

To: Gene F. Eriquez and Members of the Common Council

Re: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held November 5, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Prayer were recited. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT-- Fazio, Falzone, Arconti, Coladarci, Boynton, Dennehy, Setar DaSilva, John Esposito, Outlaw, Cassano, Charles, Boughton, Trocolla

ABSENT - Scalzo, Gallo, Gogliettino, Dean Esposito, Butera, Cipriani, Scozzafava

Mrs. Gogliettino was reported ill and Mr. Cipriani had to work

14 PRESENT - 7 ABSENT

Mayor Eriquez introduced members of the Bambinos 10 Baseball Team who are the State Champs with 14 wins and 3 losses. He presented trophies to all team members and coaches.

(At 7:36 P.M. Mr. Gallo, Mr. Scalzo, Dean Esposito, Mr. Scozzafava and Mrs. Butera arrived and were marked present)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Joseph Rosato, Long Ridge Road - spoke regarding the appointments to the Charter Revision Commission. He stated that 12 letters had been submitted with 7 members picked. Three of the letters were dated on the night of the committee meeting. He had been told that the committee was looking for balance. Three members have direct ties to the education system. There are 4 democrats and 3 republicans. They should look at some unaffiliated voters. He has no complaint with the City side of the budget but the school budget is out of control. He does not feel that this commission is impartial and asked the Common Council not to approve this slate.

2. William Knight, 6 Jandee Drive - Spoke regarding the Reapportionment Plan. He is representing the NAACP and other community groups. He has a plan he would like to submit and would request that the Common Council hold a public hearing on reapportionment.

3. Wilbur Pahaham, 16 Park Place - Representing the Black Democratic Club. Spoke regarding reapportionment. Believes that this should be referred back to committee as it needs more work before a public hearing. Positive changes need to be made for growth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 7th - Police Chief Nelson Macedo's birthday
November 12th - Director of Personnel Manny Merullo's birthday
November 14th - Common Council Member Dorothy Outlaw's birthday
November 14th - Anthony and Millie Cassano's anniversary
November 29th - Common Council Member Mike Fazio's birthday
November 14th - Father of Dan Trocolla will be 83

November 6th - PAL Soccer Program Coaches Appreciation Night
November 7th - State Convention for the Blind
7th - Emblem Club #48 Installation Dinner
7th - VFW Past Commanders Dinner
8th - St. Ann's Melkite Church Consecration
8th - JayCees Harvest Festival
10th - Red Cross Annual Event
11th - Veterans Day - Memorial Service at War Memorial
12th - Scott Fanton Annual Event
14th - Toys for Tots Run
15th - Walk for Fitness
18th - Annual Dinner - MCCA
20th - Good Scout Award Dinner
26th - Thanksgiving
27th - Holiday Tree Lighting at Library

December 6th - Common Council Annual Wood Sale - Landfill 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Common Council held October 6, 1992. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the minutes be accepted 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 Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR - The following items were presented by John Esposito for the Consent Calendar:

- 2 - Approve grant application from Conn. Fair Plan Anti-Arson Committee \$491.50
- 3 - Approve grants from Connecticut State Library - \$11,905
- 4 - Approve grant application for Comprehensive Leak Detection Survey
- 5 - Approve acquisition of storm drainage easements for Sewer Treatment Plant
- 14 - Approve acquisition of easements for infiltration/inflow removal for Sewer Treatment Plant
- 21 - Approve receipt of reports on use of City land in front of Ciao's Restaurant and approve the request
- 26 - Approve City owned graves committee recommendations
- 27 - Approve request for water extension at 26 Woodside Avenue

Mr. Charles made a motion that the Consent Calendar be adopted as presented. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

1 - ORDINANCE - Health Department - "40 feet distance" provision exemption-Section 9-18. Mr. Arconti asked that this be deferred to public hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

2 - RESOLUTION - Grant from the Connecticut Fair Plan Anti-Arson Committee

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Insurance Industry has established the Connecticut FAIR PLAN Anti-Arson Committee for the purpose of subsidizing police and fire departments as well as prosecutors in meeting the costs of purchasing equipment relating to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of arson fires, where such equipment would not otherwise be available to them; and

WHEREAS, funds will be made available by the Committee to a maximum of \$500.00 if the grant application for the purchase of small items of equipment or material, is approved; and

WHEREAS, grant awards will be made three times a year with closing dates for applications being September 1st, January 1st and May 1st; and

WHEREAS, requests/applications must come from official state or local fire marshal's offices, police or fire departments or state's attorney's offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Danbury Police Department, acting through Nelson F. Macedo, Chief of Police, is hereby authorized to apply for funds in the amount of \$491.50 during the grant application period(s), to accept such an award, if granted, and to do any and all things necessary and required to comply with the Committee's rules regarding the award.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

3 - RESOLUTIONS - Grants from the Connecticut State Library

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, P. L. 101-245 (the most recent amendment of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act) provides for federal funds to assist in the extension and improvement of public library services; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Public Library has made application to the Connecticut State Library for a grant of \$3,845 under said Federal Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, which requires an in-kind match of \$2,560 for a total amount of \$6,405; and

WHEREAS, said grant will enable the library to purchase 30 books and 30 audiotapes on improving communication and coping with change; and

WHEREAS, cultural groups who have not traditionally been patrons of the library will be encouraged to participate in the library program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

1. That in accordance with the requirements of the Grant Award, the City of Danbury will provide an in-kind match of \$2,560;

2. That all prior acts of authorized personnel of the Danbury Public Library and the Mayor of the City of Danbury in making application for said grant are hereby ratified and that the Mayor of the City of Danbury and the Director of the Danbury Public Library are hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount of \$3,845 for the funding period of January 1993 through September 1993 to further the purposes of said grant award.

3. That Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, is hereby authorized to sign a Personal Services Agreement with the Connecticut State Library Board of Directors, acting by the State Librarian for payment of said funds and that he is further authorized to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto and all other documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of said grant award; provided, however, that any amended provisions requiring additional expenditure of City of Danbury funds must receive prior approval of the Common Council.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, P. L. 101-245 (the most recent amendment of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act) provides for federal funds to assist in the extension and improvement of public library services; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Public Library has made application to the Connecticut State Library for a grant of \$10,000 under said Federal Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, which requires an in-kind match of \$5,195 for a total amount of \$15,195; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Public Library has closed its card catalog and is in the process of designing an optimum configuration of hardware and software needs for implementation of a permanent on-line catalog; and

WHEREAS, said grant will purchase four printers and printer supplies for one year to enable library customers to print out catalog citations and magazine articles; and

WHEREAS, questionnaire responses from library customers using the databases and printers will help library staff determine the best permanent on-line catalog for the Danbury community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

1. That in accordance with the requirements of the Grant Award, the City of Danbury will provide an in-kind match of \$5,195.

2. That all prior acts of authorized personnel of the Danbury Public Library and the Mayor of the City of Danbury in making application for said grant are hereby ratified and that the Mayor of the City of Danbury and the Director of the Danbury Public Library are hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 for the funding period of January 1993 through September 1993 to further the purposes of said grant award.

3. That Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, is hereby authorized to sign a Personal Services Agreement with the Connecticut State Library Board of Directors, acting by the State Librarian for payment of said funds and that he is further authorized to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto and all other documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of said grant award; provided, however, that any amended provisions requiring additional expenditure of City of Danbury funds must receive prior approval of the Common Council.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, P. L. 101-245 (the most recent amendment of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act) provides for federal funds to assist in the extension and improvement of public library services; and

WHEREAS, the Danbury Public Library has made application to the Connecticut State Library for a grant of \$7,310 under said Federal Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, which requires in-kind funds of \$4,150 for a total amount of \$11,460; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury has over 32 businesses per 1,000 residents (one-third higher than the national norm); and

WHEREAS, more than 55% of the firms belonging to the Chamber of Commerce employ fewer than 50 people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury is focusing on attracting more small businesses as part of its downtown redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, over 40% of reference questions received by the Danbury Public Library are business or job related; and

WHEREAS, said grant would purchase an estimated 125 book titles and 50 nonprint resources on small business topics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

1. That in accordance with the requirements of the Grant Award, the City of Danbury will provide an in-kind match of \$4,150;

2. That all prior acts of authorized personnel of the Danbury Public Library and the Mayor of the City of Danbury in making application for said grant are hereby ratified and that the Mayor of the City of Danbury and the Director of the Danbury Public Library are hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount of \$7,310 for the funding period of January 1993 through September 1993 to further the purposes of said grant award.

3. That Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, is hereby authorized to sign a Personal Services Agreement with the Connecticut State Library Board of Directors, acting by the State Librarian for payment of said funds and that he is further authorized to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto and all other documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of said grant award; provided, however, that any amended provisions requiring additional expenditure of City of Danbury funds must receive prior approval of the Common Council.

The Resolutions were adopted on the Consent Calendar.

4 - RESOLUTION - Request for Comprehensive Leak Detection Survey

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is offering grant money in an amount of up to \$100,000.00 for a Comprehensive Leak Detection Survey of the water distribution system of the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department of the City of Danbury is desirous of applying for and using said funding for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the City of Danbury be and hereby is authorized to make application for said grant funds and to take any additional action necessary to accomplish the purposes hereof.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5 - RESOLUTION - Storm Drainage Easements

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, as part of the Common Council approved Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovation, the City has found it necessary to correct certain inflow problems in its sewer collection system which cause overload problems in the Sewage Treatment Plant during peak storm water conditions; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of said project require the acquisition of various easements both permanent and temporary to alleviate this inflow overload; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury is obliged to acquire interest in and to real property as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, eminent domain proceedings will be necessary if the City of Danbury cannot agree with the several owners hereinafter named upon the amount, if any, to be paid for the respective interests of each to be taken in and to the real property listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized to acquire said property interests as set forth herein either by negotiation or by eminent domain through the institution of suits against the named property owners, listed below, their successors and assigns and their respective mortgage holders and encumbrancers, if any. Legal descriptions, as partially revised, are attached as Exhibits 1 through 22.

Permanent Storm Drain Easements

Ex. No.	Owner(s)	Location	Sq. Ft.	I/I Site
1.	Da Silva, Joseph	Maple Ave.	1,574	(7)
2.	Davenport, James M.	White St.	13,859	(19)
3.	Madkour, Raymond and John E.	Maple Ave.	1,658	(7)
4.	Nolan, James A., Kim E., Robert G. and Mark J.	Balmforth Ave.	4,596	(7)
5.	Peterson, Ronald E. and Mary F.	White St.	1,575	(19)
6.	Soares, Jose and Isabel	Balmforth Ave.	896	(7)
7.	Volpe, Dominick C. and Mary S.	McDermott St.	1,528	(17)

Temporary Storm Drain Construction Easements

Ex. No.	Owner(s)	Location	Sq. Ft.	I/I Site
8.	Americo Academy of Beauty Culture	Keeler St.	207	(12)
9.	Bennett, Richard D.	White St.	338	(18)
10.	Canzoniero, James G. and Joseph	White St.	2,250	(19)
11.	DaSilva, Joseph and Maria	Main St.	6,549	(14)
12.	DaSilva, Joseph and Maria	Center St.	4,016	(14)
13.	DiTullio, William	White St.	930	(19)
14.	Gulliver, H. Robert	Main St.	7,089	(6)
15.	Gunn, Gregory J. and Cahill-Gunn, Elizabeth Anne	Foster St.	1,190	(12)
16.	Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church	West St.	3,673	(11)
17.	Ivey, Paul G., Jr. and Toni A.	Highland Ave.	986	(4)
18.	Kallavrousis, Nick	White St.	504	(18)
19.	Lopes, Joaquim N. and Celina A.	Highland Ave.	1,600	(4)
20.	Palmer, F. Michael and Nancy L.	Foster St.	757	(12)
21.	Savings Bank of Danbury	Main St.	1,407	(9)
22.	Viera, George J. and Gallant, George	Foster St.	683	(12)

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Elderly Services Leo McIlrath seeking permission to accept donations in the amount of \$228.00. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the donations be accepted and letters of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Library Director Betsy McDonough seeking permission to accept donations in the amounts of \$22.21 and \$120 to be credited to the books line item and the conferences line item. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the donations be accepted and letters of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

8 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Robert Ryerson, Director of Parks and Recreation seeking permission to accept the donation of the FCI float to be displayed seasonally at the Pond in Rogers Park. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Dean Esposito asked if there would be any cost to the City. Mayor Eriquez said that he did not believe so. Motion carried unanimously.

9 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from the Children's Christmas Fund seeking donations as in the past. Miss Dennehy asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Coladarci, Cipriani and Fazio to the committee.

10 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Lynn Waller stating that the costs of obtaining copies from City offices is too high. Mr. Charles asked that this be referred to the Director of Finance for a report back within thirty days. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from SNET Company for an easement on Peck Road. Mrs. Coladarci asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the City Engineer, SNET and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Arconti, Outlaw and Boughton to the committee.

12 - COMMUNICATION - Offer from the Immanuel Lutheran Church for the City to lease space on West Street. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to the Director of Planning and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

13 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Letter from Robert Ryerson asking that a transfer to funds be made for the replacement of the boiler at Hatters Park. Mr. Gallo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Director of Finance, the Superintendent of Public Buildings and the Director of Parks and Recreation. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Dennehy, Boynton and Scozzafava to the committee.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from William Buckley regarding easement acquisitions for the Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade and Renovation Project. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

15 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Fire Chief Antonio Lagarto seeking authorization for the Mayor to sign a Letter of Agreement with the State of Connecticut for fire alarm work for Route 39 and Route 53. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Fire Chief, the City Engineer and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Setaro, John Esposito and Scozzafava to the committee.

16 - COMMUNICATION - Mutual Aid Agreement for the intercommunity provision of fire fighting services. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Fire Chief, the Corporation Counsel and the President of the Volunteers. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Setaro, John Esposito and Scozzafava to the committee.

17 - COMMUNICATION - Letter and lease from Mayor Eriquez asking for a six month extension for the Good Neighbor House at 111 Main Street. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the communication be accepted and the lease be extended for six months. Seconded by Miss Dennehy. Motion carried unanimously.

18 - COMMUNICATION - Request for David and Dawn Tressic for water extension on South Cove Road. Mr. Setaro 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 Gallo, Scalzo and Boughton to the committee.

19 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Mary F. Popp for Water Extension on South Cove Road (Custance Road). Dean Esposito asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the City Engineer, the Superintendent of Public Utilities and the Planning Commission. The Mayor so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallo, Scalzo and Boughton to the committee.

20 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Jean Coppelman for Water Extension at 24 Dogwood Drive. Mrs. Coladarci 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 Gallo, Scalzo and Boughton to the committee.

21 - COMMUNICATION - Reports from the City Engineer, Planning Commission and the Corporation Counsel recommending that Ciao's Restaurant be allowed to use City property in front of the restaurant. The reports were accepted and permission granted on the Consent Calendar.

22 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Engineering, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Department of Elderly Services, Parks and Recreation, Highways, Health and Housing, Public Utilities. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the 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 Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

23 - REPORT - Charter Revision Commission Signatures

Mr. DaSilva submitted the following reports:

The Common Council Committee appointed to choose a Charter Revision Commission met at 8:00 P.M. on October 26, 1992. In attendance were committee members DaSilva, John Esposito and Scozzafava. Also in attendance were Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk, members of the public - Lynn Waller, Joseph Rosato and Harry Russell and Council Members Tom Arconti and Dan Trocolla, ex-officio.

Mr. DaSilva explained that the number of signatures for a Charter Revision Commission has been certified by Town Clerk Michael Seri. He explained that State Statute mandates a Charter Revision Commission must be comprised of no less than five members and no more than fifteen members. There can be a bare majority of any party and only two people holding elected office. He then read the names of people who have submitted written and verbal applications to serve on the Charter Revision Commission

John Esposito moved to recommend the following: Edmund DeVeaux, Norman Puffett, Joseph Durkin and Jacqueline DiCerbo, all democrats and Evo Butera, John Hoffer and Lynn Waller, all republicans. The motion was seconded by Mr. DaSilva and passed unanimously.

John Esposito made a motion that the report be accepted and the recommendations approved. Seconded by Mrs. Butera.

Mr. DaSilva stated that the committee heard from a large number of people all of whom had excellent credentials. There was no requirement that requests to serve be put into writing. Mr. Boughton stated that he knows all the people personally but is concerned about the three letters that come in the night of the committee meeting. Mayor Eriquez stated that requests did come into his office and he asked that those requests be put into writing.

Mr. Boughton asked what the charge to the commission would be and what the time limit is. Mr. DaSilva stated that there is no charge and he did not know what the time limit would be.

Mr. Boynton offered an amendment to the main motion that the commission look at the annual budget referendum question and that the commission complete its work within sixteen months as established by State Statute. Seconded by Miss. Dennehy.

Mr. Gallo clarified that the Common Council can only recommend a charge and that the Commission is free to look at whatever it wishes. Mr. Gottschalk read the State Statute clarifying time limitations. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he received a letter to serve from Janet Gershwin but he had misplaced it.

Motion to amend carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative. Main motion, as amended, carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

24 - REPORT - Reapportionment Advisory Commission

Mr. DaSilva submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review a recommendation from the Reapportionment Advisory Commission met at 7:30 P.M. on September 28, 1992 and October 26, 1992. In attendance were committee members DaSilva, John Esposito and Scozzafava. Also in attendance were Registrar of Voters George Schmiedel, Chairman of the Reapportionment Advisory Commission Tom Frizzell, Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk and Council Members Scalzo, Dennehy and Setaro, ex-officio as well as several members of the public.

Mr. Gottschalk explained the guidelines for reapportionment. There cannot be more than a ten percent difference between the largest and smallest wards and the average of all wards. There also cannot be a dilating of one area (fracturing) or a concentration of two or areas (packing).

There is an approximate three percent difference between the largest and smallest ward and the average ward size. The size of wards is based on census figures from the 1990 census. There appeared to be no fracturing or packing of any wards in the proposal from the commission.

John Esposito moved to commend the Commission for their diligent efforts and recommend approval of the proposed ward boundaries plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scozzafava and passed unanimously.

John Esposito made a motion that the report be received, and referred to the Corporation Counsel and the City Engineer for a legal description and then deferred to public hearing. Seconded by Dean Esposito.

Mr. Boynton asked if any invitations had been issued to community groups for their input. Mr. DaSilva stated that they had been. Mr. DaSilva also stated that the committee had nothing to do with redrawing the lines.

Motion carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

25 - REPORT - Peddler's Ordinance

Mr. Gallo submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the peddler's ordinance met on October 26, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Gallo, Cipriani and Boughton. Also in attendance were Council Members DaSilva, John Esposito and Scalzo, ex-officio, Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk and Town Clerk Michael Seri.

There were several local business people present and one peddler. After much discussion it was the conclusion of the committee that proposing changes to the present peddler's ordinance would do nothing to resolve the present problems. The greatest problem is that the present ordinance is not being enforced. The committee fully realizes that our police force has much more to do than enforce a peddlers ordinance, but an occassional spot check would help.

Mr. Boughton moved to recommend to the full Common Council that a letter be sent to Mayor Eriquez and Police Chief Macedo requesting that section 11-4 of the Code of Ordinance (Peddlers Ordinance) be enforced to eliminate the growing number of illegal vendors. Seconded by Mr. Cipriani and passed unanimously.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the report be accepted and the recommendations implemented. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw. Motion carried unanimously.

26 - REPORT - City owned Graves

Mrs. Coladarci submitted the following report:

The subcommittee to review City owned graves met in room 432 of Danbury City Hall at 8:30 PM on July 23, 1992 and at 7:30 PM on October 14, 1992. In attendance for the first meeting were Councilwoman Eileen Coladarci and Councilman Joe Scozzafava, along with Eric Gottschalk of the Danbury Corporation Council, Mrs. Deborah MacKenzie, Director of Welfare for the City of Danbury, Councilmen John Esposito and Dean Esposito, Ex-Officio, and Bill Trimpert of the Tomlinson Homestead. The October meeting was attended by Councilwoman Coladarci, Councilman Scozzafava and Councilman Dan Trocolla. Also in attendance were Eric Gottschalk, Corporation Council and Deborah MacKenzie.

During the first meeting Mrs. MacKenzie explained that it was up to the City to purchase land for pauper's graves. In 1955 Danbury purchased 1200 plots. In 1984 70 were purchased and 60 have been used. Mrs. MacKenzie said she will need to purchase additional land by next July and would like to be able to budget for the purchase in December 1992. She added that this type of purchase should be a policy issue, and that she was approached by Wooster Cemetery regarding the idea of double-depth graves. All of the pauper's graves are in Wooster Cemetery and Danbury was charged \$245.00 per grave in 1984.

Mr. Trimpert explained how the double-depth graves would operate, adding that the graves would most likely be dug for double-depth and would have to be re-opened for the second funeral. The trouble with this idea is that the double-depth graves would not be occupied by family members and it may be difficult for the family members of the individual being buried.

Councilman J. Esposito asked about the increased costs of the double graves and where the funds would come from. Mrs. MacKenzie explained that the State pays \$1200 per person for a funeral but the City must purchase the land for the graves. The possibility of using City land as possible grave sites was brought up, and also the possibility of having to disintern the person at the bottom of a double grave. The possibility of using a disclaimer to allow such a process was brought up by Mrs. Coladarci.

It was decided to have Mrs. MacKenzie find out the difference in cost for a single-depth grave vs. a double-depth grave. Enclosed is a copy of the response I received from Mrs. MacKenzie.

At the second meeting Mrs. MacKenzie explained the procedure and the cost of double-depth graves. She added that the cemetery no longer wants to sell the City large pieces of land because of the monetary loss.

Mr. Trocolla moved that the City purchase double depth graves by the Welfare Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scozzafava and passed unanimously. Mr. Scozzafava added that the only problem with the new policy would be that the graves would not be filled with the same family. This problem would be compensated with the use of markers at opposite ends of the gravesite. A discussion followed regarding the use of double-depth graves in urban areas, as well as other Countries solutions to the lack of space. Mr. Trocolla added that different problems may ensue in the future. The fact that stacked vaults are also available at St. Peter's Cemetery was also brought up and then a person would never know who is over or under the individual. Each vault is marked. Mrs. MacKenzie said she respected the decision made by the Committee and would feel comfortable explaining the policy to her clients. She understands that it is not only the poor who are now using double-depth graves.

Further discussion ensued regarding the possibility of burying welfare family members together when the knowledge of impending death is known. Mrs. MacKenzie said that in the past they have saved graves when it was known that a family member was going to die.

The vaults will have to be purchased through Wooster Cemetery because they will keep the vaults on hand to accommodate the procedure of burying the first vault, adding 5-6 inches of dirt and put the next single vault in at the same time. The price of the grave opening will continue to be \$195.00. Also enclosed is the price of single graves vs. double graves.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

27 - REPORT - Request for Water Extension - 26 Woodside Avenue

Mr. Cipriani submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for water extension at 26 Woodside Avenue met on October 27, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Cipriani, Boynton and Fazio. Also in attendance were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, and Howard Sturges representing the applicant.

Mr. Boynton moved that the application be granted subject to the standard eight steps and the applicant shall have an engineering plan submitted to the Director of Public Utilities. Seconded by Mr. Fazio. Motion carried unanimously.

The report was apprvped on the Consent Calendar.

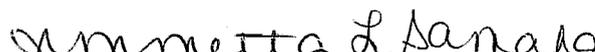
The Mayor extended all committees.

The Mayor extended congratulations to President-elect Clinton and Vice President-elect Gore on their victory on Tuesday. He also extended thanks to President Bush for his many years of public service. He also congratulated Senator Dodd, Congressman Franks, Senator Maloney, Rep. Godfrey and Rep-elect Neilson and Rep. elect Boughton on their victories.

November 14th - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the landfill.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. DaSilva for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk