

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council meeting held on April 7, 1981.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. by his honor Mayor James E. Dyer who led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Joseph DaSilva.

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

PRESENT: Council members - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Farah, Evans, Torian.

ABSENT: Councilman Visconti.

20 members present - 1 member absent.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer announced that Jean Buck of the Bridgeport Newspaper, had celebrated her birthday on April 1st.

The Mayor also noted that on April 4th was the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Mayor Dyer asked for a moment of silent prayer wishing speedy recovery for President Reagan and others who were wounded the day the President was shot.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Ryan submitted the Consent Calendar which listed the following items from the agenda:

- 03 - Resolution - Setting time and place of public hearings to be held for the 1981-1982 Budget.
- 05 - Resolution - Settlement of Claims.
- 018 - Communication - Request from Tax Collector for accounts to be transferred to Municipal Suspense List.
- 024 - Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds to Building Dept.
- 025 - Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds to Zoning Commission.
- 026 - Communication & Certification - Request of E.I.C. for funds re: DanCon vs. E.I.C.
- 027 - Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds for Jury Committee.
- 028 - Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds for E.I.C.
- 029 - Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds to Tax Office.
- 030 - Communication & Certification - Transfer of funds to Flood & Erosion Control Board.
- 031 - Communication - Appointment to Conservation Commission.
- 032 - Communication - Appointment of an Alternate to the E.I.C.
- 034 - Report & Resolution - Acceptance of Tom Thumb Lane.
- 035 - Report - Sewers for South Cove and vicinity.
- 036 - Report - Hand Railings for Wooster Manor.
- 037 - Report - Energy Conservation Proposal - Computerized Heat Control System.
- 038 - Report - Alternate Fuel Conversion of Motor Vehicles.
- 039 - Report - Funds for Workmen's Compensation Account.
- 040 - Report - Request for funds to repair Lakeview property.
- 042 - Report & Resolution - Social Security Sick Pay.

- 043 - Report - Med-I-Chair proposal.
- 044 - Report - Independent Auditors.
- 046 - Report - Funds for Welfare Dept.
- 047 - Report - Space needs for Fire Dept. Training School.
- 048 - Report - Temporary employment in Tax Office.
- 050 - Report - Land Acquisition Committee re: Klein property.
- 052 - Report - Civil Service Commission.
- 053 - Report - Request of Danbury Rifle & Pistol Club to use Danbury Police Pistol Range.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Delsin for the Consent Calendar to be adopted as read. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION - Resignation of Councilman Frederick Visconti from the Fifth Ward of the City of Danbury. This action is being taken for personal reasons.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Ryan to accept the resignation with extreme regret. Motion carried.

Councilman Delsin expressed the regrets of the minority members of the Common Council, for the resignation of Councilman Visconti.

BUDGET - Mayor Dyer delivered his budget message and presented the 1981-1982 Budget to members of the Common Council.

RESOLUTION - Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that Public Hearings on the Budget of the City of Danbury for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982, will be held on April 20, 1981 and April 21, 1981 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. in the cafeteria at Broadview Jr. High School on Hospital Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut.

That the Notice of time and place of said hearings be placed in the Danbury News Times on April 9 and April 14, 1981.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray to dispense with reading the minutes of the Common Council meetings held on March 3, 1981 and March 19, 1981. Minutes to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS - Felice C. Fiore, Sr. for Felice G. Fiore Jr. - Eugene A. Previdi Thomas Mintner - Shelly Weiss - Veronica Loya - Arthur Simao - Mohamed M. Abdulraham - Sandra DiChiara - Richard Wolfe - Linda Testa - Mr. & Mrs. Carmel Viscio for Donald Viscio - Linda Arbitelle.

Councilman Murray requested referral to the Claims Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims - Attorney Thomas G. West. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

RESOLUTION - Settlement of the following claims:

<u>The Hartford Insurance Group</u>	\$2,500.00
In settlement of the claim of Estate of John B. Mancuso Vs City of Danbury - Date of accident: Oct. 30, 1977.	

<u>The Hartford Insurance Group</u>	\$2,500.00
In settlement of the claim of Lawrence Hayes v. City of Danbury Date of Accident: April 1, 1980	

The Hartford Insurance Group
In settlement of the claim of
Electa Pace v. City of Danbury
Date of Accident: 9/26/79

\$1,000.00

CERTIFICATION - A Certification was submitted by John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting, in the amount of \$5,000 in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Claims Account. This is an addition to an earlier certification of \$3,000 on 1/29/1981.

The Certification was accepted, Resolution adopted and Claims authorized to be paid, by the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - City Treasurer Paul Shea submitted a letter advising that on April 7, 1981 the City of Danbury is planning to sell bonds for \$5,600,000.00 for Morris Street and South Street Schools and \$1,100,000. General Public Improvement Bonds for Sokol property. The Common Council will be required at the April 7, 1981 meeting to accept or reject those bids that were received.

Depending on market conditions an alternate sale date may be substituted and therefore a Special Meeting may be required.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray to accept the Communication. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Ryan presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION - WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE AND SALE OF \$5,600,000 CITY OF DANBURY SCHOOL BONDS, ISSUE OF 1981, TWENTY YEAR SERIAL.

RESOLVED: \$5,600,000 of the Bonds of the City of Danbury authorized to be issued by an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Making Appropriations Aggregating \$5,600,000 For Additions And Renovations To South Street School and Morris Street School And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issue Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", adopted at a meeting of the Common Council on February 6, 1979, and approved by a referendum on March 15, 1979, shall be dated April 15, 1981, mature \$280,000 on April 15, in each of the years 1982-2001, both inclusive, be issued in the Denomination of \$5,000, be certified by Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, be payable at the principal office of Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, in Hartford, Connecticut, or at the office of Hartford Trust Company of New York (A Limited Purpose Trust Company), in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signatures of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer, and the interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer.

Councilman Murray moved that Councilman Ryan's Resolution be adopted as presented and the motion was seconded by Councilman DaSilva. Upon a roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

Ayes: Council members - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Farah, Evans, Torian.
(1 vacancy)

No Nays. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

22 Councilman James Ryan presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION - WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE AND SALE OF \$1,100,000 CITY OF DANBURY GENERAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ISSUE OF 1981, TWENTY YEAR SERIAL

RESOLVED: \$1,100,000 of the bonds of the City authorized to be issued by an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,100,000 For The Acquisition Of Property On East Hayestown Road And Authorizing The Issuance of \$1,100,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issue Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", adopted at a meeting of the Common Council on October 7, 1980, and approved by a referendum on December 9, 1980, shall be dated April 15, 1981, mature \$55,000 on April 15 in each of the years 1982-2001, both inclusive, be issued in the denomination of \$5,000, be certified by Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, be payable at the principal office of Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, in Hartford, Connecticut, or at the office of Hartford Trust Company of New York (A Limited Purpose Trust Company), in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signatures of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer, and the interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer.

Councilman Murray moved that Councilman Ryan's Resolution be adopted as presented and the motion was seconded by Councilman DaSilva.

Upon a roll call vote the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: Council members - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Farah, Evans, Torian.
1 vacancy. No Nays.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

Councilman Ryan presented the following Resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Notice of Sale and Sale of \$6,700,000 City of Danbury Bonds dated April 15, 1981, consisting of \$5,600,000 School Bonds, Issue of 1981, and \$1,100,000 General Public Improvement Bonds, Issue of 1981, bearing interest at the rate of 9.75% per annum for bonds maturing in the years 1982-1993, both inclusive, 10.20% per annum for bonds maturing in the years 1994-1997, both inclusive, and 10.30% per annum for bonds maturing in the years 1998-2001, both inclusive, payable October 15, 1981 and semi-annually thereafter on April 15 and October 15 in each year, to Hartford National Bank, Mgr., Colonial Bank, Joint Manager and Associates on the basis of their bid of par with a premium of \$36.85 and accrued interest for bonds bearing interest at said rates, are hereby approved.

Councilman Murray moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Councilman DaSilva.

Upon a roll call vote, the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: Council members - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Farah, Evans, Torian.

No Nays - 1 vacancy.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION - Opposing Increase To The/Conveyance Tax.

The Resolution, submitted by Councilwoman Diane Eppoliti, urges the members of the Connecticut General Assembly not to adopt or amend any general statute which will increase the present \$1.10 Real Estate Conveyance Tax Rate.

Councilman Murray requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to the committee: Ryan, Walsh, Repole.

Councilman Delsin requested that Councilwoman Eppoliti be allowed to read an article explaining the current tax proposals being considered by the Connecticut General Assembly. Permission was granted, and Councilwoman Eppoliti urged the members of the Common Council to strongly advise the members of the Connecticut General Assembly not to adopt or amend any General Statute which will increase the present \$1.10 Real Estate Conveyance Tax Rate.

A motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman White for the Resolution to be adopted - following withdrawal of the original referral by Councilman Murray.

Councilman Ryan spoke in opposition to the Resolution stating that it might be improper for this body to make a recommendation as a whole.

Councilman Scialabba spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Councilman Boynton speaking in opposition requested referral to the committee previously appointed by the Mayor: Ryan, Walsh, Repole.

COMMUNICATION - Request of the Purchasing Agent for an Ordinance to allow the City of Danbury to participate in State Contracts.

Councilman White requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer appointed the following members to this committee: Councilmen Boynton, Turk, Burke.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Daniel Garamella, Director of Public Works, for approval to waive bids for road repaving programs. Mr. Garamella stated that it would be advantageous and feasible for the City of Danbury to avail itself to the State of Connecticut bids. The following are some of the advantages which would benefit the City with the State of Connecticut specifications:

- a. Only qualified contractors bid for the State.
- b. Contractors have additional equipment if breakdown occurs. Job is not held up.
- c. With State's specifications, we will be guaranteed:
 - 1. Proper equipment
 - 2. Proper consistency and mix of materials.
 - 3. Proper compaction
 - 4. Stringent researching.
- c. Guarantee the State Highway Bituminous Concrete Mix.
- e. Over 90% of the towns in the State use the State Bids.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Delsin that the Communication be accepted and recommendations adopted. Motion carried with Councilman Burke voting in opposition.

COMMUNICATION - Request of the Purchasing Agent for waiver of bids to purchase vehicles for Health Department and Planning Department.

Councilman White requested referral to committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Evans, Scialabba, Eppoliti.

COMMUNICATION - Request of the Purchasing Agent for a waiver of bid procedures to purchase a truck for the Sewer Department.

Councilman White requested referral to committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members:
Evans, Scialabba, Eppoliti.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Casa-Torch, Inc. that title to open space on Starrs Plain Road be transferred to the City of Danbury.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered. (Councilman Evans, Chairman).

COMMUNICATION - Request of First Assembly of God Church to extend City Sewer to property on Clapboard Ridge.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.
(Councilman Gallo, Chairman).

PETITION - Petition from residents of Fourth Street for hookup to the City Sewer System.

Councilman White requested referral to the Public Works Committee and the Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.
(Councilman DaSilva, Chairman).

COMMUNICATION - Request of Hasson Agoora for sewer extension on Whitney Avenue.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.
(Councilman Gallo, Chairman.)

COMMUNICATION - Petition of Russell Dalessio and Joseph Novella for Sewer and Water - Pocono Lane.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.
(Councilman Gallo, Chairman).

COMMUNICATION - Request of Mrs. Lola Akins for installation of a lateral at 14 Oakland Avenue.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.
(Councilman Gallo, Chairman).

COMMUNICATION - Request from Tax Collector for Accounts in the amount of \$297,781.86 to be transferred to the Municipal Suspense List. Mr. William Hanna, Tax Collector, certified that each tax contained therein has not been paid and is uncollectible.

The Communication was accepted and transfer authorized by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Mayor Dyer presented a recently completed study of our City road system, by C.G. Engineers.

Road Construction, reconstruction and improvements, must be one of our top priorities for the first half of the 1980's. Continued deterioration of our roads will contribute directly to a deterioration of our quality of life.

Councilman Ryan requested referral to the Public Works Committee and Planning Commission. (Councilman DaSilva Chairman of the Public Works Committee) Mayor Dyer so ordered.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Community Growth Forum Inc. to be designated as a Community Housing Development Corporation.

Councilman White requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: McManus, Walsh, Farah.

COMMUNICATION - Request by Councilman White for a committee to be appointed to review traffic problems in West End of Town.

Councilman Murray requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Cassano, Delsin, White.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Councilman White for a committee to be appointed to review Ordinances enforced by the Dog Warden.

Councilman Murray requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Gallo, Turk, White.

COMMUNICATION - Request of Danbury Cultural Commission for permission to apply for funds for part-time arts coordinator/consultant.

Councilman Murray requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Rinder, Scialabba, Butera.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request of Paul Garofalo, Building Inspector for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,975.00 - \$2,775 for Salaries and \$2,200 for Gasoline.

A Certification of funds was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting Mr. John P. Edwards in the amount of \$4,975 as being available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Building Dept. Account.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Basil Friscia, Chairman of the Zoning Commission for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,000 to be dispersed as follows:

020100 - Professional Service Fees -----	\$1,500.00
020501 - Postage -----	200.00
022000 - Printing & Binding -----	150.00
022500 - Legal & Public Notices -----	4,000.00
040100 - Office Supplies -----	150.00
Total	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$6,000, available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Zoning Commission, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Gene Eriquez, Chairman of the Environmental Impact Commission for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000 for the cost of pursuing the appeal re: DanCon versus E.I.C.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$2,000, available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Environmental Impact Commission, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from S. Prescott, Chairman of the Jury Committee for \$300 for each of the members of the Jury Committee: S. Prescott, Jean Fuda and George Massoud.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$900, available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Jury Committee was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Gene Eriquez, Chairman of the Environmental Impact Commission for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$650.00 - \$100 for postage - \$300 for printing & binding and \$250 for Legal and Public Notices.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$650, available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the E.I.C., was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from William Hanna, Tax Collector, for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,100 in order to mail the tax bills in June.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$6,100, available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Tax Collector's Account, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from Karen Goodman, Chairman of the Flood & Erosion Control Board for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the expense of a secretary to this board.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$100, available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Flood & Erosion Control Board, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Mrs. Ruth Rogol, 12B Pinewood Circle, Danbury as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on July 1, 1981.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Jean Fuda, 52 Side Hill Court, Danbury as an alternate member of the Environmental Impact Commission representing the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on December 1, 1981.

The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief
Fire Marshal
Building Inspector
Sealer of Weights

Health Inspector
Housing Inspector
Coordinator of
Environmental & Health
High Blood Pressure Program

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Evans to dispense with reading the department reports as all members have copies which are also on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Said reports to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried.

Councilman Evans requested that copies of the reports from the Police Department be distributed to members of the Common Council.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT & RESOLUTION - Acceptance of Tom Thumb Lane.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a Public Works Committee Report stating that the committee has reviewed the request to accept Tom Thumb Lane as a City Road. City Engineer J. Schweitzer reported that all specifications have been met and the road is acceptable to his department.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend acceptance of Tom Thumb Lane and adoption of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION - That Tom Thumb Lane be accepted as a public highway in the City of Danbury subject to the following condition:

A Deed and Certificate of Title, in form satisfactory to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, be delivered to the City of Danbury.

The Report was accepted and Resolution adopted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT Re: Request for sewers on South Cove and vicinity.

Councilman DaSilva, Chairman of the Public Works Committee submitted a report stating that the committee met and reviewed the above request. J. Schweitzer, City Engineer reported that this project would cost approximately \$350,000 with between \$118,000 and \$145,000 being the City's Share for its property on the route of the proposed sewer line.

This project was part of the Candleview Ridge proposal that was deferred several years ago because of a lack of support from those involved.

In reviewing the lack of community support from property owners along the route of the proposed sewer in the survey taken for the overall project, the relatively high cost and few benefactors of this proposal, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Council take no action on this proposal at this time.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Hand Railings at Wooster Manor.

Councilman DaSilva, submitted a committee report stating that the Public Works Committee reviewed the above request for \$6,100 to provide hand railings for the safety of tenants at the Wooster Manor elderly housing facility.

Henry Abbott Technical School or the City maintenance department was not able to perform the work at this time because of prior commitments. The maintenance department does not have carpenters on the payroll. The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of \$6,100 for the installation of railings at Wooster Manor.

A Certification of funds was submitted previously by Mr. J.P. Edwards at the Dec. 2, 1980 Council meeting. (\$6,100 in the Contingency Account to be donated to the Housing Authority). A new account will be established upon approval.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Energy Conservation Proposal - Computerized Heat Control Systems.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a Public Works Committee report stating that the committee has reviewed the request for \$14,500 for a computerized heat control system at the Danbury Library and at City Hall. It is the same system that is being used at Danbury High School with a guaranteed savings ~~for the two proposed buildings~~ of \$18,084 per year. Projected savings for the two proposed buildings is \$15,000 per year on a guaranteed basis.

For the sake of conserving energy and tax dollars, the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of \$14,500 to the Department of Public Buildings for the energy conservation proposal.

A Certification in the amount of \$14,500 available in the Fund Balance Account to be transferred to the Building Maintenance Account was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Alternate Fuel Conversion of Motor Vehicles.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee met with Sharon Hamilton, Purchasing Agent, for the City of Danbury, concerning her proposal to convert two city vehicles to a dual system for using gasoline or propane gas. She explained that this system is in operation at some local businesses with good success, experiencing a pay-back of purchase cost in less than a year.

Mrs. Hamilton stated that the company offering the conversion system (Ampro) is willing to train city mechanics to install and transfer these systems to other vehicles which will save re-installation cost as vehicles are traded in for newer ones.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the appropriation of \$3,000 for the conversion of two city vehicles, a highway department pick-up truck and the Police Sergeant's car.

The committee requests the Purchasing Department to monitor the program and report to the Common Council on the results.

A Certification in the amount of \$3,000 available in the Fund Balance Account was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. J.P. Edwards.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Funds for Workmen's Compensation Account.

Councilman Evans submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the needs of the Workmen's Compensation Account, met on 3/16/81 at 7:00 P.M. Council members Evans, Turk and Eppoliti attended the meeting, together with John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting.

After brief discussions, a motion was made and seconded that because these awards were made by the State Workmen's Compensation Commission and are binding on us, that the transfer of funds in the amount of \$45,000 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$45,000 was submitted as being available in the Contingency Account. The Certification was submitted at the March Council meeting, by Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Request for \$17,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department for repair of Lakeview Property.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee met with Robert Ryerson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Councilman Evans and Mr. George Rivard, members of the Lakeview property committee to review the request for \$17,000 for repairs to this property.

They explained that the money was necessary to make needed repairs which will enhance the City's potential of gaining rental fees for the pavilion, the meeting rooms and the bowling alleys. Mr. Ryerson further explained that additional costs for improvements and maintenance will be met through the yearly budgetary process and not through the special appropriations that were necessary this year because of the transfer of property being in January of this year.

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The committee voted unanimously to recommend the appropriation of \$17,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department for repairs to the Lakeview Property.

A Certification in the amount of \$17,000 was submitted by Mr. J. P. Edwards Director of Finance, Acting, as being available in fund balances for the above repairs to Lakeview Property.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT & ORDINANCE - Risk Manager.

Councilman Boynton submitted a report stating that the committee met on March 19, 1981 to review a proposed addition to Section 2-148 of the Danbury Code of Ordinances as prepared by the Chairman and Assistant Corporation Counsel, Eric Gottschalk.

The committee offered an amendment to the proposed ordinance which will be known as Section 2-148B by adding the wording "Corporation Counsel"

A motion to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance was made at the committee meeting by Councilman Burke and seconded by Councilman Scialabba, and passed unanimously.

Councilman Ryan requested deferral of the Ordinance for^a public hearing.

REPORT & RESOLUTION - Social Security - Sick Pay.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to study a proposal to discontinue withholding Social Security on sick payments, met on 3/23/1981.

In attendance were Councilmembers DaSilva, Turk, Evans and Mr. J. P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting.

Mr. Edwards explained the proposal stating that present laws provide that F.I.C.A. deductions may be discontinued from sick pay. This would allow the worker and the City to save 6.6% of each day's salary.

Mr. Evans made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turk to recommend approval of the proposed Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION - WHEREAS, pursuant to collective bargaining agreements now in force the City of Danbury grants sick leave with pay to full-time permanent employees on account of illness; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Public Act 79-529 authorizes municipalities to exclude sick leave from wages for which social security contributions are made in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 209 of the Federal Social Security Act of August 14, 1935 (49 Stat.625), as from time to time amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Finance, Acting, be and hereby is authorized to establish a separate budgetary account or accounts from which to make payments to permanent full-time employees of the City of Danbury on account of illness, and further that he be and hereby is authorized to reimburse any such account or accounts from regular salary accounts as required.

The Report was accepted and Resolution adopted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Med-I-Chair Coach Back-up Service Proposal.

Councilman Torian submitted a report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to review the offer by Med-I-Chair Coach to serve as back-up service to A-1 Ambulance in the Fire Department, met on March 9, 1981 and March 16, 1981. In attendance at the March 9th meeting were Councilmen Torian, Turk and Repole, Fire Chief Bertalovitz and Mr. A. Bennett from Med-I-Chair Coach Co. Committee members only, attended the March 16th meeting.

The discussion centered primarily on the proposal of Med-I-Chair Coach to provide back-up emergency service 24 hours daily - 365 days per year, at a flat fee of \$3,000 per month regardless of the number of such calls. Med-I-Chair would not bill the patient for such calls but would reserve the right to bill any and all third parties including medicare, medicaid and all insurance companies or hospitals up to the approved charges, as established by the State of Connecticut, Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Acceptance of this proposal would mean an increase of the cost to operate the ambulance service by \$36,000 annually.

An Ambulance Supervisor has just recently been added to the ranks of the Danbury Fire Department. A firm commitment has been placed for the purchase of a new ambulance which is tentatively scheduled for delivery in Sept. 1981. This will bring to a total of three operable ambulances owned by the Danbury Fire Department.

It is the opinion of the committee that these developments represent major steps forward in the field of emergency medical transportation, and appreciably expands the Fire Dept's capacity to provide the superior quality of service presently enjoyed by the citizens of Danbury.

At the committee meeting, Councilman Turk made a motion, seconded by Councilman Repole to recommend denial of the Med-I-Chair Coach proposal. It was passed unanimously.

The Report and recommendation was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Selection of Independent Auditors for the City of Danbury.

Councilman Torian submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to recommend the selection of an Independent City Auditor, met on 3/9/81. In attendance were Councilmembers Torian, Turk, and Eppoliti, City Treasurer Paul Shea, Acting Director of Finance, John Edwards and Dominic Setaro, Assistant Comptroller.

Representatives of the Comptroller's office indicated that they were quite satisfied with the services provided by the present auditors, Ernst and Whinney, that a good working relationship was enjoyed by both parties, and they felt confident that this situation would continue to prevail in the future.

Ernst and Whinney proposes to perform the audit for the year ending June 30, 1981 for a total of \$30,000. This represents a 7% increase from 1980, when the total fee was \$28,000.00.

At the committee meeting a motion was made by Councilman Turk and seconded by Councilman Torian to recommend continued retention of the services of Ernst & Whinney for the next fiscal year. Motion passed.

The Report and Recommendation was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

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REPORT - Transfer of funds to Tree Department.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee reviewed the request from Byron Johnson for \$15,000 for spraying of gypsy moths. While the actual spraying will be in May, the ordering of the insecticide (sevin) must be done now.

Because of the potential danger to foliage, the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Tree Dept. for the spraying of trees on City property.

A Certification in the amount of \$15,000 was submitted by Mr. Edwards, at the Feb. 3rd, 1981 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Delsin that the Report be accepted and transfer of funds authorized.

It was requested that Mr. Johnson who was in the audience be allowed to speak. Mr. Johnson explained the need for the spraying program and that in 1971 when children were covered by the worms the parents became hysterical. The first spraying would be in the public parks and then the schools.

Councilman Ryan asked if other towns were going to be spraying their trees. Mr. Johnson replied that Redding is not, Ridgefield will be limited areas. Mr. Johnson further explained that evergreens will not recover from the gypsy moth infestation and that we have several on City property.

Councilwoman Lilija Rinder was allowed to read a detailed statement of opposition, explaining that the period that the gypsy moth larvae can be sprayed effectively is very brief, roughly from the middle of May to the middle of June. Also, two sprayings are recommended for maximum control, using a 7 to 10 day interval. If the sprayings are not done at the exact time of 1st to 2nd instar, the Sevin will do little or no damage to the caterpillars, however it is extremely toxic to honey bees, moderately to fish, and somewhat toxic to birds, as well as to all the predators that feed on the moths.

If we don't spray there will probably be a gypsy moth infestation, some trees will be defoliated. If the gypsy moth population really builds up, they will be overcrowded and go into a stress situation which makes them susceptible to a virus and a bacterium. Also, without spraying, their natural predators will have increased in sufficient quantities to keep the moth population in check. The healthy trees will recover; those that are marginal may not, but it is better to lose a few trees than endanger fish, birds and bees.

Councilman Evans also spoke in opposition stating that after spending \$15,000 and spraying, if it rains the insecticide will be washed away.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by a roll call vote of 13 Ayes and 7 Nays.

Councilmembers Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Walsh, Scialabba, Repole, Cassano, Murray, DaSilva, Turk, Boynton, Farah, Torian voted Aye (13 votes)

Councilmembers - Rinder, Eppoliti, White, Ryan, Burke, Evans, Butera, voted Nay (7 votes) 1 vacancy.

REPORT - Transfer of funds to Welfare Department.

Councilman Boynton submitted a report stating that the committee met with the Acting Director of City Welfare Deborah MacKenzie who explained the reasons and need for \$9,100 additional funding for the current year.

It was pointed out that 90% of the funds used by her department on Public Welfare is returned to the City by the State.

A break-down on the funding request is as follows:

		<u>City expense</u>	<u>State Expense</u>
Postage	\$250.00	\$250.00	0
Printing & Binding	295.00	295.00	0
Public Welfare	\$8,255.00	825.00	\$7,429.50
Office supplies	50.00	50.00	0
Motor Fuel	250.00	250.00	0
	<u>\$9,100.00</u>	<u>\$1,670.50</u>	<u>\$7,429.50</u>

Total additional cost to the City - \$1,670.50

After hearing the above explanation, the committee voted to recommend that the additional funds be granted subject to availability and certification by the Acting Director of Finance.

A Certification in the amount of \$9,100 was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, John P. Edwards as being available in the Contingency Account.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Space needs for Fire Training School.

Councilman Cassano submitted a report stating that the committee members, Councilmen Cassano, Walsh and Torian, met on March 10, 1981. Also in attendance were J. Schweitzer, City Engineer; Charles Coviello, City Grantsman and Diane Wade, Planning.

The petition of the Fire Department Training officer, Adam Piskura for approval and funding to relocate a portion of the D.H.S. portable classroom facility to the Plumtrees Fire School site was reviewed and discussed in detail.

The surplus portable classrooms present an available and economical solution to the classroom needs of the Fire Department Training Operation.

Section 2-153 of the Code of Ordinances allows the transfer, through the Purchasing Agent, of the surplus portable classrooms to the Fire Dept.

A \$13,000 estimate has been developed for the moving (\$9500) and the Plumtrees site work (\$3,500) needed to relocate the classrooms which consist of three connected modules each 50 feet by 12 feet in size. The estimate anticipates the cooperation of the Public Works Department in any required site excavation.

The classrooms are complete and ready for use by the Fire Department. The modules are all-electric and a 200 ampere electric service is available at the Plumtrees site.

At the present time, funding for this transfer is not available in either the contingency or capital budgets. The Planning Commission should be petitioned in this matter.

At the meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Torian that the committee recommend approval of the Training Officer's plan to relocate a portion of the D.H.S. portable classroom facilities to the Plumtrees site.

Further, that necessary funding be included in next year's capital budget and the recommendation of the Planning Commission be sought in this matter.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Temporary employment in Tax Office.

Councilman Torian submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the request for temporary employment of a clerk-typist in the Tax Office, met on March 9, 1981.

In attendance were Councilmen Torian, Scialabba and Mr. Hanna, Tax Collector. Mr. Hanna explained that the \$2,000 request is being made on behalf of a C.E.T.A. employee who is presently employed in the Tax Office, but whose employment terminates on March 27, 1981. The \$2,000 appropriation would be used to pay her salary for the remainder of the fiscal year of 3/31/81 to 6/30/81.

The nature of her employment would be in the form of a temporary appointment of a clerk-typist for a period not to exceed 90 days.

At the committee meeting Councilman Scialabba made a motion seconded by Councilman Torian that the committee recommend approval of the transfer of \$2,000 to the Tax Office. Motion carried.

A Certification of funds in the amount of \$2,000 was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, as being available in the Contingency Account for Tax Office Salaries.

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Klein property.

Councilman Evans, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee submitted a report stating that the committee met on March 16, 1981 with the City Engineer, J. Schweitzer.

With reference to the Klein property, after discussion with Mr. Schweitzer, it was pointed out that Assistant Corporation Counsel Sandra Leheny was presently investigating the conflicts regarding this property and did not feel that the City need purchase this property to gain the needed easements.

A motion was made by J. Butera and seconded by J. Turk that the City not purchase the Klein property as there is no useful purpose for it at the present time or in the foreseeable future. Motion passed unanimously.

With reference to the Castro property on South Street, after brief discussion a motion was made by J. Butera and seconded by J. Turk that the City not purchase this property due to the fact that there is no foreseeable use for this property by the City. Motion carried unanimously.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Dyer granted an extension of time to Councilman Gallo for a report on the changes in Police Department applicant requirements.

REPORT - Revenue from Danbury Airport.

Councilman Boynton submitted a committee report stating that meetings were held on January 12th and March 30, 1981 at which time the committee reviewed a proposed Ordinance and resolution prepared by Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk. Both had been drafted as a result of the committee meetings as well as co-operative efforts on the part of Eric Gottschalk and Evo Butera the City Tax Assessor.

At the committee meeting a motion was made by Councilwoman Eppoliti and seconded by Councilman Turk to recommend adoption of both the Ordinance and Resolution. Motion carried.

Councilman Ryan requested deferral of the Ordinance, for public hearing. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

REPORT - Civil Service Commission.

Councilwoman C. McManus submitted a committee report stating that they had met on March 23, 1981 with firefighters Martin Melody, Thomas St. Jean and Michael Pascuzzi and then again on March 25th with Civil Service Commissioners Nicholas Nero and William Healy as well as Civil Service Examiner John Hanna.

During the meeting of March 23rd the firefighters presented a general overview of the union's relations with the Civil Service Commission.

It was stressed that although no accusations of illegal proceedings are being made against the Civil Service Commission, there are also other areas in which the firefighters would like to see improvement.

The two major areas of concern addressed were the testing which historically have been 50% written and 50% oral and recently have been 100% oral and also the fact that some applicants are allowed to take tests, are put on the results list and then have to be removed when it is found that they did not possess the proper qualifications to take the test in the first place.

Reference was also made to specific problems such as applicants taking written material into tests and tests having certain questions deleted after scoring.

During the meeting of March 25th, Mr. Nero, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission discussed the issues raised by the firefighters. In regard to written tests, he stated that the Commission is now aware of more sources of written tests and if suitable tests are available the Commission would consider using them.

It was also explained that occasionally unqualified applicants are allowed to take the test because they are borderline cases and it is preferable to disqualify them afterwards than to have to delay the testing in order to thoroughly check into their qualifications.

Mr. Nero stated that the Commission has learned from past experience that all tests should be reviewed by the Chief examiner before the test is given. The Commission is also considering a decision regarding the possession of written materials during oral exams.

Since the Civil Service Commission procedures are governed by State law and the Council has no authority except in budgeting matters, no action is recommended at this time.

The report was accepted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

REPORT - Request of Danbury Rifle & Pistol Club to use the Danbury Police Pistol Range.

Councilman Burke submitted a committee report stating that members of the committee, Councilmen Burke, Scialabba and Councilwoman Rinder, met on March 24, 1981, with Peter Winter, Lt. Lovell, Sgt. Horn of the Police Department, Atty. Jowdy, Joe Dzubak, Charles McNamara and Dick Winnes representing the Rifle & Pistol Club.

Members of the Rifle club stressed their need of a facility in Danbury and the good they do in teaching the young to use firearms safely.

Lt. Lovell mentioned the number of police, special officers, new officers who need the facility which is very small, at all hours. Sgt. Horn also stressed this important function for the police department.

Mr. Winter read a letter from Attorney Gottschalk outlining his understanding that, because of the original deed to the property, the site cannot be used for anything but school uses, that our insurance costs would increase drastically. For these reasons he suggests denying the request. Mr. Winter also had a letter from Hartford, our insurance company, saying that a range officer would have to be present if there were ever members of the public at the range. Mr. Winter also stressed his Civil Defense need of the facility since he no longer has the Ives Firehouse available.

A motion was made at the committee meeting by Lilija Rinder and seconded by James Burke to deny the request. Motion carried unanimously.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATION - Hatters Community Park Bowling Lanes.

Request from Attorney Gottschalk, Assistant Corporation Counsel, for an Ad Hoc committee to be appointed to review the matter of the lease of the above bowling lanes. The present lease will expire in August of this year.

In order to continue leasing this facility, action by the Common Council is required, pursuant to Charter Section 3-17.

Councilman Murray requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Murray, Delsin, Torian.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION.

representing Danbury Board of Realtors

A.J. Bernard/spoke, urging the Council to oppose the current tax proposals being considered by the General Assembly in reference to the Real Estate Conveyance Tax.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Walsh for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:10 O'Clock P.M.

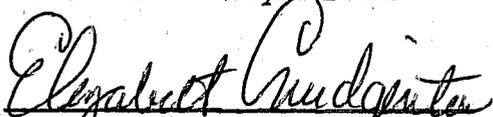
Respectfully submitted



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4/7/81