Hon. Members of the Common Council

From: The General Government I Budget Committee

Members: Chairman E. Boynton, Council Members H. Scalzo, L. Charles, T. Arconti and P. Basso

Subject: Report - General Government I Budget Committee

The General Government I Budget Committee met in Room 432 City Hall on April 14th @ 7:30 P.M. and on April 28th, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present were: Boynton, Scalzo, Charles & Basso.

Also present were: Mayor Gene F. Eriquez, Councilman J. Esposito, ex-officio, Mr. John Hoffer Chairman of the Danbury Library Board and Betsy McDonough, Director of the Danbury Library, George Schmiedel & Jean Natily Registrars of Voter and Councilman Levy, ex-officio.

The General Government I Budget Committee recommends to the Common Council the adoption of all items as shown as "General Government I Budget, with the following exceptions

01-110 1. Mayors office - Regular Salaries #01-110-010100
To reflect a 2.75% increase in the Salary of the Mayor - effective December 1, 1997-6/30/98 - 30 weeks
Mayors Salary:
1997-98 Proposed
\$75,274 to 77,344 an increase of \$1,195.
1998-99 - Salary to reflect same percentage
To \$79,471.
Mayors office Total \$254,295

01-111 City Clerks - Regular Salaries #01-111-010100
To reflect a 2.75% increase in the Salary of the City Clerk, effective December 1, 1997 to 6/30/98
30 weeks
City Clerks Salary
1997-98 Proposed
\$38,737 to \$39,802 an increase of \$615.
1998-99 Salary to reflect same percentage to \$40,897.
01-111 City Clerks Office Total \$84,192.

Town Clerk - Regular Salaries #01-161-010100

To reflect a 2.75% increase in the Salary of the Town Clerk effective December 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 - 30 weeks

Town Clerk's Salary 1997-98 Proposed

\$57,027 to \$58,595, an increase of \$905

1998-99 Salary to reflect same percentage to

\$60,207

Town Clerk's Office Total \$280,784

Each of the above listed exceptions to the Mayor's budget were made on a motion to adopt the 2.75% Salaries by Councilman Scalzo. Seconded by E. Boynton.

The vote in all three votes

yes 2 Boynton, Scalzo

no 1 Basso

It is the intent to the Budget Committee to reduce the Contingency Account #14-000-072000 from \$827,500 to \$824,785

Mr. Levy made a motion to receive the report and adopt the recommendations contained therein. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. After legal rulings by Attorney Gottschalk and discussion among Council Members as to the appropriateness of amendments, the motion carried 15 yes 5 no with Council Members Charles, Basso, Gallagher, Mead and Nolan voting in the negative.

Mrs. Butera made a motion to reconsider the report. Seconded by Mrs. Abrantes. Motion carried 12 yes 8 no with the members voting as follows:

Yes - Abrantes, Arconti, Boynton, Buzaid, Machado, Gomez, Basso, Butera, Fox, Gallagher, Mead, Nolan

No - Scalzo, McAllister, Valeri, Shuler, Setaro, Esposito, Levy, Charles

Mr. Nolan made a motion to create an Office of Economic Development with a proposed funding of \$100,000. Seconded by Mr. Mead. After discussion, Mr. Boynton made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Mr. McAllister. Motion carried with Council Members Basso, Nolan and Mead voting in the negative.

Motion to create an Office of Economic Development fails with a vote of 3 in favor (Council Members Basso, Nolan and Mead) and 17 in opposition.

b. General Government II Budget Report

Mr. Valeri submitted the following report:

The Common Council General Government II Budget Committee for fiscal year 1997-98 met on Tuesday, April 22, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Valeri, Setaro, Gomez, Fox and Nolan. Committee Member Connie Shuler was absent. Also attending was Council Member Basso, ex-officio.

A complete examination of the Mayor's proposed budget revealed various line items that were predetermined by contractual obligations and/or based on actuarial projections. Those line items drawing close scrutiny fell within the area of grants funding. Subsequent to the questions and concerns expressed by members of the committee, the following would be invited to attend the second meeting of the committee: Director of Finance Dominic Setaro and representatives from the Hispanic Center, Community Action, Women's Center, Downtown Council, Literacy Volunteers, Harambee Center and Animal Welfare.

The committee reconvened on Wednesday, April 30, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Valeri, Setaro, Gomez, Fox and Shuler. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Maria-Cinta Lowe of the Hispanic Center, Elsie Nicolson of Community Action, Pat Zachman of the Women's Center, Susan Affleck-Childs of the Downtown Council, Ruth Dumser of Literacy Volunteers and William Curtis of Harambee; as well as Council Member Basso, ex-officio. Councilman Nolan had a prior commitment and could not attend.

The invited agencies were asked to briefly explain their functions within the community, the need for the City grant and to indicate other present and/or future efforts to generate funding. In several cases, the requested monies present the City's match in the agency's pursuit of other funding mechanisms while others constitute payment for rent or basic staffing requirements. In every case, there was an expressed need and intent to increase fundraising activity to offset anticipated shortfalls and to ultimately and eventually become less reliant on City funding.

Mr. Valeri shared with the committee the intent of the General Government I budget committee to recommend a salary increase of 2.75% for the Mayor, City Clerk and Town Clerk and explained that it is customary to extend such increases to include the City Treasurer as well. Committee members generally agreed.

Ms. Fox made a motion to recommend the adoption of the General Government II budget for fiscal year 1997-98 as proposed by the Mayor with the following exception:

01-140 City Treasure, 010100 Regular Salaries change from \$21,707 to \$22,052 effective December 1, 1997 and adjusted July 1, 1998 to \$22,918. The \$345 increase in the 1997-98 line to be offset by a reduction in the contingency, reflecting no increase in the budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shuler and passed unanimously.

Mr. Levy made a motion to receive the report and adopt the recommendations therein. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Education Budget Committee

Mr. Gallagher submitted the following report:

The Education Budget Committee met on April 28, 1997 in the Fourth Floor Lobby in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Gallagher, Abrantes, Scalzo and Shuler. Also in attendance were Board of Education Members George O'Loughlin, Brian Cotter, Lou Rotello, Mike Fazio, Schools Business Manager Jack Heidenreich and Common Council Members Gomez and Setaro, ex-officio.

Mr. Heidenreich began the discussion by reviewing the Board of Education budget. He stated that the budget was basically a current services budget, contractual increases as well as certain new initiatives. The requested increase was 4.75%. He also reviewed cost improvements which consisted of items whose status had changed from the time of their original budget. Inclusion of this information brought the Board of Education request within approximately \$117,000 of the Mayor's proposed education budget. Additionally, we discussed proposed legislation that will increase Danbury's Education Cost Sharing by \$70,000 - \$90,000, as well as Danbury's Priority School District Grant by \$294,000.

Our ensuing discussion led through each major line item and the Board of Education's new initiatives. Mr. Gomez expressed concern about the structure and funding of the ESL program. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M., to be resumed at 7:00 P.M. on the 29th of April.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M. on April 29, 1997 with committee members Gallagher, Abrantes, Shuler and Scalzo in attendance. Also in attendance was George O'Loughlin, Chairman of the Board of Education and Jack Heidenreich.

After further discussion, Mr. Scalzo moved to recommend adoption of the Education Budget in the amount of \$66,531,582.00. Seconded by Mrs. Abrantes and approved unanimously.

Mr. Machado made a motion to receive the report and adopt the recommendations therein. Seconded by Mrs. Abrantes. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Public Works Budget Report

Mr. Arconti submitted the following report:

The Common Council Public Works Budget Committee met on April 29, 1997 and on May 7, 1997 in City Hall. In attendance at the April 29th meeting were committee members Arconti, Esposito, Butera, Machado and Nolan. Mr. Gallagher was chairing a meeting of the Education Budget committee and joined this session upon completion of his meeting. Council Members Levy and Setaro attended ex-officio and several department heads were present to discuss their portion of the budget. In attendance at the May 7th meeting were committee members Arconti, Machado, Esposito, Butera and Nolan. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, City Engineer Jack Schweitzer and Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley.

At the April 29th meeting the committee discussed the public works accounts contained in the General Fund. Each department head gave a brief explanation of their budget and answered the questions of the committee. The Chairman distributed a letter submitted by a parent representative of the Children First organization in support of maintaining the funding for playground equipment and maintenance. The committee completed discussions on the General Fund Public Works budget items and decided to address the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund at a later meeting.

On May 7th, the committee reconvened. Discussion first centered on the consequences of adopting the Sewer Fund budget and Water Fund budget prior to reaching a decision on the proposed privatization of the sewer plant operations. The Director of Finance assured the committee that if the Council adopts the budgets as proposed, they will be sufficient to cover operations under either scenario. The budgets were prepared with the assumption that privatization will occur, but if that does not happen, then the expenses will be re-distributed to appropriate line items, keeping within the bottom line authorization. He also stated that it is the Mayor's intention to inform the Common Council of such changes.

At the April 29th meeting, Mrs. Butera moved to recommend that the Common Council approve the Public Works portion of the General Fund budget as proposed by the Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Machado. The motion carried unanimously.

At the May 7th meeting Mr. Machado moved to recommend that the Common Council approve the Sewer Fund budget as proposed by the Mayor. Seconded by Mrs. Butera seconded and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Butera moved to recommend that the Common Council approved the Water Fund budget as proposed by the Mayor. Mr. Machado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the report be received and the recommendations be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Public Health and Safety Budget Report

Mrs. Coladarci submitted the following report:

The meeting for the 1997-1998 budget on Health and Housing, Public Safety and Social Services for the City of Danbury met at 7:30 PM in Room 432 of Danbury City Hall on April 16, 1997. In attendance were Eileen Coladarci, Chair, Emil Buzaid, Warren Levy, Helena Abrantes, Marcia Fox and Albert Mead. Also in attendance were Mr. Dom Setaro, Director of Finance, Roberto Gomez, ex-officio and representatives from the invited Departments.

Mrs. Coladarci explained that the committee will listen to each of the departments and ask questions after the summary.

The Fire Department was represented by Fire Chief Carmen Oliver and Deputy Fire Chief Peter Sicienski. Chief Oliver explained that he was able to work within the parameters of the Mayor's proposed budget. Mr. McAllister asked about the training cost request of \$13,533 as compared to the proposed amount of \$9,793. He added that he wanted to ensure the availability of the programs to all of the department, including volunteers.

The Committee then asked about replacement of vehicles. It was explained that this line item is included in the capital improvement budget.

Ms. Coladarci asked about the decrease in the rental line item. Chief Oliver said that the King Street Building is being funded for six months and the new building is a part of City Works 2000. The Chief was then asked about the decrease in public safety equipment. Mr. Setaro and Chief Oliver explained that this line item fluctuates every year and is used for many things, depending upon needs within the department. Last year they purchased some hose which will not be replaced for three to four years.

Salary was discussed and Mr. Setaro said that all salaries for each department is budgeted 100%. Ms. Fox noted that there was an overall increase in this budget.

Captain Arthur Sullo represented the Police Department. He said that the Department can work within the Mayor's proposed budget. Evidence and training, including pistol practice and ammunition, were extensively discussed, as well as various other individual line items.

The automotive line item was then brought up. It was explained that the Police Department will be receiving 6 police vehicles and 2 4WD vehicles funded from the capital line item. The process of purchasing vehicles with notes and paying the funds back in three to five years was discussed. Danbury's purchase of vehicles from the State to save money was also discussed. The vehicles being replaced have 90,000 miles. Bicycle patrols are being funded and the police contract is still under negotiations. The money for the contract is now in the General Fund.

Bill Campbell, Director of Health and Housing, provided a summary of their budget. He explained the increase of professional services fees. Dr. Tom Draper will now act as a consultant to the Department, providing his expertise as needed. One item that Mr. Campbell thought was important to fund was that of an element for their lead testing equipment (\$3700). It was decided that if the money could not be found for a transfer of funds, Mr. Campbell would come back to the Council to ensure its replacement. The discussion then touched on various line items.

Deborah McKenzie, Director of Welfare in Danbury, asked that her Department be allowed to make a presentation about the importance of the needs of the people in Danbury. In attendance were Claudette Fogarty, Kathryn Kinasewitz, Jerrilynn Tiso, Patricia A. Bowen and Denise Chance.

An over view of the Department was provided. It was explained that the commitment to the people to address the needs of all citizens was of importance to the staff and should also be important to all the people in the City. The people that this department serve will not go away if the doors close.

The department also has a goal to improve employment outcomes. They provide a two-week training program to prepare candidates for the work world. Other aspects included in the presentation were medical needs, the homeless shelter, quality of life and policy issues.

A discussion then ensued in regard to the state capabilities in taking over much of the program. The people will not get the individual attention they deserve and they need, and often will not try to improve their situation or even get the available services because they become a faceless number to those who are selected to help in their daily decisions. Many examples of actual situations were cited.

The welfare department as we know it will become the focal point for those in need and will help direct the clients to the agency that has the training and capabilities to help. The staff will become advocates for these people and will assist in finding available funds and point them in the right direction.

At the conclusion of the Health and Housing, Public Safety and Social Services presentations, the Committee discussed various points of all funding being decided. Ms. Coladarci explained that she spoke with Leo McIlrath of the Commission on Elderly Services and Mr. Patrick Waldren of Veteran's Affairs. Mr. McIlrath explained his long term goals for extra space for the Senior Center. He added that he is interested in the property next door and has been working with State officials on a possible down payment. Mr. Waldren said that the Department is running smoothly and is a vital component of the City budget.

Ms. Coladarci added that she received a letter from Mr. Null in regard to the Building Department. Mr. Null could not make the meeting, but will have no problems with the budget.

Mr. McAllister asked Mr. Setaro about training for firefighters. The line item was discussed and Mr. McAllister made a motion that \$2500 in line item 010500 Overtime Services in the Fire Department budget be changed from \$2500 to \$7000 for volunteer training. The difference would come from within that line item and there will be no change in the \$300,000 as proposed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mead. Training for the Police Department was also discussed, as were components of the Welfare presentation.

Mr. McAllister then made a motion to recommend adoption of the budget as proposed by the Mayor with the change within the Fire Department Overtime line item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mead. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Mr. Levy that Mr. McAllister and Mr. Machado's names were left off as being in attendance and Mr. McAllister was also left off as a signatory.

Mrs. Butera made a motion to receive the report and adopt the recommendations contained therein. Seconded by Mr. Charles.

Mr. Nolan stated that to retain the Welfare staff is an expansion of the agency since services have been taken over by the State. Mr. Scalzo explained the information given to the committee by the Mayor. Mr. McAllister stated that if this were redundant the Mayor would have eliminated it. Mrs. Abrantes stated that the Welfare Office Staff deals with people on a one to one basis. Something would be lost if

they had to deal directly with the State. Mrs. Basso stated that other agencies such as Harambee deals with over 600 children per week. Mr. Arconti stated that it is the philosophy of government to help those most in need. Mr. Valeri stated that he would not be in favor of quickly embracing the State takeover. Mr. Mead stated that although he voted in favor of this report in committee, he has had a change of mind and will now vote in the negative. Government cannot be all things to all people.

Mr. Boynton moved the question. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt passes 17 to 3 with Council Members Basso, Nolan and Mead voting in the negative.

Mayor Eriquez asked for any further amendments to the Ordinance.

Mr. Levy made a motion to transfer the sum of \$3,500 to line item 02-110-071500 Volunteer Fire Police. Seconded by Mr. Mead.

Mr. Gallagher asked what the Fire Police is. Mr. Levy stated that they assist with traffic control and other emergencies within the City instead of tying up police officers. The need helmets, vests, etc.

Mr. Arconti stated that he is concerned about tapping into the contingency account and how will this affect the budget. Mayor Eriquez explained. Mrs. Butera asked why this was not submitted on time. Mayor Eriquez explained that this is a new entity and it was not realized that a specific request would have to be made.

The motion to appropriate \$3,500 passed unanimously.

Mr. McAllister made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to line item 072917 Animal Welfare. Seconded by Miss Fox.

Mr. Valeri asked for an explanation of the \$1,000 reduction. Mayor Eriquez stated that they had sufficient dollars in savings and reserves and they try to put people first in the budget. Mr. Levy asked where the principal location is and what areas are served. Mayor Eriquez stated that it serves Danbury predominately but other areas as well. The location is on Plumtrees Road. Mr. Levy asked if donations are received from other communities. Director of Finance Dominic Setaro stated that Bethel offers the shelter. Miss Fox asked how much cash is on hand. Mr. Setaro stated that in 1995 they had \$123,000 in the bank and \$27,635 in a money market account. Miss Fox asked how much their overall budget is. Mr. Setaro stated that in 1995 it was \$149,000. Miss Fox asked how much the City gave them in 1995. Mr. Setaro stated that it was \$3,000.

Motion to appropriate \$1,000 to DAWS fails 15 no 5 yes. Voting in the affirmative were Council Members Abrantes, McAllister, Machado, Basso and Fox.

Mr. Nolan made a motion to establish a Department of Economic Development to be funded in the amount of \$100,000, the funding source to be deducted from line item 05-100-010100 Regular Salaries in the Welfare Department. Seconded by Mr. Mead.

After discussion, Mr. Boynton made a motion to waive the question. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Motion carried with Council Members Abrantes, McAllister and Valeri voting negatively.

Motion to establish an Economic Development Office and appropriate \$100,000 to fund same fails 17 yes, 3 no with Council Members Basso, Nolan and Mead voting in the negative.

Mr. Charles made a motion to amend line item 010100 to grant an increase in salary for the Mayor of 5% effective December 1, 1997 to November 30, 1998 and 5% from December 1, 1998 to November 30, 1999. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion failed with the members voting as follows:

Yes - Scalzo, Boynton, Buzaid, Machado, Shuler, Charles, Gallagher, Mead.

No - Abrantes, McAllister, Arconti, Valeri, Setaro, Esposito, Levy, Gomez, Basso, Butera, Fox.

Abstain - Nolan

8 Yes - 11 No - 1 Abstention.

Main motion, as amended, passed 17 yes - 3 no with Council Members Basso, Nolan and Mead voting in the negative.

Dominic Setaro read the Ordinance and Resolution for the record.

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

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1997 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1998.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

SECTION 1. That the amounts hereinafter set forth aggregating \$131,033,671, or so much as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the General Fund, from current revenue, for the use of the several departments of the Municipal Government and for the purpose hereinafter mentioned for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998.

<u>I.</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
	Common Council	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,100
	Mayor's Office	253,100	254,295
	City Clerk's Office	83,577	84,192
	Ordinances	6,975	6,975
	Probate Court	13,006	13,006
	Jury Committee	1,600	1,600
	Registrar & Elections	104,275	104,275
	City Treasurer	21,707	22,052
	Finance Department	655,911	655,911
	Data Processing	671,932	671,932
	Independent Audit	69,000	69,000
	Bureau of Assessments	280,934	280,934
	Board of Assessment & Appeals	3,525	3,525
	Tax Collector	462,806	462,806
	Purchasing	225,989	225,989
	Corporation Counsel	367,785	367,785
	Town Clerk	279,879	280,784
	Annual Report	5,000	5,000
	Permit & Approval Department	101,980	101,980
	Economic Development Commission	750	750
	Environmental Impact Commission	2,390	2,390
	Planning Commission	4,025	4,025
	Planning Department	370,397	370,397

GENERAL GOVERNMENTMAYOR'S BUDGETFINAL BUDGET

Zoning Commission	\$ 6,944	\$ 6,944
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,375	5,375
Conservation Commission	1,725	1,725
Personnel Department/Civil Service	248,365	248,365
Mayor's Discretionary Fund	10,000	10,000
Fair Rent Commission	1,975	1,975
City Membership	56,043	56,043
Lake Authority	28,580	28,580
Retirement Administration	62,500	62,500
Labor Negotiations	40,000	40,000
Public Buildings	719,110	719,110
City Hall Building	187,128	187,128
Library Building	135,339	135,339
Police Station Building	155,485	155,485
Senior Center Building	26,185	26,185
Old Library Building	<u>32,690</u>	<u>32,690</u>
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>\$5,712,087</u>	<u>\$5,715,147</u>

II.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	\$8,633,524	\$8,633,524
Dog Warden	120,000	120,000
Fire Department	6,869,183	6,872,683
Ambulance Fund	100,000	100,000
Building Inspector	391,960	391,960
Department of Civil Preparedness	<u>3,850</u>	<u>3,850</u>
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	<u>\$16,118,517</u>	<u>\$16,122,017</u>

III.

PUBLIC WORKSMAYOR'S BUDGETFINAL BUDGET

Director of Public Works	\$ 15,634	\$ 15,634
Highways	1,647,689	1,647,689
State Aid - Highways	273,798	273,798
Snow and Ice Removal	368,500	368,500
Street Lights	430,000	430,000
Public Building Maintenance Rep.	226,325	226,325
Equipment Maintenance	847,422	847,422
Recycling/Solid Waste	243,676	243,676
Engineering Department	<u>750,087</u>	<u>750,087</u>
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>\$ 4,803,131</u>	<u>\$ 4,803,131</u>

IV.	<u>HEALTH & HOUSING DEPARTMENT</u>		
	Health & Housing	\$ 696,293	\$ 696,293
	<u>TOTAL HEALTH & HOUSING</u>	<u>\$ 696,293</u>	<u>\$ 696,293</u>
V.	<u>PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>		
	Welfare Department	\$ 287,890	\$ 287,890
	Veteran's Advisory Center	40,761	40,761
	Commission on Aging	185,856	185,856
	Elderly Transportation	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>TOTAL WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>	<u>\$ 524,507</u>	<u>\$ 524,507</u>
VI.	<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
	Schools, Regular	\$66,531,582	\$66,531,582
	Schools, Health & Welfare	<u>229,282</u>	<u>229,282</u>
	<u>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$66,760,864</u>	<u>\$66,760,864</u>
VII.	<u>LIBRARIES</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
	Danbury Public Library	\$1,498,107	\$1,498,107
	Long Ridge Library	<u>6,250</u>	<u>6,250</u>
	<u>TOTAL LIBRARIES</u>	<u>\$1,504,357</u>	<u>\$1,504,357</u>
VIII.	<u>PARKS & RECREATION</u>		
	Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,240,835	\$ 1,240,835
	Tarrywile Park Authority	169,900	169,900
	Tree Warden/City Forester	210,132	210,132
	Cultural Commission	<u>46,200</u>	<u>46,200</u>
	<u>TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION</u>	<u>\$1,667,067</u>	<u>\$1,667,067</u>
IX.	<u>RECURRENT COSTS</u>		
	F.I.C.A.	\$ 1,009,000	\$ 1,009,000
	Pension Expense	5,013,000	5,013,000
	Employee Service Benefit	299,315	299,315
	Worker's Compensation	307,409	307,409
	State Unemployment Compensation	30,000	30,000
	Employee Health & Life Insurance	3,975,473	3,975,473
	Union Welfare	616,200	616,200
	Insurance & Official Bond Premium	<u>1,855,423</u>	<u>1,855,423</u>
	<u>TOTAL RECURRING COSTS</u>	<u>\$13,105,820</u>	<u>\$13,105,820</u>

X.	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
	Interest on Debt	\$ 1,177,022	\$ 1,177,022
	Interest on Debt - School	1,690,370	1,690,370
	Redemption of Debt	2,067,112	2,067,112
	Redemption of Debt - School	<u>2,407,089</u>	<u>2,407,089</u>
	<u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$7,341,593</u>	<u>\$7,341,593</u>
XI.	<u>CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
	<u>CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000
	<u>TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,000</u>
XII.	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>		
	Danbury Airport	\$ 244,737	\$ 244,737
	H.A.R.T.	<u>584,633</u>	<u>584,633</u>
	<u>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>\$ 829,370</u>	<u>\$ 829,370</u>
XIII.	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>	\$ 827,500	\$ 820,940
	<u>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</u>	<u>\$ 827,500</u>	<u>\$ 820,940</u>
XIV.	<u>STATE & FEDERAL SCHOOL PROJECTS</u>	\$5,731,366	\$5,731,366
	<u>TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>\$5,731,366</u>	<u>\$5,731,366</u>
XV.	<u>GRANTS - HUMAN SERVICES</u>	\$1,011,199	\$1,011,199
	<u>TOTAL GRANTS - HUMAN SERVICES</u>	<u>\$1,011,199</u>	<u>\$1,011,199</u>
	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$131,033,671</u>	<u>\$131,033,671</u>

SECTION 2. That the amount of \$150,633 is appropriated to the ANIMAL CONTROL FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. That the amount of \$4,406,000 is appropriated to the WATER FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. That the amount of \$7,054,373 is appropriated to the SEWER FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 5. That the amount of \$970,109 is appropriated to the AMBULANCE FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 6. That a provision for uncollectible taxes reserve is established in the amount of -0-.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 1997 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

SECTION 1. The sum of \$87,189,876 representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$131,033,671 for the fiscal year of July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998, minus Indirect Revenue of \$31,275,967 minus Estimated Available Fund Balance of \$12,567,828 plus uncollectible taxes reserve in the amount of \$-0- is hereby levied and assessed on all taxable property in the City of Danbury as set forth on the annual Grand List as of October 1, 1996.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998 shall be as follows:

TAX RATE: 19.13 MILLS

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as hereinafter provided shall be payable in quarterly installments on July 1, 1997, October 1, 1997, January 1, 1998, and April 1, 1998 except for taxes levied and assessed on mobile homes, motor vehicles and where not in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which taxes shall be paid on July 1, 1997, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, unless said dates shall have lapsed before the effective date of this resolution, in which case the Tax Collector shall fix the dates and installments as if said dates had not been fixed herein as provided by law.

SECTION 4. The Tax Collector shall cause the said taxes above levied and assessed to be inserted on the tax rolls for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998.

Mr. Levy made a motion to adopt the Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998 Seconded by Miss Fox. Motion carried 17 yes 3 no, with Council Members Basso, Mead and Nolan voting in the negative.

2 - ORDINANCE - An Ordinance Appropriating \$500,000 for Public Improvements in the 1997-98 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes of the City to meet said appropriation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

Section 1. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated for the public improvements hereinafter listed:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Police/City Vehicles	\$200,000
South Street School - Roof	250,000
Parks and Recreation Equipment	50,000
Total	<u>\$500,000</u>

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$500,000 bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued maturing not later than the fifth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the facsimile or manual signatures of

the Mayor, and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds shall be determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance.

Section 3. The bonds of each series shall be sold by the Mayor in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds.

Section 4. The City Treasurer is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the City Treasurer, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the improvements in Section 1. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The appropriation may be expended with the approval of the Mayor and the Director of Finance to meet the actual cost of any of the projects set forth in Section 1, including actual costs which may exceed the estimated costs thereof, provided that the total amount of the appropriation is not exceeded.

Section 6. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The City of Danbury (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital projects defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be

issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration. This declaration shall be made available in the office of the Clerk for public inspection within thirty days of its passage, and any amendment shall be made available for public inspection within thirty days of such amendment.

Section 7. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Danbury, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Mr. Setaro made a motion to adopt the Ordinance appropriating \$500,000 for Public Improvements in the 1997-98 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes of the City to Meet said Appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

3 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Bond Authorization Alternative Landfill Closure

Mr. Setaro submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to review the bond authorization alternative for the landfill closure met at 5:30PM on May 1, 1997 in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were council members Setaro, Esposito and Levy. Mr. Mead was on vacation. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro Jr. and Acting Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk.

The Director of Finance explained that the document before the committee was a standard bond authorization ordinance the approval of which would authorize the sale of \$8.1 million City bonds and that since the wastewater treatment proposal is not certain to go forward that the bond issue proposal is intended to be an alternative source of revenue. He added that the interest incurred by the City would have virtually no impact on the amount of debt service and that of the \$8.1 million, \$4 million would be applied to the General Fund Balance to replenish that appropriation made by the Council previously for purposes of landfill closure costs and the remaining \$4.1 million would be used for current expenses related to landfill closure.

Mr. Gottschalk stated that a referendum date could be set by the Council for late June 1997 for vote on the bond issue and that in the event the Council approved the wastewater treatment proposal then the resolution setting the date for referendum could be repealed by the Council eliminating the need for the bond issue and referendum.

Mr. Levy moved to recommend to the Common Council approval and adoption of the ordinance authorizing the sale of \$8.1 million bonds of the City and adoption of the related resolution. Seconded by Mr. Esposito and passed unanimously.

An Ordinance Appropriating \$8,100,000 for Completion of the Landfill Closure and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,100,000 Bonds of the City to Meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for such Purpose

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

Section 1. The sum of \$8,100,000 is appropriated for the completion of the landfill closure.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$8,100,000 bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor, and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds shall be determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance.

Section 3. The bonds of each series shall be sold by the Mayor in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds.

Section 4. The City Treasurer is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the City Treasurer, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City

are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the improvements in Section 1. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective upon its approval at a Special Town Meeting called by the Mayor for such purpose, pursuant to the revised City Charter.

Miss Fox made a motion to receive the report and adopt the Ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CITY MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$8,100,000 for Completion of the Landfill Closure and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,100,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", be submitted for approval or disapproval at a Special City Meeting to be called by the Mayor pursuant to Section 7-10(a) of the Revised City Charter and held June 24, 1997 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.), that the Warning of said meeting state the question to be voted on as follows:

Shall the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$8,100,000 For Completion of the Landfill Closure and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,100,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose," adopted by the Common Council held May 12, 1997, be approved?

A motion was made Mr. Levy and seconded by Miss Fox that the Resolution be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL NOTICE WARNING

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY MEETING

The electors of the City of Danbury and qualified voters entitled to vote in a City Meeting are hereby warned and notified to meet where such persons are entitled to vote on the 24th day of June, 1997 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (EDT) for the following purpose of approving or disapproving the following question:

"Shall the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$8,100,000 for Completion of the Landfill Closure and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,100,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending The Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose" adopted by the Common Council at its meeting held May 12, 1997, be approved?"

The form of the question and the ballot label on the voting machine shall be as follows:

"Shall the Ordinance Appropriating \$8,100,000 for Completion of the Landfill Closure and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,100,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation And Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose be Approved? YES/NO"

The vote will be by voting machine. Those desiring to vote in favor of the adoption of the ordinance shall place the pointer over the question on the voting machine at "YES". Those desiring to vote against the adoption of the ordinance shall place the pointer over the question on the voting machine at "NO".

Electors of the City of Danbury and qualified voters are entitled to vote. A qualified voter is any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the City for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the City or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a widow or parent of a veteran.

Electors will be entitled to vote at the polling place in their respective voting districts. Polling places will be located in the following districts.

- District No. 1: Danbury High School, Clapboard Ridge
- District No. 2: Hayestown School, Hayestown Avenue
- District No. 3: Broadview Middle School, Hospital Avenue
- District No. 4: South Street School Auditorium, 129 South Street
- District No. 5: War Memorial Building, Rogers Park, 137 South Street
- District No. 6: Park Avenue School, Park Avenue
- District No. 7: Morris Street School, 28 Morris Street

Qualified voters will be entitled to vote at the polling place in the Common Council Chambers on the fourth floor of City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Absentee ballots will be available in the Office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The polls in said districts and at the City Hall will be open during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 P.M. (ET).

Said vote is being held pursuant to Section 7-10(a) of the Revised Charter of the City of Danbury, approved by the electors November 6, 1990.

The full text of the aforesaid ordinance is on file open to public inspection, in the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion that the Legal Notice Warning Notice of the Special City Meeting be approved as read. Seconded by Mr. Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

4 - REPORT & RESOLUTION - Bond Proceeds Repayment

Mr. Setaro submitted the following report and resolution:

The committee appointed to review the bond proceeds repayment met at 6:00 P.M. on May 1, 1997 in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were council members Setaro, Esposito and Levy. Mr. Mead was on vacation. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Jr. and Acting Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk.

The Director of Finance explained that in the event the bond issue and referendum were to go forward, bond counsel recommended that the resolution before the committee must be adopted by the Council in order to apply \$4million of the bond issue to the General Fund Fund Balance. He added that if the wastewater treatment proposal were to go forward and receive Council approval the previous \$4million appropriation from Fund Balance would be replenished from the up front payment received by the City from the operator of the facility. Mr. Gottschalk explained that if the bond issue were not to go forward then accordingly, this resolution would not apply.

Mr. Levy moved to recommend to the Common Council approval and adoption of the resolution entitled Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings in the amount of \$4million. Seconded by Mr. Esposito and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE
EXPENDITURES WITH BORROWINGS

The City of Danbury (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount of \$4,000,000 for the capital project consisting of landfill closure pursuant to an appropriation of \$4,000,000 made by the Common Council at a meeting held on February 24, 1997 with the proceeds of bond, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is base upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith, pending the issuance of any reimbursement Bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Miss Fox made a motion that the report be received and the resolution adopted. Seconded by Mr. Mead. Motion carried un-animously.

5 - REPORT - Sale of Tax Liens

Mr. Setaro submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to review the sale of tax liens met at 6:30PM on May 1, 1997 in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were council members Setaro, Esposito and Levy. Mr. Mead was on vacation. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro Jr. and Acting Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk.

The Director of Finance explained that the City had used outside counsel the past several years for purposes of foreclosure proceedings where the City held liens for delinquent real property taxes. He added that the proposal before the committee would permit a the City to assign to a private entity City tax liens for which the City would receive a payment which would be applied to the 1997/1998 budget, that the proposed 1997/1998 budget assumes a \$3 million payment, however the payment received may exceed that amount depending on the bids received, and the sale is expected to occur in July 1997. Mr. Gottschalk added that the proposal before the Council includes liens up through and including the list of October 1, 1995, that in order for additional liens to be sold this issue would be brought before the Council for review at that time and that the result of the assignment of tax liens would be greater efficiency in the Tax Collector's Office.

Mr. Levy moved to recommend to the Common Council approval and adoption of the resolution authorizing assignment of real property tax liens for grand list years up through and including the list of October 1, 1995. Seconded by Mr. Esposito and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion that the report be adopted as read. Seconded by Mr. Mead. Motion carried unanimously.

6 - RESOLUTION - CDBG 23rd Year Application

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, which authorized the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Danbury to apply for a grant under such Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, is hereby authorized to make application on behalf of the City of Danbury to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for grant funds for the Community Development Program Year commencing August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998 for the Twenty-Third Year Funding in accordance with all pertinent laws and regulations and the Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds proposed by the Mayor's Community Development Program Policy Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, is hereby authorized to execute all contracts and take all necessary actions to effectuate the purposes of this grant application.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Mrs. Basso inquired about the size of a dishwasher to be purchased. Mayor Eriquez stated that it was a commercial one. Mrs. Basso also commented on the money for the handicapped accessible playground. She says this is a great thing. Motion carried unanimously.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointment of Russell Foti to the Environmental Impact Commission for a term to expire December 1, 1999. Mr. Arconti made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointment confirmed. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

8 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointment of John Krieger as an alternate to the Planning Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2000. Miss Fox made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointment confirmed. Seconded by Mr. Gomez. Motion carried unanimously.

9 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert V. Eberhard to the Richter Park Authority for a term to expire September 1, 1998. Mrs. Butera made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointment confirmed. Seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

10 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from the City Clerk's Office for the sum of \$4,500 for the Ordinances Legal & Public Notices Account. A certification of funds was attached. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the transfer of funds be authorized. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimously.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Gene f. Eriquez requesting acceptance of a donation up to \$60,000 from the Rotary Club of Danbury for the environmental project at the Rogers Park Pond. Mrs. Abrantes made a motion that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

12 - COMMUNICATION - Report from the Planning Commission giving a positive recommendation for the property acquisition at 156 Deer Hill Avenue. Mr. Setaro made a motion to receive the report, authorize the acquisition of the property and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried unanimous

13 - COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION - Property Acquisition of Lazy Creek Mills, LLC. Report from the Planning Commission giving a positive recommendation for the property acquisition of Lazy Creek Mills, LLC.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury is in the process of completing the final closure of the Danbury landfill; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of the landfill will involve the acquisition of certain property rights within the vicinity of the landfill on which the city intends to construct a detention pond and locate certain monitoring wells; and,

WHEREAS, said actions are in the best interests of the City of Danbury; and,

WHEREAS, eminent domain proceedings will be necessary in the event that the City of Danbury cannot agree with the owner named in Schedule A upon the amount to be paid for the interests to be taken in and to the real property described in said schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Corporation Counsel of the City of Danbury be and hereby is authorized to acquire the property interests as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto, either by negotiation or by eminent domain, through the institution of suit within six months of the date hereof, against the named property owner(s), their heirs, executors, successors and assigns and their mortgage holders and encumbrancers, if any.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to receive the communication and adopt the Resolution as read. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Mr. Nolan asked if this is adjunct to the Viking Wire property. The Mayor outlined the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from the Planning Commission giving a positive recommendation regarding the donation of property at 22 Padanaram Road. Mr. Setaro made a motion to receive the communication and authorize the donation of the property at 22 Padanaram Road to Ann's Place Home of ICAN. Seconded by Mr. Machado. Motion carried unanimously.

15 - COMMUNICATION - Report from the Planning Commission giving a positive recommendation for the property acquisition at 158 Main Street. Mr. Levy made a motion to receive the communication, proceed with the property acquisition and recommend approval of the lease agreement as proposed. Seconded by Mr. Shuler. Motion carried un-

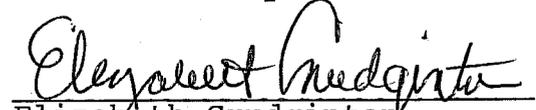
Mayor Eriquez extended all committees.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made at 10:45 P.M. by Mr. Shuler for the meeting to be adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk