

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

Re: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held January 3, 1991.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. Mr. Fazio led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Smith offered the Prayer. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT - Fazio, Scalzo, Falzone, Gallo, Coladarci, Mack, Farah, Dean Esposito, Zotos, Gogliettino, DaSilva, John Esposito, Smith, Cassano, Charles, Boughton, Boynton, Butera, Regan, Scozzafava, Valeri

ABSENT - None

21 Present - 0 Absent

The Mayor wished everyone a happy new year and announced that on January 6th the Hispanic Cultural Society will hold a Three Kings Celebration at Rogers Park Junior High School from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

On January 7th the Eastern Orthodox Church will celebrate Christmas

On January 21st the City will celebrate the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

January 17-20 - Carter L. Marshall Lodge will host the Elks of the World Mid Winter Conference.

Council Member Louis Charles celebrated his 80th birthday on January 2, 1991.

The Mayor then proceeded to deliver the State of the City Address regarding the economic conditions of the City and outlined his goals for the coming year.

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

- 1 - Approval of renewal of ARROW Grant for \$5,995
- 2 - Approval of grant to Danbury Library from Connecticut State Library of \$9,550
- 3 - Approval of Grant to Danbury Library from Connecticut State Library of \$10,000
- 5 - Approval of Appointment of Christopher Setaro to Tarrywile Park Authority
- 10 - Approval of Appointments of Richard Cyr and Edward Walsh to Parks and Recreation Commission
- 11 - Approval of appointments of Ernest Boynton, Eileen Coladarci, Joseph Scozzafava, Rita Godfrey and Carl Susnitzky to the Governmental Entity Review and Reevaluation Committee
- 18 - Approval of transfer of \$15,000 to Airport Gates and Fences Account
- 20 - Approval of negotiations for sites for Mobile Recycling Unit
- 22 - Approval of report from City Engineer recommending no action regarding use of City land for DAWS
- 25 - Approval of report from Traffic Engineer and the recommendations regarding Chambers Road
- 29 - Approval of change of name of Heyman Road to Reservoir Road
- 31 - Approval of acceptance of portions of Crows Nest Lane
- 34 - Approval of report recommending no action or adjustment on water and sewer bills
- 35 - Approval of report recommending declaration of surplus and sale of property at 31 Pleasant Drive
- 38 - Approval of Progress Report from the Education Budget Liaison Committee

Mr. Boughton asked that item 34 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Consent Calendar be accepted with the deletion of item 34. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held December 4, 1990 and the Special Meeting held December 17, 1990. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the minutes 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. Charles. Mr. Regan asked that the minutes of the December 17th meeting be amended to state his concern that the Ordinance as written (item 1) could be interpreted to prevent someone from arranging to sell their recyclable items. His concern was that would people have to be licensed to take recyclables away. Attorney Gottschalk explained to him that the Ordinance would be interpreted as

as Mr. Regan felt it should be and that any citizen could pay someone to take away their recyclables. Motion to accept the minutes, as amended, passed unanimously.

1 - COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION - Renewal of Arrow Grant

The communication and following Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control of the United States Government sponsors an AIDS Prevention Program, making funds available to local agencies and departments of health through the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services and the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury through the Danbury Health and Housing Department has formulated an Acquired Immuno-deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Risk Reduction Outreach Workers (ARROW) Program for the Danbury area; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, an independent agency attached to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health under its AIDS Prevention and Outreach Program, has approved a renewal of the ARROW grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,995 for the funding period of January 1, 1991 to February 28, 1991 and said grant requires no matching funds from the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, the ARROW Program serves the City of Danbury and the surrounding communities;

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

1. That all prior acts of William J. Campbell, Director of Health of the Danbury Health Department, Susan Durgy, its AIDS Program Coordinator and Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury in making application for said grant are hereby ratified and that said Mayor of the City of Danbury and said authorized personnel of the Danbury Health Department are hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount of \$5,995 for the funding period of January 1, 1991 through February 28, 1991 to further the purposes of said grant award.

2. That Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or William J. Campbell, Director of Health, as his designee, are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of said grant award.

2 - RESOLUTION - Grant to the Danbury Library from the Connecticut State Library.

The following resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar:

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, P. L. 98-480 (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 \$9,550 under said Federal Library Services and Construction Act, Title I, which requires a local cash match of \$400.00 and an in-kind match of \$5,100, for a total amount of \$15,050; and

WHEREAS, said grant will be used to purchase English cassette programs for both adults and children and to promote their use among the 9,000 non-English speaking residents of the greater Danbury area; and

WHEREAS, circulation studies conducted by the Danbury Public Library in 1988-89 and 1989-90 indicated a 63% increase during this time period in the circulation of cassettes which teach English to non-English speaking people;

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 a local match of \$4,775, one-half of the amount of grant.

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 \$9,550 for the funding period of January 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991 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.

3 - RESOLUTION - Grant to the Danbury Library from the Connecticut State Library.

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WHEREAS, P. L. 98-480 (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 I, which requires a local cash match of \$5,000, and an in-kind match of \$8,355, for a total amount of \$23,355; and

WHEREAS, The Danbury Public Library has determined the need to improve and expand total library services, objectives and accountability through the implementation of a five-year plan (1992-1997); and

WHEREAS, the aid of a professional consultant is necessary to assess current library services and develop a long-range plan to improve and enhance the role of the library in the cultural and educational aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS, said plan will involve the Library's Board of Directors, its staff and the community at large in developing the future direction of the Danbury Public Library;

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 a local match of \$5,000, one-half of the amount of the grant.

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 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991 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.

4 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the promotions of Kenneth J. Ackell, David R. Easter and Brian W. Sullivan to the position of Lieutenants in the Fire Department. Mr. Falzone made a motion that the communication be accepted and the promotions confirmed. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Eriquez introduced David Easter who was in the audience.

5 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Setaro to the Tarrywile Park Authority for a term to expire May 1, 1993. The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the reappointment of Theodore Farah to the EIC for a term to expire December 1, 1993 and seeking confirmation of the appointment of Sally Estefan for a term to expire December 1, 1992. Mrs. Gogliettino made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointments confirmed. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Equal Rights and Opportunities Commission. WITHDRAWN

8 - COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Economic Development Commission. WITHDRAWN

9 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Conflicts Attorney - WITHDRAWN

10 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the appointment of Richard Cyr to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 1, 1993 and the reappointment of Edward Walsby for a term to expire December 1, 1993. The appointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of Ernest Boynton, Eileen Coladarci, Joseph Scozzafava, Rita Godfrey and Carl Susnitzky to the Governmental Entity Review and Re-evaluation Committee. The appointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

12 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$260 from Heil-Coil to be used to buy holiday presents for the homeless. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

13 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Library Director Betsy McDonough asking the Council to accept donations in the amounts of \$15.00 and \$100. Mrs. Gogliettino made a motion that the donations be accepted, the proper line item credited and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. Motion carried unanimously.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Fujitsu donating three FAX machines to the City. Mrs. Coladarci made a motion that the communication be accepted and the FAX machines be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

15 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Health William Campbell seeking permission to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. Bevan for the AIDS Prevention Program. Mrs. Gogliettino made a motion that the communication be accepted, the correct line item credited and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Motion carried.

17 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking permission to receive funding from the FEMA program through the United Way of Fairfie County. The requested amount is \$6,000 to be used in association with the operating costs of running the homeless shelter. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the communication be accepted and authorization given. Seconded by Mr. Boughton. Motion carried unanimously.

18 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Letter from Airport Administrator Paul Estefan seeking the transfer of \$15,000 from the money the City received from the sale of land to the State of Connecticut into a Capital Account marked for Airport Gate and Fences. A certification of funds was attached. The request was authorized on the Consent Calendar.

19 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Transfer of Funds for the Board of Education. Letter from Superintendent of Schools Anthony Singe asking that an unexpended balance of \$58,238.16 from the 1989-90 budget be reallocated to the 1990-91 budget. A certification of funds was attached. Mr. Charles made a motion that the communication be accepted and that the sum of \$58,238.16 be reallocated to the Board of Education's 1990-91 budget. Seconded by Mr. Boughton.

Mr. Valeri asked if these funds were earmarked for something specific. The Mayor responded that he has had no indication where the funds would be spent. Mr. Farah gave a background as to why this request was made the way it was. Motion carried unanimously.

20 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk asking approval to negotiate with property owners for site for the mobile recycling van. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

21 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Director of Health William Campbell asking that a late payment fee be waived for Diana Borck who operates the Courthouse Cafe for the renewal of her Food Service Permit. Ms. Borck is blind. Mr. Boughton made a motion that the communication be accepted and the late payment fee be waived. Seconded by Mr. Boynton.

Mr. Regan asked what the amount of the fee is. Mayor Eriquez stated that it is between \$20 and \$25. Motion carried unanimously.

22 - COMMUNICATION - Report from City Engineer Jack Schweitzer and Planning Director Dennis Elpern stating that they were unable to locate an appropriate City owned site for use by the Danbury Animal Welfare Society. The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

23 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Attorney Randall McHugh regarding possible solutions to the numerous delinquent tax accounts owed to the City. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Tax Collector, the Comptroller, the City Engineer and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Coladarci, Butera and Regan to the committee.

24 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Council Member Louis Charles requesting that the Richter Park Authority cite the reasons for increases for all golfing charges for the 1991 season. Also for the committee to make recommendations to the Authority. Mr. Falzone asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mr. Boughton stated that this request for a committee should be put to committee as it is stated in the communication. A debate was held as to the intent of the communication. After much discussion, a committee was appointed by Mayor Eriquez to study the request that this item be put to committee. Appointed to the committee were Council Members Charles, Gallo and Scozzafava.

25 - COMMUNICATION - Report from Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed outlining the findings of a traffic study regarding the intersection of Chambers Road and Sturdevant Drive. The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

26 - COMMUNICATION - Mobile Oil Corporation, Padanaram Road. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, Jack Schweitzer, William Buckley and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Falzone, Dean Esposito and Scozzafava to the committee.

27 - COMMUNICATION - Drainage Problem, Birch Road. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Corporation Counsel and the Superintendent of Highways. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Scalzo, Gogliettino and Fazio to the committee.

28 - COMMUNICATION - First Properties, Inc. v. City of Danbury Planning Commission and Zoning Commission. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that this item be moved to the end of the agenda for Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. Motion carried unanimously.

29 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Tax Assessor Anne DeFlumeri requesting that Heyman Road be legally changed to Reservoir Road. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

30 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Council Member Joan Mack that an ad hoc committee be established to study the corner of North Nabby Road and Forty Acre Mountain Road which may need a street light. Mr. Smith asked that this be referred to the Mayor's Office and the Traffic Engineer. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

31 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from C. Anthony Vournazos requesting that the Common Council accept the portions of Crows Nest Lane conveyed by DJM of Norwalk, Inc. to the City. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

32 - COMMUNICATION - Request from TRaus Associates for sewer and water extensions for 5,7,9 Morgan Avenue. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Planning Commission, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Schweitzer. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Zotos, Farah and Boughton to the committee.

33 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Health Department Public Utilities. 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. Falzone. Motion carried unanimously.

34 - REPORT - Request for Adjustment on Water and Sewer Bills - Ashkar
Dean Esposito submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to review the request for an adjustment on water and sewer bills met on November 27, 1990 in Room 432 in City Hall at 7:30 P.M. In attendance were committee members Dean Esposito, Falzone and Boughton. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, Comptroller Dominic Setaro and Mr. and Mrs. John Ashkar.

Mrs. Ashkar explained the circumstances of the pipe break. She explained that the break was between two homes and that they had no idea that there was a problem. They became aware of the problem when they received their water bill and found it to be unusually high. She then called the Water Department. A worker checked the meter and tested the pipe for a break which was subsequently found. The Ashkar's then contracted to have the pipe repaired as soon as possible.

Mr. Buckley stated that he would like to have the two homes metered to avoid the same problem in the future. He also stated that once the water has run through the meter it is the responsibility of the home owner to pay all costs of the service. Mr. Esposito referred to the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-9 -- Authority of Common Council over water stating that it does not allow the Common Council to reduce or adjust any type of water service bill.

Mr. Boughton made a motion to take no action, due to the fact that the Common Council has no legal standing to do so and also stated that he would like an ad hoc committee appointed to review the possibility of amending Section 21-9 to allow the Council the power to resolve billing problems in the future. Mr. Falzone seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the report be accepted and divide the question. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding establishing a committee to study Section 21-9 of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Boughton stated that metering was enacted during his administration. Unforeseen circumstances such as this warrant some type of appeal process. Mrs. Coladarci asked if there were two meters for the two houses. Mr. Boughton stated that there is one owner and it would be better if there were two meters. Mr. Boynton stated that others should not have to pay for the resolution of this type of problem on other peoples property. Mr. Farah stated that he feels there should also be some type of appeals process. Mr. Scalzo moved the question. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to establish committee passed with Mr. Boynton voting in the negative. The committee will be Council Members DaSilva, John Esposito and Boughton.

35 - REPORT - Request to sell City land - 31 Pleasant Drive (lot #45)

Mrs. Mack presented the following report which was accepted on the Consent Calendar:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review a request to sell City land (lot 45) to Carol and Roger Farrington met on Thursday, December 20, 1990 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Mack, Coladarci and Boughton.

The committee reviewed Corporation Counsel's October 23, 1990 communication along with the communications sent to the Council in August and September with regard to this piece of land. Mrs. Coladarci stated that in 1983 lot 45 was first authorized for sale. Mr. Boughton reviewed the ordinance Section 2-133 "Disposal of Surplus Property". He stated that it was his feeling that the Common Council should not be in a position to determine pricing on saleable property. Ms. Mack stated that other neighbors should be made aware that the land (lot 45) was for sale.

Mr. Boughton made a motion to recommend to the Common Council to declare the property surplus and notify the purchasing agent to give notice of the sale and take solicitations of offers per Section 2-133 of the City Code of Ordinances. Mrs. Coladarci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Mack will notify the Farringtons of the action taken by the committee.

36 - REPORT - DHR Grant Application

Mrs. Gogliettino submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to discuss the Department of Human Resources Grant Application for the development of a City homeless shelter met on Friday, December 28, 1990 at 11:45 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Gogliettino and Regan. Also present were Basil Friscia, Administrative Aide to the Mayor and Assistant Corporation Counsel Laslo Pinter.

Ms. Gogliettino, committee chair, reviewed the past history of the shelter project with those present. This history is as follows:

The grant application has come as a result of the research and recommendations made by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Homeless which met from March, 1990 to June, 1990. In the committee's final report to the Mayor, the committee recommended the establishment of a City owned and operated shelter and day center utilizing \$350,000 in State funding that has been earmarked for the City. Shortly after review of the committee's report, the Mayor appointed an ancillary City department head committee charged with reviewing recommended sites, preparing for the grant application and setting objectives for the project. Over the course of the summer months, sites recommended by the Mayor's committee and additional sites were reviewed by Basil Friscia, Debbie MacKenzie and other appropriate City departments. Site consideration focused on cost, location and current zoning placement. The site identified is 41 New Street. The City, as stipulated in the requirements for the grant monies, requested proposals for the development of a shelter and held a pre-bid conference on Friday, November 16, 1990. Three bids were submitted on Tuesday, November 27, 1990 and have been reviewed by all appropriate City agencies.

Mr. Friscia and Attorney Pinter brought the committee up to date on current activity. This activity is as follows:

1. The builder proposes a turnkey project consisting of a one-story dormitory style building at 41 New Street. This parcel is properly zoned, requires no variance change and is located behind the New Street Animal Hospital. A legal description of the parcel will be included in future contracts.
2. The builder has submitted a proposal to complete the project for just under \$350,000.
3. The bond money is currently available to the City and the City is scheduled to submit its application on Thursday, January 10, 1991.
4. Once the building is complete, the City will purchase the land and structure with State funds.
5. The City can closely monitor the project during construction with no obligation for ownership until the project is properly completed.
6. The City is currently spending over \$40,000 in rents for the shelter and day care sites. This expenditure will be eliminated.
7. The City has implemented new shelter usage rules (effective November 1, 1990) that prioritizes bed usage. These rules will remain in effect and would be utilized at any City operated shelter or day center. This has given the City better control over resident, non-resident and out of State use of the shelter.
8. The shelter will not offer a significant increase of bed space over current bed space. Maximum bed space in the proposed shelter is 20 beds.
9. The new facility will combine a homeless shelter and day center. This will provide for better control of the facilities operation.
10. This site removes current activity from Main Street and does not present a visible distraction to citizens.

Mr. Regan stated that he felt we should act when funding was available and that he understood there may be a future court ruling based on a lawsuit filed in the City of New Haven that would require cities like Danbury to provide appropriate shelter services. Ms. Gogliettino made the following motion:

Recommend to the members of the Common Council that such members agree to affirm the Board of Awards action on December 26, 1990 and approve the concept of the construction of the homeless shelter and day center, resulting in a municipal purchase at completion dependent upon the acquisition of State bond funds and subject to the interim review and report by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Regan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the report be accepted and the recommendations approved. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Mr. Gallo asked what would happen if the bond money is not received. The Mayor stated that they would not proceed until the money is received and no monies would be needed beyond the \$350,000. Mr. Farah asked what the total spaces are now. The Mayor replied that there are 15 beds available at 113 Main Street. Mr. Farah also stated that Danbury's legislative delegation to Hartford should be asked to look into a regional solution to the homeless problem. Mr. Scalzo asked if the \$350,000 included the purchase price of the land. Mayor Eriquez stated that the total of \$350,000 is all inclusive. Mr. Valeri stated that the City would be saving \$40,000 in rental fees. What is the projection of cost of the new shelter. Mayor Eriquez stated that the \$40,000 would be the operational costs of the new shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DaSilva submitted the following report:

The committee to review a Paramedic Contract between the City of Danbury and Business Systems, Inc. met at 7:30 P.M. on December 27, 1990 in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members DaSilva and Coladarci. Also in attendance were Keith Ritchie, Administrative Director of Danbury Hospital Emergency Room and James Cooper, Co-Ordinator of Medical Services at Danbury Hospital.

Mr. DaSilva presented a letter from Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk, Comptroller Dominic Setaro and Ambulance Supervisor Michael Esposito stating that the proposed contract is the same as the present one with a six percent (6%) increase in fees. They also stated that they are in agreement with the contract.

After discussion, Mrs. Coladarci moved to recommend approval of the proposed contract pending certification of \$7,000. Mr. DaSilva seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Charles made a motion to accept the report and approve the contract and approve the authorization of funds in the amount of \$7,000. Seconded by Mr. Boughton. Motion carried unanimously.

38 - PROGRESS REPORT - Education Budget Liasion Committee.

Mr. Smith submitted the following report which was accepted on the Consent Calendar:

The Common Council Ad Hoc Budget Liasion Committee for Education met on Tuesday, December 11, 1990 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. Present were committee members Smith, Fazio, Farah. Absent were Mack and Scozzafava. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools Anthony Singe, Director of Finance Jack Heidenreich and School Board Members Mark Chory and Carlos Marano.

Mr. Smith opened the meeting with a discussion of the upcoming school budget dates for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Mr. Smith also presented a budget timetable for 1991-92. Some of the highlights that were discussed was a concern for everyone present. The Superintendent expressed concern for staffing in every category. He also mentioned enrollment increases. Other highlights were suggesting a savings in health insurance, transportation, early retirement and general reallocation of funds. The Superintendent promised he would not submit a double digit percentage budget. The Board of Education is currently in the process of contract negotiations with the teacher's union.

39 - COMMUNICATION - Waiver of Bid for Emergency Replacements of Boilers at Morris Street School. Mr. DaSilva made a motion to add this to the agenda. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried with Council Members. Boughton, Butera and Scalzo voting in the negative.

Letter from Purchasing Agent Warren Platz asking for a waiver of bid for the replacement of boilers at Morris Street School. Mr. Fazio made a motion to accept the communication. Seconded by Mr. Regan. Mr. Fazio asked why a new school building needs replacement boilers. Mayor Eriquez stated that the building is 10 years old. Mr. Fazio asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Eriquez asked if it was his intent to proceed with the bid process. Mr. Fazio answered in the affirmative. The committee will consist of Council Members Cassano, Butera and Fazio as well as Superintendent of Public Buildings Richard Palanzo and Dominic Setaro.

Mr. Gallo stated that the Danbury Trojans of the Pop Warner Football League won the National Championship in California and could signs be placed on highways into the City stating such. Mayor Eriquez stated that signs are now being made and will be installed. He has invited the team to come to the next Common Council meeting for a presentation.

Mr. Farah asked if the Corporation Counsel could issue a report regarding the status of court cases involving the City.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

John Ashkar, 15 Fairmount Drive - owner of property at 30 and 30½ Padanaram Road (item 34). Stated that negligence was brought up. There was no drop in water pressure and no evidence of a leak. The only way it was discovered was through the billing. He spoke about the time frame of the problem and read a letter he had received from Mr. Buckley.

Jack Garamella, Treasurer of the Richter Park Authority - spoke on item 24. Stated that he feels that some Common Council Members do not understand what the Richter Park Authority is. He gave background concerning same. He feels that the Council would be overstepping its bounds by trying to govern by committee but did invite information sharing.

John Ashkar - stated that he had appeared at the committee meeting and understands that the committee is bound by the Ordinance but would like some type of appeal process.

At 9:50 P.M. Mr. Gallo made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding item 28. Seconded by Mr. Falzone. Motion carried unanimously.

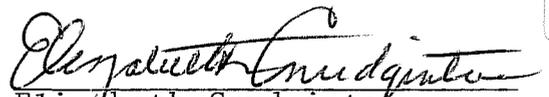
at 10:05 P.M. the Common Council reconvened in public session. Mr. Boynton made a motion that the agreement as outlined by Attorney Jowdy be entered into. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Mr. Falzone at 10:06 P.M. for the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk