

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

RE: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held May 7, 1996.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Shuler, DaSilva, Esposito, Levy, Gomez, Basso, Butera, Carboni, Fox, Mead, Setaro

ABSENT - Coladarci, Charles

Mr. Charles was ill  
Mrs. Coladarci was at school

19 Present - 2 Absent

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Wayne Curtis, President of the Danbury Rotary Club - Mr. Curtis presented a check in the amount of \$21,800 on behalf of the Rotary Club and 198 individuals for the library restoration.

2. Lynn Waller, 83 Highland Avenue - Thanked the Mayor, Common Council and Mr. Setaro for their work on the budget. Spoke from a prepared statement on item 55. She is against selling our water to other towns.

3. Monique LeCoz, 23 Woodbury Drive - Thanked the Fire Department for its quick response to her 911 call regarding a fire in her neighborhood. Regarding item 6, she is surprised that the funding is going to a mobile unit. Asked if item 24 is a new position or replacing someone.

#### NOTICES

- May 1st - Emile and Theresa Buzaid celebrated their wedding anniversary
- May 13th - Thomas and Sally Arconti will celebrate their wedding anniversary
- May 19th - Chris Setaro's birthday
- May 21st - Helena and David Abrantes will celebrate their wedding anniversary

Mayor Eriquez congratulation Danbury teacher Glenda Armstrong on the receipt of the Liberty Bell Award and also congratulation Council Member Helena Abrantes for being the first recipient of the American Dream Award.

Mayor Eriquez announced that a grant for Summer Youth Recreation Program in the amount of \$40,000 has been received by the City.

- May 10th - Elks Club Youth Awards
- May 10th - Ethnic Night
- May 11th - Letter Carriers Food Drive
- Special Olympics at Danbury High School
- Old State House Festivities in Hartford
- St. Anthony's Hafli
- May 12th - Mothers Day
- May 16-18- "Forty-Second Street" at Danbury High School
- May 17th - Senior Center Volunteer Award
- AIDS Project Benefit
- May 18th - Literacy Volunteers Brunch
- May 19th - WCSU Graduation
- May 23rd - Danbury Westerners Celebrity Breakfast
- May 27th - Memorial Day - City Hall Offices Closed
- May 28th - Broadview Jr. High Awards Program
- May 31st - Hospice Arts Festival

- June 1st - 100th Anniversary of Locust Avenue School
- June 2nd - Portugese Day

MINUTES - Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held April 2, 1996. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the minutes be adopted as presented and the reading waived as all members have copies which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Mr. Esposito presented the following items for the Consent Calendar:

- 7 - Approve Application for Conn. State Library Grant - \$230,287
- 8 - Approve Application for 1996-97 Alzheimer Continuation Grant - \$21,000
- 9 - Approve Application for 1996-97 Per Capita Grant - \$34,561.28
- 15 - Approve designation of mini-bus as surplus property and approve donation to Gouveia
- 17 - Approve reappointment to Building Code Board of Appeals - Frank Figueiredo
- 18 - Approve reappointment to Candlewood Lake Authority - James Panzika
- 19 - Approve appointment to Fair Rent Commission - Connie Shuler
- 20 - Approve reappointment to Parking Authority - Jerry Lefebvre
- 21 - Approve appointments to Richter Park Authority - Dennis Keeler, Felix Bonacci, Ann Williams LaGanza, Eva DeFranco
- 22 - Approve reappointments to Tarrywile Park Authority - Barbara Talarico, Michael Lombardi, Nancy Knight
- 23 - Approve appointments to Lake Kenosia Commission - Regina Ofiero, Richard Baldwin, Robert Carlson
- 25 - Approve request for funds for Civil Service Commission - \$10,000
- 26 - Approve request for funds for Environmental Impact Commission - \$1,500
- 27 - Approve request for funds for Health and Housing Department - \$3,000
- 28 - Approve request for funds for Zoning Board of Appeals - \$2,400 and \$70
- 29 - Approve request for funds for Planning Commission - \$1,800
- 30 - Approve revised spending level for Danbury Public Schools State/Federal Grants - \$6,135,486
- 31 - Approve transfer of \$457 to the Commission on Aging
- 33 - Approve Capital Line Item - Improvements at Hatters Park - \$7,000
- 35 - Approve Memorandum of Agreement with County Amusements, Inc.
- 36 - Approve transfer of \$323,743.06 to the Suspense List
- 38 - Approve \$4,329.50 to Engineering Department and \$16,883.75 in Capital Budget for Capital Business District Traffic Signal Improvements
- 43 - Approve disbursement of \$3,000 from Affordable Housing Fund for Seifert Armory, 15-17-19 and 21 Library Place, The Non-Profit Rental Housing Corporation
- 44 - Approve St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church proposed deed to the City
- 53 - Approve report regarding Governmental Entities Review and Evaluation and re-establish the Danbury Housing Partnership, Parks and Recreation Commission, Aviation Commission and Economic Development Commission
- 54 - Approve receipt of report and recommendation regarding request for stop signs on Wooster Heights
- 56 - Approve request to proceed with sewer and water extension at Federal Road

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, with the notation that item 53 must go to public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

1 - ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION - An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the fiscal year Beginning July 1, 1996 and Ending June 30, 1997 and a Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1996 and Ending June 30, 1997.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the ordinance making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997 and the resolution levying the property tax for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997 be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Butera.

a. General Government I Budget Committee - Mr. Boynton submitted the following report:

The General Government I Budget Committee met on April 16, 1996 and April 23, 1996 in Room 432 in City Hall at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were committee members Boynton, Charles, Scalzo and Basso. Also in attendance at the April 23rd meeting were Library Director Betsy McDonough, President of the Library Board of Directors John Hoffer, Registrars of Voters George Schmiedel and Jean Natale and Probate Judge Dianne Yamin. (Mrs. Basso was late).

All members present were basically in agreement and supported the Mayor's budget. The Registrars of Voters are up for election this year in November and as in the past this committee recommends a 2.5% salary increase for this year's budget and one for 2.5% in the fiscal year 1997-98. (Mrs. Basso was not present for the vote)

After a review of the General Government I Budget, the committee makes the following recommendation:

1. On a motion from Mr. Charles and seconded by Mr. Scalzo, the committee recommends an adjustment in the Regular Salaries of the Registrars of Voters:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>1996-97</u>		<u>Amended Total</u>
		<u>Proposed Salary</u>		
Registrars	01-131-010100	\$67,687		\$68,533
Registrars Salary 1995-96	\$33,843	\$34,689	\$846.00 (increase)	\$35,556

After a brief discussion, the motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Charles then made a motion to recommend the Mayor's General Government I Budget, as amended with the cost of \$846 be deducted from the Contingency Account. Seconded by Mr. Scalzo. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scalzo made a motion to accept the report and approve the recommendations contained therein. Seconded by Mr. Arconti. Motion carried with Mr. Setaro abstaining.

b. General Government II Budget Committee - Mr. Valeri submitted the following report:

The Common Council General Government II Budget Committee met on Tuesday, April 16, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. in the Fourth Floor Lobby in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Valeri, Gomez, and Carboni. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro and Council Member Joseph DaSilva, ex-officio. Committee Member Setaro was detained at work and unable to attend.

It was explained to the committee by Mr. Setaro that many of the proposed allocations represent either recurring costs, previously negotiated contractual obligations, or are figures extrapolated by various actuarial analyses and, in as much, allow little or no variance for adjustment. The general consensus of the committee was therefore determined to focus on the Grants line items within the General Government II budget. The committee's initial intent was to invite representatives from all grants applicants whose requests were at marked variance with the Mayor's respective proposal, thus offering opportunity for appeal. Upon further discussion, however, it was decided that only those whom had come forward to challenge and/or question the proposed allocations would be invited to make a presentation before the committee. At the time of the meeting only the Scott Fanton Museum had contacted the Mayor's office in this regard.

There being no other immediate concerns expressed by members of the committee at this time, we agreed to stand at ease and to re-convene in approximately two weeks.

The committee subsequently reconvened on Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Valeri, Gomez, Setaro and Carboni. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Council Members Joseph DaSilva, ex-officio and Scott Fanton Museum Director Mary Ann Root.

Mrs. Root entered a request to the committee for funding in the amount of \$10,000, citing a long list of educational services provided by the museum, the need to protect and preserve the invaluable collection of historical art, artifacts and archival materials held by the museum, and the ever-increasing need to improve access to information and materials within the museum's collection.

Mr. Valeri expressed his support for the Scott-Fanton Museum and its value to the community and suggested that, in addition to seeking financial support from the City of Danbury, the museum pursue funding through the regional tourism commission, citing its value as a regional tourist attraction. Mr. Valeri further noted that during the late Spring and throughout the summer, what is essentially the height of the tourist season, the museum's exhibit hall is effectively "shut down" due to the lack of air conditioning in that building, an area in which the requested funds could be well spent.

Mr. Setaro indicated that any modest adjustments in the budget would be best served by a reduction in the Contingency Account without any potentially negative impact.

Councilman Setaro made a motion to recommend the appropriation of \$10,000 to the Scott-Fanton Museum for fiscal year 1996-97. Seconded by Mrs. Carboni and passed unanimously.

Councilman Setaro expressed concern over the apparent lack of funding for the Housing Authority Guards and was informed to his satisfaction that other sources of funding (i.e. HUD) were in place to adequately maintain necessary coverage in that regard.

Without further expressed concern for any other items within the purview of the committee, Councilman Setaro made a motion to recommend that all other line items in the General Government II Budget as proposed by the Mayor for fiscal year 1996-97 remain unchanged with the following exceptions - grants line item 20-000-072915 Scott Fanton Museum be changed from 0 (as proposed by Mayor) to \$10,000 with a corresponding reduction in the contingency. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Carboni and passed unanimously.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein approved. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Education Budget Committee - Mr. Setaro submitted the following report:

The Common Council Education Budget Committee held an organizational meeting on April 11, 1996 at 6:30P.M. in the Fourth Floor Lobby of City Hall. In attendance were committee members Setaro, Scalzo and Abrantes. Meeting dates of April 15th and 22nd were selected. Topics for discussion would include Board Budget line items 000's through 300's for the April 15th meeting and line items 400's through 800's at the April 22nd meeting. Mr. Scalzo moved to adjourn at 7:10PM seconded by Ms. Abrantes and passed unanimously.

The Common Council Education Budget Committee met at 7:00 PM on April 15, 1996 in Room 432 of City Hall. In attendance were committee members Setaro, Scalzo, Abrantes and Mead. Also in attendance were Board of Education members Cotter, Rotello and Christian as well as Jack Heidenreich, Director of Finance of the School System.

The Common Council Education Budget Committee met at 8:00 PM on April 22, 1996 in Room 432 of City Hall. In attendance were committee members Setaro, Scalzo, Abrantes, Shuler and Mead. Also in attendance were Mr. Rotello and Mr. Heidenreich.

Mr. Heidenreich stated that he anticipated slight reductions in state grant funding on the whole and that the Priority School District Grant may be increased by the General Assembly in the amount of \$334,000. The committee questioned the salary increases for administrators to which Mr. Heidenreich responded that since most administrators were covered by a collective bargaining agreement, salary increases were the product of collective bargaining and arbitration.

Mr. Scalzo moved to recommend to the Common Council the appropriation of \$64,593,769 for the 1996/1997 education budget. Seconded by Ms. Abrantes and passed unanimously. It was also the feeling of the committee that, to the extent certified, that state aid received by the City in excess of that recommended by the Governor, should be appropriated for education. Mr. Scalzo moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM seconded by Mr. Mead and passed unanimously.

Mr. Setaro and Mr. Cotter stated that the Board and Council had worked well together in the past and that they were confident that this positive relationship would continue. Mr. Heidenreich explained that if the Governor's proposed education reductions were enacted by the General Assembly and the Mayor's proposed budget were adopted that the Board would have to consider reductions. He also stated that if these reductions in state aid were not realized that it would be less likely that the Board would have to consider program cuts and that savings would be realized due to the teachers' managed care medical plan. Ms. Abrantes inquired as to whether an early retirement incentive would result in potential savings for the Board to which Mr. Heidenreich responded that he was hopeful that teachers would participate in the early retirement incentive.

Committee members stated that they were encouraged by the progressive nature of the incentive and that they were hopeful that savings realized by the Board would offset potential program impact due to any potential reduction in state aid. Mr. Mead moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM seconded by Ms. Abrantes and passed unanimously.

Mr. Mead made a motion that the report be accepted and its recommendations adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Basso. Mr. Valeri asked the status of the Down on the Farm Program. Mayor Eriquez stated that the Superintendent is considering a proposal. Mr. Setaro asked for an explanation of the State budget and Mayor Eriquez explained the current situation. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Public Works Budget Committee - Mr. Arconti submitted the following report:

The committee appointed as the Public Works Budget Committee held an organizational meeting on April 17, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall. Committee Members Arconti, Esposito, Fox, Abrantes and Mead attended and reviewed the budget items assigned to this committee. The committee met again on April 29, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall. Committee members Arconti, Fox, Mead, Butera and Shuler attended as well as several department heads with budgetary responsibility. Mr. Esposito had to fulfill a work commitment and Mrs. Abrantes was ill.

The committee reviewed each account assigned to it with the respective department head present and with the Director of Finance Dom Setaro. While there was discussion regarding individual line items, it was generally felt that the proposed budget provides an appropriate funding level to sustain necessary operations. No specific changes were requested by departments or Council Members.

Mrs. Butera moved to recommend that the Common Council accept the budget as proposed by the Mayor for the General Fund Accounts assigned to the Public Works Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shuler and passed unanimously. Mrs. Butera moved to recommend that the Common Council approve the Sewer Fund Budget as proposed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shuler and passed unanimously. Mrs. Butera moved to recommend that the Common Council approve the Water Fund budget as proposed by the Mayor. Mr. Mead seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the report and adopt the recommendations contained therein. Seconded by Mr. Mead. Motion carried with Mrs. Basso abstaining.

e. Public Health and Safety Budget Committee - Mrs. Coladarci submitted the following report:

The Committee to review the budget affecting health and safety of the City of Danbury met on April 11, 1996, April 18, 1996 and April 24, 1996. In attendance were Eileen Coladarci, Chair, Joe DaSilva, Emil Buzaid, Warren Levy, Val Machado, Paul McAllister and Joyce Carboni. Mr. Dom Setaro, Director of Finance also attended each meeting. The organizational meeting included a review and discussion of all aspects of the health and safety budget.

The Committee invited various Department Heads for their input on April 18, 1996. There was an extensive review of the Health and Housing Department, as well as the Welfare Department changes. The Police Department, through Captain Arthur Sullo, was questioned extensively in regard to training programs and equipment. Fire Chief Oliver was not in attendance due to the hazardous emergency on Federal Road.

Fire Chief Carmen Oliver and Deputy Fire Chief Pete Siecienski were at the final meeting of this Committee, along with representatives of Volunteer Company # 6. The changes within Company # 6 and its responsibilities to the City of Danbury were reviewed. The paid fire department representatives were questioned in regard to training, future equipment and the purchase of vehicles.

After extensive discussion on all issues reviewed, it was decided that both the police and fire departments should consider allocating more training funds in the upcoming budgets. Although Volunteer Company # 6 has extended duties, they share the special services duties of the City with Company # 7. It was decided that the allocations to the Fire Department, including the Volunteer funding, will remain as stated. Mr. DaSilva made a motion on April 24, 1996 for adoption of the budget as proposed by the Mayor.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Buzaid. The following is the budget as recommended for adoption by the full Council:

Police Department	\$ 8,448,648
Dog Warden	\$ 120,262
Fire Department	\$ 6,639,614
Ambulance Fund	\$ 135,000
Building Inspector	\$ 343,718
Weights & Measures	\$ 0
Civil Preparedness	\$ 3,850
Health & Housing	\$ 699,335
Welfare Department	\$ 785,721
Veterans Advisory Center	\$ 40,701
Commission on Aging	\$ 183,602
Elderly Transportation	\$ 10,000

Mr. Machado made a motion to accept the report and approve the recommendations contained therein. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

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

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996 and ENDING June 30, 1997:

SECTION 1. That the amounts hereinafter set forth aggregating \$125,151,205, 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, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997.

I. <u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
Common Council	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,100
Mayor's Office	248,323	248,323
City Clerk's Office	82,209	82,209
Ordinances	6,975	6,975
Probate Court	12,865	12,865
Jury Committee	1,600	1,600
Registrar & Elections	110,979	111,825
City Treasurer	21,707	21,707
Finance Department	600,789	600,789
Data Processing	678,843	678,843
Independent Audit	69,000	69,000
Bureau of Assessments	278,924	278,924
Board of Tax Review	3,525	3,525
Tax Collector	454,084	454,084
Purchasing	223,294	223,294
Corporation Counsel	347,332	347,332
Town Clerk	279,739	279,739
Annual Report	5,000	5,000
Economic Development Commission	850	850
Environmental Impact Commission	2,390	2,390
Planning Commission	4,025	4,025
Planning Department	334,302	334,302
Zoning Commission	6,944	6,944
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 5,375	\$ 5,375
Civil Service Commission	78,893	78,893
Conservation Commission	1,725	1,725
Personnel Department	237,023	237,023
Mayor's Discretionary Fund	10,000	10,000
Fair Rent Commission	1,975	1,975
City Membership	47,768	47,768
Lake Authority	28,580	28,580
Retirement Administration	62,500	62,500
Labor Negotiations	40,000	40,000
Public Buildings	704,441	704,441
City Hall Building	211,665	211,665
Library Building	114,714	114,714
Police Station Building	167,038	167,038
Senior Center Building	25,685	25,685
Old Library Building	<u>22,450</u>	<u>22,450</u>
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>\$ 5,541,631</u>	<u>\$5,542,477</u>

II.	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
	Police Department	\$ 8,448,648	\$ 8,448,648
	Dog Warden	120,262	120,262
	Fire Department	6,639,614	6,639,614
	Ambulance Fund	135,000	135,000
	Building Inspector	343,718	343,718
	Weights & Measures	0	0
	Department of Civil Preparedness	3,850	3,850
	<u>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	<u>\$15,691,092</u>	<u>\$15,691,092</u>

III.	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
	Director of Public Works	\$ 15,216	\$ 15,216
	Highways	1,639,522	1,639,522
	State Aid - Highways	273,513	273,513
	Snow and Ice Removal	368,500	368,500
	Street Lights	425,000	425,000
	Public Building Maintenance Rep.	211,625	211,625
	Equipment Maintenance	867,960	867,960
	Recycling/Solid Waste	643,274	643,274
	Engineering Department	642,539	642,539
	<u>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>\$ 5,087,149</u>	<u>\$ 5,087,149</u>

IV.	<u>HEALTH &amp; HOUSING DEPARTMENT</u>		
	Health & Housing	\$ 699,335	\$ 699,335
	<u>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HOUSING</u>	<u>\$ 699,335</u>	<u>\$ 699,335</u>

V.	<u>PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>		
	Welfare Department	\$ 785,721	\$ 785,721
	Veteran's Advisory Center	40,701	40,701
	Commission on Aging	183,602	183,602
	Elderly Transportation	10,000	10,000
	<u>TOTAL WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,024</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,024</u>

VI.	<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>		
	Schools, Regular	\$64,593,769	\$64,593,769
	Schools, Health & Welfare	223,383	223,383
	<u>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$64,817,152</u>	<u>\$64,817,152</u>

VII.	<u>LIBRARIES</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
	Danbury Public Library	\$ 1,512,400	\$ 1,512,400
	Long Ridge Library	6,250	6,250
	<u>TOTAL LIBRARIES</u>	<u>\$ 1,518,650</u>	<u>\$ 1,518,650</u>

VIII.	<u>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>		
	Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,214,795	\$ 1,214,795
	Tarrywile Park Authority	139,400	139,400
	Tree Warden/City Forester	210,246	210,246
	Cultural Commission	46,200	46,200
	Lake Kenosia Commission	0	0
	<u>TOTAL PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,641</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,641</u>

IX.	<u>RECURRENT COSTS</u>		
	F.I.C.A.	\$ 937,530	\$ 937,530
	Pension Expense	5,274,000	5,274,000
	Employee Service Benefit	165,998	165,998
	Worker's Compensation	287,252	287,252
	State Unemployment Compensation	35,000	35,000
	Employee Health & Life Insurance	4,473,970	4,473,970
	Union Welfare	626,080	626,080
	Insurance & Official Bond Premium	<u>1,960,787</u>	<u>1,960,787</u>
	<u>TOTAL RECURRING COSTS</u>	<u>\$13,760,617</u>	<u>\$13,760,617</u>
X.	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
	Interest on Debt	\$ 1,147,285	\$ 1,147,285
	Interest on Debt - School	1,808,973	1,808,973
	Redemption of Debt	1,980,119	1,980,119
	Redemption of Debt - School	<u>2,407,089</u>	<u>2,407,089</u>
	<u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$ 7,343,466</u>	<u>\$ 7,343,466</u>
XI.	<u>CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>MAYOR'S BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>
	<u>CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>
	<u>TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>
XII.	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>		
	Danbury Airport	\$ 252,569	\$ 252,569
	H.A.R.T.	<u>562,415</u>	<u>562,415</u>
	<u>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>\$ 814,984</u>	<u>\$ 814,984</u>
XIII.	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 389,154</u>
	<u>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 389,154</u>
XIV.	<u>STATE &amp; FEDERAL SCHOOL PROJECTS</u>	<u>\$ 5,731,366</u>	<u>\$ 5,731,366</u>
	<u>TOTAL STATE &amp; FEDERAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>\$ 5,731,366</u>	<u>\$ 5,731,366</u>
XV.	<u>GRANTS - HUMAN SERVICES</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,098</u>
	<u>TOTAL GRANTS - HUMAN SERVICES</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,098</u>
	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$125,151,205</u>	<u>\$125,151,205</u>

SECTION 2. That the amount of \$167,762 is appropriated to the DOG LICENSE FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. That the amount of \$4,474,999 is appropriated to the WATER FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 4. That the amount of \$7,087,613 is appropriated to the SEWER FUND in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 5. That the amount of \$893,613 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, 1996 and ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

**SECTION 1.** The sum of \$86,429,728 representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$125,151,205 for the fiscal year of July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997, minus Indirect Revenue of \$34,621,477 minus Estimated Available Fund Balance of \$4,100,000 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, 1995.

**SECTION 2.** Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997 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, 1996, October 1, 1996, January 1, 1997, and April 1, 1997 except for taxes levied and assessed on mobile homes, motor vehicles and were not in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which taxes shall be paid on July 1, 1996, 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, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997.

The motion to adopt the Ordinance and Resolution passed unanimously.

2 - ORDINANCE - Water Rates

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

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that the section 21-48 of the Code of Ordinance of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 21-48. Connection charges.**

(a) Connection fee. If no prior water assessment has been paid on the premises to be connected to the Danbury public water system pursuant to section 21-56 et seq. hereof, then no connection permit shall be issued and no actual connection made until a connection fee is paid to the City according to the following.

(1) The connection fee for buildings devoted to residential uses shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per dwelling unit, but in no event shall said connection fee exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per building; and,

(2) The connection fee for buildings devoted to either non-residential or mixed uses shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per building.

Connection fees may be waived by action of the common council, provided that the city benefits from the connection by permitting future extensions to said connection.

(b) Exception. The foregoing connection fees shall not apply to fire service connections.

(c) Refunds. Such connection fees may be refunded if no actual connection is made prior to the expiration of the connection permit, provided that a written request for the refund is made within five (5) years of the date on which the permit was issued.

(d) Penalty for violation. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

3 - ORDINANCE - Sewer Rates

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

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that the section 16-4 of the Code of Ordinance of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 16-4. Connection permits required; connection fee; refunds; penalty for violations.**

(a) Permit. No person shall make any connection with any public sewer or increase the volume discharged to any public sewer without a permit from the city engineer and the superintendent of public utilities. No such permit shall be issued until the applicant has paid a nonrefundable permit fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to cover administrative costs associated therewith. All such permits shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. Every permit issued hereunder shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Danbury department of public works.

(b) Connection fee. If no prior sewer assessment established in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-50 of the Danbury Code of Ordinances has been paid on the premises to be connected to said sewer, then no permit shall be issued until a connection fee is paid to the City of Danbury according to the following.

(1) The connection fee for buildings devoted to residential uses shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per dwelling unit, but in no event shall said connection fee exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per building.

(2) The connection fee for buildings devoted to either non-residential or mixed uses shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per building.

Connection fees may be waived by action of the common council, provided that the City benefits from the connection by permitting future extension to said connection.

(c) Refund. Said connection fee may be refunded if no actual connection is made prior to the expiration of the connection permit, provided that a written request for said refund is made within five (5) years of the date on which the permit was issued.

(d) Penalty for violation. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the Ordinance be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

Miss Fox stated that although she did the audit for the War Memorial she did not feel she had a conflict of interest and therefore was able to cast a vote on the budget.

4 - ORDINANCE - AN Ordinance Appropriating \$500,000 for Public Improvements in the 1996-97 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>
Rebuild and Repave Highways	\$125,000
City Vehicles - Police-Fire-City	170,000
Technology - City	50,000
Parks and Recreation Equipment	50,000
Plan of Development	50,000
Tarrywile Park Mansion Roof	35,000
Tarrywile Park Water Service	<u>20,000</u>
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 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. DaSilva made a motion that the Ordinance be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

5 - RESOLUTION - Grant to the Library from Reader's Digest Foundation

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Reader's Digest Foundation is offering the Danbury Public Library a \$25,000 grant to strengthen its children and young adult services in the wake of a fire that severely damaged the library;

WHEREAS, the grant will also be used to purchase books needed to enhance the existing collections in the children and young adult sections of the library; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires no local matching funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval is hereby given for said grant and that Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized to accept the grant funds and is authorized to sign said grant agreement and that the Mayor and the Director of the Danbury Public Library are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof, provided, that any amendments to said grant requiring expenditures of City of Danbury funds must receive prior approval by the Common Council.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

6 - RESOLUTION - Additional Funding-HRRA

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Housatonic Valley Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA) has authorized use of funds reserved in its contingency account for a Mobile Environmental Exhibit to be constructed and operated by the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Danbury and the Region to provide a Mobile Unit to visit regional fairs, schools, senior centers and other public gatherings to promote recycling, waste reduction, composting, energy and water conservation and household toxics reduction, and to provide a greater awareness of each citizen's responsibility in protecting our environment and in leaving a heritage of clean water, unpolluted air and uncontaminated soil for the next generation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Gene F. Eriquez is hereby authorized to accept the funds provided by the HRRA for the construction and operation of said Mobile Environmental Exhibit and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the communication and adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. McAllister.

Mr. Mead stated that he is in opposition to this Resolution. The cost of \$71,000 is excessive. There should be a more cost effective way to educate the public on recycling. Mr. Setaro asked if these dollars are earmarked for environmental outreach or can they be used in other efforts. Mayor Eriquez stated that they can only be used for recycling educational purposes. Mrs. Carboni stated that she feels the same as Mr. Mead.

The motion carried with Mr. Mead and Mrs. Carboni voting in the negative.

7 - RESOLUTION - Connecticut State Library Grant

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 11-24c provides for State funds for library construction; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Public Library plans to apply to the Connecticut State Library for the funding period of January 1, 1996 - July 31, 1997 for a grant of \$230,287, which requires a local cash match of \$460,573, which local cash match is required by July 1996 or 1997, if a one-year extension is requested; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury has the right to refuse the grant at any time if local funding is not available; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Public Library will use the grant money for following purposes:

To make energy efficient improvements to the Library's heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system, as recommended by the City's consulting engineer, Savage Engineering, Inc. in 1989, to replace all ceilings on the upper two levels of the Library and to replace all lighting fixtures on the upper two levels of the Library with energy efficient equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval is hereby given for said application and that Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, is hereby authorized to sign said application and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept said grant, if awarded, to sign any contracts/agreements therefor, and to do any and all things necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof; provided, however, that any amendments to the application which require additional expenditure of City of Danbury funds must receive prior approval by the Common Council.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

8 - RESOLUTION - 1996-97 Alzheimer Continuation Grant

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, acting through the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will accept an application from the City of Danbury Department of Elderly Services for a state grant not to exceed \$21,000 for an Alzheimer Aide for its Interweave Adult Day Care Center for the fiscal period of July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury and Leo McIlrath, Director of the Department of Elderly Services are hereby authorized to apply for said grant funds and to accept such grant, if the application is approved. The Mayor is further empowered to execute any agreements/contracts therefor and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

9 - RESOLUTION - 1996-97 Per Capita Grant

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has made funds available for 1996-97 to municipalities in accordance with Section 19a-202 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury through the Danbury Health and Housing Department has formulated a program to promote optimal public health quality in the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, a continuation grant award application for \$34,561.28 with no local match requirement will be processed by the Danbury Health and Housing Department for a grant term of July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997;

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY THAT the Mayor of the City of Danbury, Gene F. Eriquez, or the Director of Health, William J. Campbell, as his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for and accept said per capita grant funds of \$34,561.28, to execute all contracts or amendments thereof concerning said grant and to take all necessary actions to effectuate the purposes thereof.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

10 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Library Director Betsy McDonough requesting permission to accept donations for the past month to the Library Restoration Fund and a donation in the amount of \$25 from Joseph Bran Chapman, Trust for the BOOKS-CHILDREN line item. Mrs. Butera made a motion that the donations be accepted, the proper line item credited and letters of thanks sent. Seconded by Miss Fox. Motion carried unanimously.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Elderly Services Leo McIlrath requesting permission to accept donations in the amount of \$321.20. Mr. Arconti made a motion that the donations be accepted, the proper line item credited and letters of thanks sent. Seconded by Miss Fox. Motion carried unanimously.

12 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from First Congregational Church donating a tree to the City in commemoration and celebration of 300 years of Christian Ministry. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the tree be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

13 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting the acceptance of two donations of \$1,000 each to the Fire Department and the Police Department from Davis & Geck. Mrs. Basso made a motion to accept the donations, credit the appropriate line items and send letters of thanks. Seconded by Mr. McAllister. Motion carried unanimously.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Deputy Police Chief Leo Gantert requesting the acceptance of a canine, Kilo to the Police Department. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

15 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting that the City of Danbury donate a mini bus acquired from HART for Civil Preparedness emergency operations to the City of Gouveia, Portugal. The donation was made on the Consent Calendar.

16 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley requested permission to accept a donation of office supplies from Riswold & Associates. Miss Fox made a motion that the donations be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mr. Mead. Motion carried unanimously.

17 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Frank Figueredo to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 1, 2001. The reappointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

18 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting the confirmation of the reappointment of James Panzica to the Candlewood Lake Authority for a term to expire April 1, 1999. The reappointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

19 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointment of Connie Shuler to the Fair Rent Commission for a term to expire July 1, 1998. The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

20 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Jerry Lefebvre to the Parking Authority for a term to expire June 30, 1998. The reappointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

21 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting the confirmation of the reappointments of Dennis Keeler (term to expire September 1, 1996), Felix Bonacci (term to expire September 1, 1998) and Ann Williams LaGanza (term to expire September 1, 1998) to the Richter Park Authority and the appointment of Eva DeFranco for a term to expire September 1, 1997. The reappointments and appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

22 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of Barbara Talarico, Michael Lombardi and Nancy Knight to the Tarrywile Park Authority for terms to expire May 1, 1999. The reappointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

23 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting confirmation of the appointments of Regina Ofiero and Richard Baldwin to the Lake Kenosia Commission for terms to expire May 1, 1999 and May 1, 2000 respectively and the reappointment of Robert Carlson for a term to expire May 1, 1999. The appointments and reappointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

24 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting the confirmation of Patrick Sniffen as Communications Coordinator for the Fire Department. Mr. McAllister made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointment confirmed. Seconded by Miss Fox. Motion carried unanimously.

25 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Acting Civil Service Examiner Julio Lopez for the sum of \$10,000 to conduct physical examinations and drug testing to promulgate the eligibility list for police officer candidates. A certification of funds was attached. The communication was accepted and the transfer of funds authorized on the Consent Calendar.

26 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Environmental Impact Commission Chairman Michael Zotos for the sum of \$1,500 for postage and legal and public notices. A certification of funds was attached. The communication was accepted and the transfer of funds authorized on the Consent Calendar.

27 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Health Director William Campbell requesting the sum of \$3,200 for staff salaries. A certification of funds was attached. The communication was accepted and a transfer of funds authorized on the Consent Calendar.

28 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Richard Jowday requesting the sum of \$2,470 for the legal and public notices account and the postage account. A certification of funds was attached. The communication was accepted and the transfer of funds authorized on the Consent Calendar.

29 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Planning Commission Chairman Joseph Justino requesting the sum of \$1,800 for the legal and public notices account. A certification of funds was attached. The communication was accepted and the transfer of funds authorized on the Consent Calendar.

30 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Superintendent of Schools Anthony Singe for the Common Council to approve a revised State and Federal Grant spending level of \$6,135.486. The approval was granted on the Consent Calendar.

31 - CERTIFICATION - Certification of the availability of \$457 to be transferred from the Elderly Services Donations Revenue Account to the Commission on Aging Budget for the office supplies account. The transfer of funds was authorized on the Consent Calendar.

32 - COMMUNICATION - HRRRA Contribution. WITHDRAWN

33 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Parks and Recreation Director Robert Ryerson requesting that the sum of \$7,000 from the rental funds at Hatters Park be appropriated to the line item Improvements at Hatters Community Park. A certification of funds was attached. The transfer of funds was authorized on the Consent Calendar.

34 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro requesting the reappropriation of \$45,891.67 received from International Fidelity Insurance Company which represents a payment and performance security for the completion for the Rogers Park maintenance building in order to complete the building. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the communication be accepted and the reappropriation of funds authorized. Seconded by Mr. Setaro.

Mrs. Basso asked if this was money we put up or from a bond. Mayor Enriquez stated that it was from a bond from a previous contractor.

Motion carried unanimously.

35 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Deputy Police Gantert for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Country Amusements for the DARE carnival. The agreement was approved on the Consent Calendar.

36 - COMMUNICATION - List of names and amounts of City taxes which the Tax Collector considers uncollectible and asking that they be transferred to the Suspense List. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

37 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Enriquez requesting consideration of a Danbury Construction Jobs Agreement Program. Mr. Setaro asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Enriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Setaro, Gomez and Basso to the committee.

38 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Director of Finance Dominic Setaro asking the Common Council to appropriate \$4,329.50 to the Engineering Department and \$16,883.75 to a new Capital line item which will reflect the City's match to the amended Central Business District Traffic Signal Improvements grant. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

39 - COMMUNICATION - Reports from the Post Master, the Director of Planning and the Fire Chief regarding the renumbering of Old Ridgebur Road. Miss Fox asked that this be referred to the Corporation Counsel for a report back within thirty days. Mayor Enriquez so ordered.

40 - COMMUNICATION - Request for the renumbering of Federal Road. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to the Director of Planning, the Post Master, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief for reports back within thirty days. Mayor Enriquez so ordered.

41 - COMMUNICATION - Request for Oak Land and Hillside Lane to be accepted for snow plowing. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to the Public Works Director and the Corporation Counsel for reports back within thirty days. Mayor Enriquez so ordered.

42 - COMMUNICATION - Request to assign Seahorse Aviation Lease to JSM Aviation. Mr. Setaro asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Airport Administrator and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Enriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Levy, DaSilva and Mead to the committee.

43 - COMMUNICATION - Request from the Danbury Housing Partnership requesting approval of a disbursement from the Affordable Housing Fund in the amount of \$3,000 for the Seifert Armory at 15, 17, 19 and 21 Library Place. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

44 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church for approval a deed to the City for road widening purposes. The deed was approved on the Consent Calendar.

45 - COMMUNICATION - Offer to sell 129-133 South King Street to the City. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to the Planning Director and the City Engineer for reports back within thirty days. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

46 - COMMUNICATION - Offer to purchase property at One Rowan Street. Mr. Arconti asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Corporation Counsel, the Planning Commission, the City Engineer and the Director of Finance. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Coladarci, Buzaid and Mead to the committee.

47 - COMMUNICATION - Offer to swap/acquire properties at Kenosia Avenue Extension. Miss Fox asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Corporation Counsel, the City Engineer, the Planning Commission and the Tax Assessor. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Machado, McAllister and Carboni to the committee.

48 - COMMUNICATION - Request to acquire property at 22 North Street. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Scalzo, Shuler and Carboni to the committee.

49 - COMMUNICATION - Petition for installation of sewer and water lines on Short and Lombardi Streets. Mrs. Abrantes asked that this be referred to the City Engineer for a survey. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

50 - COMMUNICATION - Request for sewer and water extensions on Wibling Road. Miss Fox asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the City Engineer, the Superintendent of Public Utilities and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Abrantes, Boynton and Basso to the committee.

51 - COMMUNICATION - Request for sewer extension on Kenosia Avenue. Mr. Machado asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the City Engineer, the Superintendent of Public Utilities and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Fox, Valeri and Mead to the committee.

52 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Parks and Recreation, Public Utilities, Public Works, City Engineer, Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Department of Elderly Services, Health and Housing. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the department reports be accepted and the reading waived as all members have copies which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

53 - REPORT - Governmental Entities Review and Evaluation

Mr. Boynton submitted the following report:

The Governmental Entities Review and Evaluation Committee met on April 29, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Boynton, Coladarci, and Carboni and public members Hillel Goldman and Frank Caracansi. The governmental entities under review for 1996 were The Danbury Housing Partnership, The Parks and Recreation Commission, The Aviation Commission and the Economic Development Commission.

The committee reviewed the report and minutes of the governmental entities under review. Paul Schierloh gave the committee an overview of the Danbury Housing Partnership. Roy Platt gave an overview of the Aviation Commission and Robert Ryerson gave a report of the Parks and Recreation Commission at the request of the committee regarding the operation of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The committee reviewed a verbal report regarding the Economic Development Commission.

After reviewing all the reports and after a brief discussion, Hillel Goldman made a motion to re-establish each of the Governmental Entities for a period of five years. Seconded by Eileen Coladarci and passed unanimously.

The report was accepted and deferred to Public Hearing on the Consent Calendar.

54 - REPORT - Request for Stop Signs on Wooster Heights

Mr. Setaro submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed to review the request for stop signs on Wooster Heights met at 7:30 PM on April 29, 1996 in the Fourth Floor Lobby of City Hall. In attendance were committee members Setaro, Buzaid and Mead. Also in attendance were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohammed, Thomas and Karen Rezendes the petitioners and many residents of the Wooster Heights area.

Mr. Setaro read correspondence from Police Chief Macedo and Deputy Chief Gantert stating that, pursuant to state statute, the Chief of Police is the local Traffic Authority with the power to decide where stop signs should be erected. The correspondence also stated that radar along Wooster Heights illustrated that speeding does occur in the area. Wooster Heights residents stated that it was their desire that stop signs be erected at the top of Wooster Heights in the Terre Haute and Harvard Road vicinities, that they are concerned due to the amount of truck traffic and speeding that occurs in their neighborhood and that they have petitioned the Common Council for whatever assistance may be available. Mr. Buzaid stated that he was interested in whether the City has the authority to lower the speed limit below 25 MPH on Wooster Heights, as the Engineering Department report was a negative recommendation as to additional signage in this areas.

Mr. Mead moved that the committee make the following recommendations to the Common Council:

1. That the Chief of Police as local Traffic Authority consider erecting stop signs on Wooster Heights in accordance with the request of the residents, prioritized as (i) at the intersection with Terre Haute Road (ii) at the intersection of Harvard Road and (iii) at the corner of Southern Boulevard and Wooster Heights;
2. That the Danbury Police continue radar enforcement of the posted speed limit in the Wooster Heights area;
3. That "No Thru Trucks" signage be posted in the Lee Farm Corporate Park vicinity;
4. That the Engineering Department consider options to additional signage on Wooster Heights to address speeding traffic along that roadway;
5. That the Office of Corporation Counsel report as to whether the City has the authority to reduce the speed limit below 25 MPH;
6. That responses to the recommended inquiries should be reported back to the Common Council in thirty (30) days.

Seconded by Mr. Buzaid and passed unanimously. Mr. Mead moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid and passed unanimously.

The report was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

55 - REPORT - Sewer and Water Extension - Pocono Lane, Sunrise Road, Federal Road and Route 6.

Mr. DaSilva submitted the following report:

The committee to review an application for a sewer and water extension at Pocono Lane, Sunrise Road, Federal Road and Route 6 met at 7:30 P.M. on March 19, 1996. In attendance were committee members DaSilva, Levy and Mead. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Assistant Superintendent of Public Utilities Mario Ricoszi, Council Members Arconti and Coladarci, ex-officio, petitioners Richard and Roy Steiner and the engineer for the petitioners, Jeanne Williamson.

Mr. Buckley explained that the recently completed "J" bridge over White Turkey Road Extension has opened up the possible development of approximately seventy-five acres in Danbury of the Berkshire Industrial Corporate Park. There would be four parcels of land on this property that could be developed for corporate offices. There are plans for between 700,000 and 800,000 square feet in development having a potential of raising 3-5 million dollars per year in tax revenue. The Common Council has previously approved water and sewer extensions to this property.

There is no problem extending sewer to the area. The water, however, presents several problems. These include inadequate fire flow and the lack of a backup water flow in case of breakdown. In order to alleviate these problems a plan has been developed between City personnel and the petitioners. This would loop the water lines into the Berkshire Corporate Park in the Town of Bethel. Danbury would lease the existing water main from the Bethel Consolidated Co., Inc. which is a public utility under the control of the Department of Public Utilities Control (DPUC). The lines are fairly new and were installed under the same regulations as the City of Danbury water system. If developed, the parcel in Danbury would use approximately 50,000 gallons per day and the parcels outside the City would use approximately 85,000 gallons per day. That would bring approximately \$100,000 per year in water user fees. In order to install this system, the Bethel Consolidated Co., Inc. would be responsible for \$400,000 and the City of Danbury would expend \$200,000.

In addition to the assurance of water flow and increased fire flow there are a number of benefits to the City of Danbury. The installation of water mains would enable a number of parcels to be developed in the City. Beyond the four parcels in the Berkshire Industrial Park there would be several parcels now able to be developed at the East Ridge Executive Park and the Still River Industrial Park. Water would also be available to the Ramada Inn, an increase of water to the Grolier Corporation and to the several service stations near the Ramada Inn.

In order to give this proposal full consideration, Mr. Levy moved to recess the meeting to another time. The committee reconvened at 7:30 P.M. on April 9, 1996.

It has been agreed that the well that now services the Berkshire Industrial Park shall be made part of the agreement so that the City of Danbury Water Department may be able to use it in case of emergency.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Mead moved to recommend a sewer and water extension to the Berkshire Industrial Park Corporation. The sewer extension is to subject to the regular eight steps. The water extension is to be subject to these eight steps plus an additional three steps as noted in the attachment. The Mayor would also be authorized to execute an agreement with the Bethel Consolidated Co., Inc. as noted also in the attachment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Levy and passed unanimously.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the report be accepted and its recommendations accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Butera.

Mr. Mead stated that this will alleviate the lack of water pressure. They looked at other ways to provide water, but the cost was excessive. This will also provide water to the Danbury Still River Corp. which has a parcel that cannot yet be developed.

Mayor Eriquez stated that this is not a sale of water. Just because a municipality requests water does not mean they will get it.

After much discussion, Mr. Mead made a motion to call the question. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried with Council Members Scalzo, Valeri and Basso voting in the negative.

Main motion carried with Mrs. Basso voting in the negative.

56 - REPORT - Request for Sewer and Water Extensions on Federal Road.

Mr. Boynton submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the petitions for sewer and water extensions on Federal Road met on April 23, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Boynton and Fox. Mrs. Carboni was absent. Also in attendance were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer and Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, as well as Council Members Basso and DaSilva, ex-officio. Several petitioners were also present.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. Schweitzer advised that the request was reasonable. A discussion ensued between committee members and the petitioners as to how long the process to receive service of sewer and water would take. Mr. Schweitzer stated that it would take approximately three years. Those present represented approximately 70% of the property owners. Items discussed were the area of Federal Road and Morgan Avenue, years of financing, which is approximately 20 years (down payment and 19 years).

After hearing the needs and the strong support, Ms. Fox made a motion to recommend to the Common Council that the City be authorized to proceed with a sewer and water project. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schweitzer was requested to prepare a Preliminary Cost Assessment.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

57 - Mr. Setaro made a motion to add item 57, Resolution regarding Summer Youth Recreation Program to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Arconti. Motion carried with Mrs. Butera voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION - Safe Summer Youth Recreation Program

RESOLVED By the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management will be providing funds for a Summer Youth Recreation Program for at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Summer Youth Recreation Program is to provide structured recreational activities directed toward youth which will combat idleness and promote positive development, self esteem and social skills; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury is eligible to receive a maximum grant up to \$40,000 for expanded or new summer youth recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of said funds is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Danbury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY THAT, Mayor Gene F. Eriquez be and hereby is authorized to apply for said grant and to execute any necessary contracts or amendments thereto should said grant be awarded to the City, and to execute any other required documents or take any other action to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Mr. Arconti made a motion that the communication be accepted and the Resolution adopted. Seconded by Miss Fox. Motion carried un-animously.

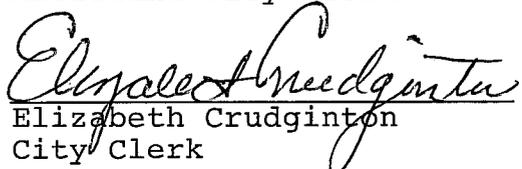
Mayor Eriquez extended all committees.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made at 9:40 P.M. by Mr. Setaro for the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA  
Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth Crudginton  
City Clerk