

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - Mayor of the City of Danbury.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council, held on April 7, 1980.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. by Council President Richard Murray, in the absence of Mayor Dyer. Councilman Murray led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Visconti.

Roll Call was taken by the City Clerk, Elizabeth Crudginton, with the following members being recorded as:

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Repole, Kennedy, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Visconti, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Evans, Fabiano, Torian.

ABSENT: Councilmembers - Rinder, Scialabba, White, Burke, Butera.

16 members present -- 5 members absent.

NOTICE of Special Meeting to be held April 7, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. for the following purpose:

- 1. Presentation by Mayor Dyer of the 1980-81 Budget for the City of Danbury.
- 2. Resolution - Setting time and place of public hearing to be held on the Budget for the fiscal year of 1980-1981.

RETURN OF SERVICE - by Police Officers of the Danbury Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Visconti that the Notice and Return of Service be accepted. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Boynton to recess the meeting until 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Councilman Murray, President of the Common Council, who turned the gavel over to Mayor Dyer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton with the following members being recorded as:

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Kennedy, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Visconti, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Evans, Fabiano, Torian.

21 Members Present - None Absent.

BUDGET PRESENTATION BY MAYOR DYER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1980-1981.

" Honorable Members of the Common Council: In accordance with the City Charter, I am pleased to submit the Mayor's Budget for the fiscal year 1980-1981.

Many factors contributed to the proposal before you. We have experienced unprecedented inflation, and reductions in State and Federal monies to our City. We have had an unwise dependence on C.E.T.A. personnel in certain City Departments, as well as unmet obligations from the previous administration.

We have settled old labor agreements, and have recognized the need for a capital budget to begin a program to protect our investment in public properties. We must balance this with the recognition of the demands we are placing on our limited resources.

We have managed the affairs of the City carefully and prudently during the past five months. The areas identified in this budget are ones of priority. It is imperative to address those areas in order to put this City on sound footings for the future. We cannot move forward without looking realistically at where we stand today. We have assessed our needs, we now must fulfill them. The synopsis of the budget is as follows:

Budget requests from departments, boards, and agencies totaled \$50,021,282.00. I have reduced these requests by \$5,523,784.00 to \$44,497,498.00.

The amount required to be raised by levy of taxes, after consideration of uncollectable taxes, subtraction of Federal and State revenues, fees and payments to City Agencies, and unappropriated fund balances is \$32,104,574.00. These figures represent an increase of 5.33 mills from 30.80 to a rate of 36.13 mills.

I am transmitting this Budget to you with advance commendation for the work you will perform, and the hours you will spend in review and deliberation of my proposals.

I also wish to acknowledge the work of our Department Heads, City Employees, and volunteers to our Boards and Commissions for the time they have spent preparing their proposals. Finally, I wish to thank the citizens of Danbury for their investment in our community and their devotion to improving our City.

RESOLUTION - That Public Hearings on the Budget of the City of Danbury for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980 and ending June 30, 1981, will be held on April 30, 1980 and May 1, 1980 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. in the auditorium at Rogers Park Junior High School.

That the Notice of time and place of said Hearings be placed in the Danbury News Times on April 18 and April 25, 1980.

A motion for adoption of the Resolution was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman White.

The Resolution was adopted by a roll call vote of 21 Ayes - No Nays.

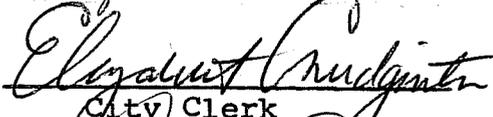
Councilman Murray asked Attorney Goldstein the Corporation Counsel to explain procedures to be followed at the public hearings. Attorney Goldstein stated that Section 7-4 of the City Charter outlines the duties of the Common Council on the Budget and includes the fact that the Common Council shall hold one or more business hearings not later than May 1 at which time any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard regarding appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Delsin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

  
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

  
City Clerk

Approved:

  
Mayor