

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

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

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

Present - Fazio, Scalzo, Falzone, Gallo, Arconti, Coladarci, John Esposito, Dennehy, Setaro, Gogliettino, Outlaw, Cassano, Charles, Boughton, Cipriani, DaSilva, Dean Esposito, Trocolla

Absent - Boynton, Butera, Scozzafava

Mr. Boynton was travelling

Mr. Scozzafava was working

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Joseph Rosato, Long Ridge Road - Spoke in opposition of regulating or prohibiting hunting in the City. Also spoke regarding the scenic roads ordinance.

(At 7:40 P.M. Mrs. Butera arrived and was marked present)

David Frankhouser, 5 Deal Drive - spoke in favor of a ban on discharge of firearms within the City.

Debbie Legg, Great Plain Road - favors a ban on hunting because she is afraid to let her children play outside due to hunters in the area.

Karen Repko, Great Plain Road - opposed to hunting. Has found arrows on her property.

Nancy Green, Coach Hill Drive - submitted a seven page petition from residents opposed to hunting in the City.

Gil Brouillette, Great Plain Road - urged the Common Council to issue a ban on all hunting within the City.

John Cherry, 47 Lincoln Avenue - spoke in favor of additional funding for CACD as it would save the Harambe Youth Center.

Christal Loubriel, 57 Town Hill Road - Chairman of CACD spoke in favor of the Common Council granting additional funding to CACD.

Dave Whitfield, High Ridge Gardens - supports additional funding for CACD.

Ceceilia Wagaman, Lake Place Condominiums - opposed to hunting within the City.

Larry Moore - supports funding for CACD and should go to the Harambe Youth Center.

Jean Rosato, Long Ridge Road - does not oppose hunting and is against the Common Council issuing a ban on hunting within the City.

John Priolo, 19 Monarch Road - spoke in opposition of hunting within the City.

Robert Coppolo, 19 Glen Road - It is his feeling that there cannot be a cut and dry ban on hunting in the City.

Michael Cunningham, West Redding Road - gave out a report on hunting within the State of Connecticut.

Mark Town, East Lake Road - opposed to hunting ban. If there is a violation the Police should be notified.

David Owens, 7 East Franklin Street - Is opposed to a ban on hunting as there have been no accidents within the City.

Paul Wibling, South King Street - hunts on his property. Problems should be handled with the DEP or the Police Department.

Tom Downey, 28 Robin Hood Road - people that do not obey hunting laws should be prosecuted, but there should not be a ban on everyone.

Larry Johnson, 59 Park Avenue - spoke in favor of additional funding for CACD

Vicki Penny, 18 Wildman Street - spoke in favor of additional funding of CACD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Eriquez offered congratulations to Ernest and Ann Boynton on the recent birth of their second grandchild.

December 13th - Council Member Harry Scalzo's birthday

December 5th - Padanaram Hose Company Dinner

December 8th - Common Council Wood Sale

December 14th & 15th - Annual presentation of the Nutcracker

December 19th - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

December 24th - City Hall will close at 12:00 noon for the Christmas holiday

December 31st - City Hall will close at noon for the New Year Holiday
First Night festivities will commence at 5:00 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR - The Consent Calendar was presented by John Esposito:

- 3 - Approve application for Triangle Street Bridge - Local Bridge Program
- 7 - Approve request for new line item for Columbus Celebration donations
- 12 - Approve request for \$30,000 for Special Services Account for Fire Department
- 21 - Approve revision to agreement with Danbury Still River Associates
- 23 - Approve Good Neighbor House Lease
- 24 - Approve DAYO Lease at Osborne Street Field
- 26 - Approve Wibling Road Widening Parcel on Middle River Road
- 27 - Accept communication from Planning Commission and Director of Public Works on Grammer School Drive
- 29 - Approve appointment of Douglas Sinclair to Lake Kenosia Commission
- 30 - Approve appointment of David Johnson and reappointment of John Gogliettino to the Environmental Impact Commission
- 31 - Approve appointment of Paul Fadus to the Redevelopment Agency
- 34 - Approve amendment, assignment and new lease for Interfaith Day Care Center
- 35 - Approve request for water extension on Quail Run - Driftway Road
- 36 - Approve progress report on space for Youth Soccer Program
- 37 - Approve request for extension of time on sewer and water extension at 103-105 Beaver Brook Road

Mr. Charles made a motion that the Consent Calendar be adopted as read. Seconded by Mr. Fazio. Mr. Falzone asked that item 23 be deleted from the Consent Calendar. Motion carried with item 23 deleted.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held November 7, 1991 and the Special Common Council Meeting held November 21, 1991. 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 Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

1 - ORDINANCE - Recycling Program. Mrs. Coladarci asked that this be deferred to Public Hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

2 - ORDINANCE - Scenic Roads. Mr. Fazio asked that this be deferred to Public Hearing. Mayor Eriquez so ordered.

3 - RESOLUTION - Triangle Street Bridge - Local Bridge Program

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Gene F. Eriquez, Mayor, City of Danbury, City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut 06810 is hereby authorized to execute the Preliminary Application and Condition Report to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Triangle Street Bridge over the Still River, Bridge #04073, under the State's Local Bridge Program.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

4 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting that an ad hoc committee be formed to review the manner in which State law would allow us to prohibit, restrict or otherwise control hunting within City limits. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Corporation Counsel and the Police Chief. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Coladarci, Arconti and Fazio to the committee.

5 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Library Director Betsy McDonough asking permission to accept a donation in the amount of \$25 from Mary Ann Frede for the Books line item. Mr. Setaro made a motion that the communication be accepted, the donation credited to the proper line item and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez asking the Common Council to accept the donation of one Christmas tree to the City donated by Mr. William Parker. Ms. Gogliettino made a motion that the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks sent. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez requesting that a new line item be established in the 1991 -92 budget so that the City may accept donations for the Columbus Quincentenary Celebration. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

8 - COMMUNICATION - Request from The Community Action Committee of Danbury for an additional grant from the City in the amount of \$50,000. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Director of Finance and the Director of the CACD. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gogliettino, Setaro and Scozzafava to the committee.

9 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Director of Welfare Deborah MacKenzi for funds in the amount of \$23,000 to maintain the same level of operation in the Welfare Department as last year. Mr. Trocolla asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Director of Welfare and the Director of Finance. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Falzone, Trocolla and Boughton to the committee.

10 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez appointing the Governmental Entity Review and Evaluation Committee to consist of Council Members Boynton, Coladarci and Scozzafava and public members Corrine Silvert and James Purcell. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the communication be accepted and the committee appointed. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Homeless Services Program - WITHDRAWN

12 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Fire Chief Antonio requesting the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Special Services Account. The request was granted on the Consent Calendar.

13 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Council Member Bernard Gallo asking that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study benefits for volunteer firefighters. Mr. Scalzo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Risk Manager, the Director of Finance and the President of the Volunteer Firefighter's Council. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallo, Dennehy and Fazio to the committee.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Town Clerk Michael Seri for review of the existing Peddler's Ordinance. Mrs. Gogliettino asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Town Clerk and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallo, Cipriani and Boughton to the committee.

16 - COMMUNICATION - Amended Supplemental Budget request from the Board of Education. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to the Education Budget Committee, the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education and the Director of Finance. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gogliettino, Scalzo, Setaro, Fazio and Scozzafava to the Education Budget Committee.

17 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Superintendent of Schools Anthony Singe setting out the revised funding level for approval. A summary of program funding was attached. Mrs. Butera made a motion to accept the communication and approve the revision of the figures. Seconded by Dean Esposito. Mr. Boughton stated that he was unable to make any sense out of this memorandum. Director of Finance Setaro explained the request. Motion carried unanimously.

18 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk asking that property be exchanged between the City of Danbury and the State of Connecticut for the Danbury Railroad Station. Mr. Setaro asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Planning Commission, the Corporation Counsel and the Director of Finance. The Mayor so ordered and appointed Council Members Dean Esposito, Setaro and Fazio to the committee.

19 - COMMUNICATION - Request for Sewer Extension on Newtown Road from Seymour R. and Melvin J. Powers. Miss Dennehy 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, Outlaw and Boughton to the committee.

20 - COMMUNICATION - Request from RSA Corporation for sewer and water extension on Old Sherman Turnpike. Mrs. Gogliettino asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Utilities and the Planning Commission. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallo, Charles, Boughton to the committee.

21 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk asking the Common Council to authorize Mayor Eriquez to execute the agreement between the Danbury-Still River Associates and the City regarding Eagle Road. Permission was granted on the Consent Calendar.

22 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from William M. Duffield seeking information on the sale or lease of City property at 33 Hayestown Road. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to the Planning Commission, the Planning Director and the City Engineer for reports back in thirty days.

23 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Assistant Corporation Counsel Les Pinter asking approval of a revised lease agreement for the Good Neighbor House at 113 Main Street. Mrs. Gogliettino made a motion that the communication be accepted and the revised agreement approved. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Motion carried with Mr. Falzone voting in the negative.

24 - COMMUNICATION - Report from the Planning Commission giving a positive recommendation for the DAYO lease for the Field Building Site at Osborne Street. The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

25 - COMMUNICATION - Report from the Planning Commission regarding the Hatters Park Bowling Lanes Lease noting that the subject land use is existing. Mr. DaSilva made a motion to accept the communication and authorize the lease. Seconded by Mrs. Butera. Mr. Charles asked if the lease was completed. Mr. Pinter stated that it was not and this communication was to waive the bidding procedures. Mr. Boughton asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee, the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Eriquez so ordered and appointed Council Members John Esposito, Charles and Boughton to the committee.

26 - COMMUNICATION - Reports from the Planning Commission and the City Engineer giving positive recommendations on the Wibling Road widening project. The reports were submitted on the Consent Calendar.

27 - COMMUNICATION - Reports from the Planning Commission and the City Engineer regarding the extension of Grammer School Drive -Heritage Extension. The reports were accepted on the Consent Calendar.

28 - COMMUNICATION - Report from the Planning Director regarding the offer of property for sale at 8 Boughton Street to the City. Mr. DaSilva asked that this be referred to the original committee. Mayor Eriquez so ordered. The original committee consists of Council Members Coladarci, Butera and Fazio.

29 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Sinclair to the Lake Kenosia Commission for a term to expire May 1, 1992. The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

30 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the appointment of David Johnson to the Environmental Impact Commission for a term to expire December 1, 1994 and the reappointment of John Gogliettino for a term to expire December 1, 1994. The appointments were confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

31 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mayor Eriquez seeking confirmation of the appointment of Paul Fadus to the Redevelopment Agency for a term to expire December 1, 1993. The confirmation was confirmed on the Consent Calendar.

32 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Highway, Parks and Recreation, Department of Elderly Services, Fire Marshall, Fire Chief, Health Department, Engineering Public Buildings, Police Department. Mr. DaSilva made a motion that the Department Reports be accepted and the reading waived as all members have copies and are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mrs. Outlaw. Mr. Scalzo spoke on the completion of King Street and stated that the residents would be very pleased by this Motion carried unanimously.

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the proposal for donations to the Welfare Department met at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 26, 1991. In attendance were committee members Gogliettino and Scalzo. Also in attendance were Director of Welfare Deborah MacKenzie, and Assistant Director of Welfare Patricia Krafick. Committee Member Michael Fazio was absent. Mrs. Gogliettino moved to waive the rules to allow Ms. MacKenzie the opportunity to discuss her request with the members present. Seconded by Mr. Scalzo and passed unanimously.

Ms. MacKenzie told the committee that in June of 1991, the Common Council had authorized the Director of Finance to create a special line item for the purpose of receiving donations to fund services for the homeless. This line item is 02-05-100-040102 and currently has a balance of \$3,087.00 Ms. MacKenzie has been asked by the Mayor and the homeless clients using the City shelter for an extension of hours at the shelter on Saturdays and Sundays. In order to provide an extension of hours, the Welfare Department would be required to provide paid staff to oversee the operation of the shelter, supervise clients and volunteers. Ms. MacKenzie is requesting that \$2,100 from the Special Account (02-05-100-040102) be transferred to the salary account for the Department of City Welfare. This transfer would allow the department the opportunity to hire part-time employees at a wage of approximately \$6 per hour.

After further discussion, Mr. Scalzo made a motion to authorize the Director of Finance to transfer \$2,100 from line item 02-05-100-040102 to the appropriate salary line item for the Department of City Welfare to be used to pay salaries of the part-time employees who will cover additional weekend hours for the City shelter. Seconded by Mrs. Gogliettino and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gallo made a motion that the report be accepted, that the line item be eliminated and the appropriate be made from the reserve funding from June. Seconded by Mr. Boughton. Mr. Boughton asked if a certification of funds was necessary. Mr. Setaro said it was not. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DaSilva submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review a lease amendment, a lease assignment and a new lease for the Interfaith Daycare Center met at 7:30 P.M. on November 18, 1991. In attendance were committee members DaSilva, Esposito and Scozzafava. Also in attendance were the Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, CEO of Danbury Hospital Frank Kelly, Director of Interfaith Daycare Center Judy Simpson, member of Interfaith Daycare Center Hugh Carolan and Council Member Louis Charles, ex-officio.

The committee reviewed the documents submitted by Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk. The first is an amendment to the lease between the City of Danbury and the Interfaith Daycare Center which would terminate the lease upon the opening of the new facility. The second was to assign the lease to the Danbury Hospital who will shortly own the property where the present facility stands. The third was a new lease for the Daycare Center when the new facility is complete. This new lease is patterned on the present lease with Interfaith.

After discussion with the various representatives, Mr. Esposito moved to recommend approval of the three documents as discussed above, to terminate the Interfaith lease upon completion of the new facility, the assignment of the lease to the Danbury Hospital and the new lease for Interfaith upon completion of the new facility. These approvals to be contingent upon approval of the Planning Commission. Mr. Scozzafava seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

35 - REPORT - Request for Water Extension - Quail Run - Driftway Road

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for water extension for Quail Run Subdivision - Driftway Road meet on November 25, 1991 in Room 432 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Falzone, Charles and Regan. Also in attendance were Robert Ogden for Jack Schweitzer and Robin Kahn representing Davro-Scalzo.

Mr. Falzone read into the record the Planning Commission approval of the subdivision with the stipulation that the applicant change the name of the road to one that would not be the same as another City road. Mr. Falzone read a second letter from the Planning Department stating that the road name had been changed to Quail Run.

Mr. Charles made a motion that the water extension be approved subject to the normal eight steps and the name of the road be changed to Quail Run. Seconded by Mr. Regan. Motion carried unanimously.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

36 - PROGRESS REPORT - Space for Youth Soccer Program

Mr. Falzone submitted the following progress report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for space for the Youth Soccer Program met on November 25, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Falzone, Dennehy and Fazio. Also in attendance were Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Ryerson, Tom Presnell, Paula Gruber, Richard Knapp of the Youth Soccer Program and Council Members Christopher Setaro, ex-officio.

Mr. Falzone stated that this would be a progress meeting and no definite answer could be given at this time while options were still being explored. Mr. Presnell stated that the size of the Youth Soccer Program is over 1,000 children and growing. He stated that the tournaments held once a year bring in 150 teams, which together with their families, bring over 4,500 people into the City.

Mr. Ryerson stated that the Youth Soccer Program looks into open space and accesses its need. He also stated that the fields in the Parks currently being used by the soccer program are overworked and that with a soccer complex being built would ease the burden on City parks and allow the fields to rest and let grass grow.

Mr. Fazio stated that it would be best to have the complex downtown because of the influx of people it would bring to the downtown. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The Progress Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

37 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Monopoly Investment Company requesting an extension of time for sewer and water extension for 103-105 Beaver Brook Road. The extension was granted on the Consent Calendar.

38 - COMMUNICATION - Yankee Gas License

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to add this item to the agenda. This is a license needed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Mr. Charles.

Mr. Boughton stated that this is the first meeting of a new term. By continuing this action of adding items to the agenda, the Common Council is setting itself up for improper notification. Adding agenda items should only be done in cases of emergency.

Mrs. Butera stated that this is the beginning of a new term and she is still opposed to adding agenda items.

Mr. Charles stated that it is important that this item be added.

Mr. DaSilva stated that he is not normally in favor of adding items to the agenda, but it is his understanding that the work could continue at the plant if this license is signed.

Mr. Charles moved the question. Seconded by Mrs. Gogliettino. Motion carried with Mr. Boughton voting in the negative.

Motion to add carried with Council Members Fazio, Boughton and Butera voting in the negative.

Mr. Boughton made a motion to accept the communication and authorize execution of the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Enriquez extended all committees.

Mayor Enriquez extended best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season to all citizens of Danbury.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk