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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council held on May 13, 1981.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 the assembly for a speedy recovery of Pope John Paul and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Gerald Silverman who died during the week.

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

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

21 members present -- none absent.

NOTICE - Notice of Special Meeting to be held on the 13th day of May, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the following:

1. Ordinance - Appropriations for the fiscal year of 1981-1982.
2. Fixing of the Tax Rate for the fiscal year of 1981-1982, based upon the above Ordinance.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray for the Call and Return of Service to be accepted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE - An Ordinance Making Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1981 And Ending June 30, 1982.

Section 1. That the amounts hereinafter set forth aggregating \$47,932,898 or so much as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the General Fund, from current revenue, for the use of the several departments of the municipal government and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982.

Councilman Murray made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan to make the following changes to the Revenue Schedule in the Budget Book:

Revenue #524101 - Guaranteed Tax Base minus \$286,173.
New amount to read \$4,029,056.

Revenue #529603 - State Per Capita Grant minus \$114,885.
New amount to read \$ -0-.

Revenue #539350 - HART plus \$35,380.
New amount to read \$365,380.

The net reduction in Revenue is \$365,678.
Final Total to read -- \$11,919,134.

Motion carried unanimously.

The following amendments to the Appropriation Ordinance were submitted by the Budget Committee Chairmen:

REPORT - GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE 1981-1982.

Councilman DaSilva made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan to submit the following recommendations:

01-110 Mayor's Office

Add \$2,667.00 to reflect increase in line 010100 Mayor's salary of \$4,000 per year, effective November, 1981 (13%).

Department Total now reads -- \$93,582.

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

01-122 Probate Court

Reduce \$3,900 as follows: 040100 - Office Supplies (filing cabinet \$3,900.

Department total now reads -- \$5,300.

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

01-141 Comptroller's Office - reduce by \$1,000.

010100 - Regular Salaries - Internal Auditor - Hired at lower amount.

Department total now reads -- \$168,672.00

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

01-145 Bureau of Assessments - Reduced \$1,400.

010100 - Regular Salaries (Assessor) from \$29,500 to \$28,000 (8%).

Councilmen Delsin and Boynton spoke against the amendment. The amendment failed by a roll call vote of 3 Ayes - 18 Nays. Councilmembers - McManus, Rinder and Farah voted Aye.

01-147 - Tax Collector - reduce \$700 as follows:

010100 Regular Salaries (1,700) from \$22,000 to \$20,300 (=8%).

Amendment failed by a roll call vote of 7 Ayes - 14 Nays.

Councilman Walsh, Councilwoman Rinder, Councilmen Scialabba, DaSilva, Burke, Councilwoman Butera and Councilman Farah, voted Aye (7votes) All other members voted Nay (14).

Amendment submitted by Mr. Evans to reduce by \$200 failed.

035400 - Maintain office equip. furn. (+1,000)

To cover maint. contracts.

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

01-148 - Purchasing Dept. (reduced \$1,500 as follows:

010100 - Regular Salaries (Purchasing Agent \$1,800)

from \$22,100 to \$20,300 (8%).

Amendment failed by roll call vote of 10 Ayes - 11 Nays.

Councilmembers - Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Ryan, Zotos, DaSilva, Burke, Butera, Farah, Torian, voted Aye (10)

Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Gallo, Repole, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Turk, Boynton, Evans, voted Nay (11).

021002 - Conferences - add \$230.00

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

01-178 - Environmental Impact Commission

(Increase \$3,395 as follows:

011001 - Part time services	+ \$2,400
020501 - Postage	+ 225
021000 - Mileage	+ 90
021500 - Subscriptions & Membership	+ 100
022000 - Printing & Binding	+ 530
022500 - Legal & Public Notices	+ 400
029500 - Outside Services	- (300)
040100 - Office Supplies	+ 9.
060500 - Office Equipment	- (59)

Note: to reflect needs of Commission. Did not submit budget to Mayor on time Dept. total now reads -- \$6,890.

Amendments adopted unanimously.

A motion was then made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Ryan to delete \$990 from Planning Commission:

021000 - Mileage

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

01-185 - Personnel Department - reduced \$7,500.

010100 - Regular Salaries (Director)

to reflect salary of \$30,000 yearly - Budgeted for 9 months (- \$7,500) 1981-1982 Budget.

Department total now reads -- \$37,500.

A motion was made by Councilman Walsh and seconded by Councilman Turk to amend the amendment to eliminate Acct. 010100 - Personnel Director.

The amendment to the original amendment failed by a vote of 8 Ayes and 13 Nays. Councilmembers Delsin, Walsh, Scialabba, Cassano, Turk, Burke, Butera, Farah, voted Aye (8), to eliminate account. All other members present, voted Nay (13).

The original amendment was adopted.

01-186 - Commission on Equal Rights & Opportunities - Reduce \$1,520.00

010100 - Regular Salaries (Director Compliance Officer)

To keep salary same as last year

Department total now reads --- \$20,097.

Amendment was adopted unanimously.

08-130 - Parks & Recreation - increase \$31,500 as follows:

010100 - Regular Salaries (Ass't Director)

Budget 6 months only (-\$4,500)

011001 - Part time services (+\$25,000)

reflects added responsibilities - Hatters Park & Ball Fields at Schools, also increase in minimum wage.

061500 - Automotive Equipment (+11,000)

For Truck, was needed last year.

Department total now reads --- \$343,525.00

Amendments were adopted unanimously.

08-133 - War Memorial Increase by \$9,700

072800 - Contribution Grants + \$9,700

Total now reads -- \$102,152.00

Amendment was adopted unanimously. Councilman Murray abstained from voting.

CAPITAL BUDGET

820001 - Rebuild-repave highways	minus	\$50,000	
820005 - Old Library renovations	"	20,000	
820007 - Underpass West St.	"	1,000	
820008 - Lake Kenosia Concess. Stand	"	15,000	Mr. White-N
820009 - Bear Mtn. Park Imp.	"	7,500	" "
820010 - New Ambulance & E.M.T. Eq.	"	47,500	
820014 - Bus Shelters	"	8,500	
820017 - Pembroke Fence	"	5,000	
820018 - Fire Hose	"	8,000	
820019 - Cross St. Bridge		122,000	
820020 - Traffic Signal Osborne-Balmforth	"	55,000	
820021 - Traffic Signal Hospital & Locust	"	70,000-	Rinder & Scialabba-

A motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman Scialabba to restore \$70,000 for the traffic signal at Hospital & Locust Ave. Motion was withdrawn for item to be referred to a Common Council committee.

Note: See Revenue Sharing on items 820010, 820014 and 820018 later in this report.

Capital Budget now reads - \$773,500.
Amendments were adopted.

13-001 - Danbury Airport - Increased by \$301
 010100 - Regular Salaries (Administrator) increased to Dept. request 10%
 Dept. total now reads --- \$125,051.
Amendment was adopted unanimously.

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING BUDGET changes as follows:

1. Removal of Economic Development West side match grant (\$250,000)
 Amendment was adopted with Councilmembers Delsin, White and Eppoliti voting N

2. Additions - 2 new public works trucks fully equipped +\$105,300.
 - 1 ambulance & E.M.T. eq. + 47,500.
 - Repair roof - Park Ave. School + 80,700.
 - 4 bus shelters + 8,500.
 - Fire hose + 8,000.
 Total additions \$250,000.

Federal Revenue Sharing Total \$1,131,632.13
AMENDMENTS WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

~~SUMMARY OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE.~~

REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1981-1982 FISCAL YEAR.

A motion was made by Councilman Cassano, Chairman and seconded by Councilman Murray to submit the following recommendations:

<u>01-222 - Public Buildings</u>	<u>Mayor's Proposal</u>	<u>Committee Recommendations</u>
023500 Cleaning Services	0	\$ 950.
040500 Custodial Supplies	4,250	5,500.
042000 Heating Fuel (Hatters Community Park Bldg.)	0	2,500
Bottom Line	\$33,971	\$38,671

Amendments were adopted unanimously.

01-224 - City Hall Building

010100 Regular Salaries	\$60,696.	\$57,446.
Head Custodian for 3/4 yr.		
010500 Overtime Services	250.	500.
Bottom Line	\$165,776.	\$162,776.

Amendments were adopted unanimously.

01-226 - Police Station Building

010500 Overtime Services	250.	500.
023000 Utility Service	19,950	22,650
029500 Outside Services (to complete fire alarm system.)	500.	3,500.
Bottom line	\$54,051.	\$60,001.

Amendments were adopted unanimously.

	<u>Mayor's</u> <u>Proposal</u>	<u>Committee</u> <u>Recommendations</u>
<u>01-228 - Old Library Building</u>		
031000 - Maintain Bldgs. Structures	0	600.
Bottom line	\$19,848.	\$20,448.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

<u>03-110 - Highways</u>		
010100 - Regular Salaries	\$877,355.	\$878,755.
(Increase Supt. by \$1,000)		
(Increase Supt. of Equip. Maint. by \$400)		
023500 - Cleaning Services	1,500	2,000
040500 - Custodial Supplies	1,000	1,500
042501 - Lubrication Materials	12,000	14,000
061600 - Rd. Construct. & Maint. Equip.		
(Recommend that General Government Budget committee consider funding of \$105,300 from Revenue Sharing to purchase two new fully equipped trucks).		
Bottom line	\$1,230,740	\$1,235,140.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

<u>03-112 - Snow & Ice Removal</u>		
047002 - Ice Control Materials	\$100,000	\$120,000
Bottom Line	\$237,000.	\$257,000.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

<u>03-116 - School Maint. & Repair</u>		
010100 - Regular Salaries	\$152,156.	\$144,616.
(Two bldg. maint. mech II positions for 3/4 yr.		
031000 - Maintain. Bldgs. Structures	5,000	25,000
060500 - Office Equipment	150.	750.
Bottom Line	\$261,661.	\$274,721.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

<u>03-126 - Solid Waste Management</u>		
047005 - Fill	\$350,000	\$400,000
Bottom Line	\$481,507.	\$531,507.
<u>Amendment was adopted unanimously.</u>		

The above recommended changes result in a net increase, over all the considered accounts, of \$95,710.00 to the Mayor's proposed budget.

REPORT - HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1981-1982

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo Chairman and seconded by Councilman Delsin to submit the following recommendations:

<u>02-100 Police Department</u>		
061500 Automotive Equipment	\$82,000.	\$54,000.
062000 Communication Equip.	17,500.	19,000.
Bottom line	\$3,085,383.	\$3,058,883.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

<u>02-110 Fire Department</u>	Mayor's <u>proposal</u>	Committee <u>Recommendatio</u>
010100 Regular Salaries (Administrative Ass't to be eliminated)	\$1,986,813.	\$1,960,813.
010500 Overtime Services	35,000	30,000
046000 Building Eq. Repairs	5,000	2,000
062500 Public Safety Eq.	000.	5,000
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

A motion was made by Councilwoman J. Butera and seconded by Councilman Torian for the following amendment:

071500 Cont. & Tr. Other Town Funds %	\$187,847.	\$168,486.
<u>Amendment was adopted unanimously.</u>		

Bottom Line	\$2,625,534.	\$2,577,175
<u>Amendments were adopted, unanimously.</u>		

02-134 - Office of Civil Preparedness

010100 Regular Salaries	\$30,311.	\$30,649.
Bottom line	\$44,027.	\$44,365.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

04-101 Health Department

010100 Regular Salaries (Health Educator)	\$199,004.	\$179,330.
011001 Part time services (Medical Secretary)	12,138	17,138.
Bottom line	\$332,614.	\$319,940.
<u>Amendments were adopted unanimously.</u>		

REPORT - Re: Board of Education 1981-1982 Budget Recommendation.

Councilman Murray, President of the Common Council, submitted a report stating that the Common Council met as a committee of the whole, on May 12, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the appropriation for the Schools, Regular Account.

By a vote of 14 Ayes, 3 Nays, 1 abstention, the Council recommends that Account #000000 Schools, Regular, be reduced to read \$25,188,691.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Ryan to accept the recommendation of \$25,188,691 for the #000000 Schools, Regular.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of 16 Ayes - 4 Nays - 1 abstention. Councilmembers Walsh, Scialabba, Turk, Butera voted Nay (4).

Councilman DaSilva abstained. (1)

All other members present voted Aye (16)

07-101 - Danbury Library

A motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman Turk to restore \$4,000 to account 061200 - Books-Children-Dept.

Motion failed by a roll call vote of 11 Yes - 10 No. (two-thirds vote required to amend budget.)

Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Walsh, Rinder, Scialabba, Repole, Eppoliti, Turk, Evans, Farah, Torian, voted Aye (11 votes)

Councilmembers - Gallo, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Zotos, DaSilva, Boynton, Burke, Butera, voted Nay (10) votes.

A motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilmen Turk and Cassano to compromise by adding \$2,000 to Account 061200 Books, Children Department. Motion carried, unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman Turk to amend Account # 061201 - Books to read \$53,000. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Delsin and seconded by Councilman Turk to restore \$8,000 to account #061206, Lost Books. Motion failed by a roll call vote of 8 Ayes - 13 Nays.

Councilmembers - Delsin, McManus, Walsh, Rinder, Repole, Turk, Evans, Farah, voted Aye (8 votes).

Councilmembers - Gallo, Scialabba, Eppoliti, White, Cassano, Murray, Ryan, Zotos, DaSilva, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Torian, voted Nay (13 votes).

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray to amend the Library Account 07-101-011001 Part time sefvices by adding \$5,400. Motion carried, unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Walsh to amend Account 09-122-071003 - Employees Service Benefit, by reducing it in the amount of \$4,900, from \$51,813 to \$46,913. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Walsh to amend Account 10-100-080500 - Interest on Bonds from \$1,196,693 to \$1,200,481, adding \$3,788. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for the Director of Finance and Assistant Comptroller to compute the amendments to the Appropriation Ordinance and determine the Tax Levy for 1981-1982.

Corporation Counsel Theodore H. Goldstein, read the amended Ordinance and Tax Levy Resolution.

ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1981 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1982.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

SECTION 1. That the amounts hereinafter set forth aggregating Forty-seven Million, Five-Hundred Sixty-one Thousand, Seven-Hundred & Seventy-five dollars (\$47,561,775) or so much as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated for the General Fund, from current revenue, for the use of the several departments of the municipal government and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982.

I. <u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$1,858,951.
II. <u>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	\$5,856,385.
III. <u>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</u>	\$2,629,366.
IV. <u>TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u>	\$317,940.
V. <u>TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE, SOCIAL AGENCIES</u>	\$467,073.
VI. <u>TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>	\$25,188,691.

VII. <u>TOTAL LIBRARIES</u>	\$530,070.
VIII. <u>TOTAL RECREATION & PARKS</u>	\$602,712.
IX. <u>TOTAL RECURRING COSTS</u>	\$3,963,456.
X. <u>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</u>	\$2,942,570
XI. <u>CAPITAL PROGRAM</u>	\$773,500
XII. <u>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</u>	\$217,829.
XIII. <u>STATE & FEDERAL PROJECTS</u>	\$1,476,332.
XIV. <u>CONTINGENCY</u>	\$436,900.
<u>CONTINGENCY STATE, FED. GRANTS</u>	<u>\$300,000.</u>
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$47,561,775.</u>

SECTION 2. THAT, the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand (\$74,000) dollars is appropriated in the same manner as in Section 1 hereof, for the DOG LICENSE FUND.

SECTION 3. THAT, the amount of One-Million, One-hundred & thirty-one thousand, Six-hundred & thirty-two dollars & 13 cents (\$1,131,632.13) is appropriated in the same manner as in Section 1 hereof, for the REVENUE SHARING BUDGET in compliance with the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, as amended.

SECTION 4. THAT, the amount of One-Million, Three-hundred forty-eight thousand, One-hundred & thirty-nine dollars (\$1,348,139) is appropriated to the WATER ACCOUNT in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 5. THAT, the amount of One-Million, One-hundred & sixty-eight thousand, Nine-hundred & eleven dollars (\$1,168,911) is appropriated to the SEWER OPERATING BUDGET in the same manner as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 6. THAT, a provision for uncollectible taxes reserve is established in the amount of 0.00 dollars.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray that the Ordinance, as amended, be adopted.

The Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year of 1981-1982, was adopted by a roll call vote of 18 Ayes 3 Nays. (Councilmen Walsh, Turk, and Scialabba, voted Nay (3 votes).

RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1981 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1982.

SECTION 1. The sum of THIRTY-FOUR MILLION, FORTY-TWO THOUSAND, SIX-HUNDRED & FORTY-ONE (\$34,042,641) DOLLARS, representing the gross appropriation for the City of Danbury of \$47,561,775, for the fiscal year of July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982, minus Indirect Revenue of \$11,919,134 and minus Estimated Available "Surplus" of \$1,600,000 plus uncollectible taxes reserve in the amount of 0.00 dollars, is hereby levied and assessed on all taxable property in the City of Danbury as set forth on the annual Grand List as of October 1, 1980.

SECTION 2. Accordingly, the General Fund Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982 shall be as follows:

TAX RATE: 35.68 Mills

SECTION 3. The taxes levied and assessed as hereinafter provided shall be payable in quarterly installments on July 1, 1981, Oct. 1, 1981, January 4, 1982 and April 1, 1982, except for taxes levied and assessed on Aircraft, Boats, Mobile Homes, Motor Vehicles and where not in excess of \$100.00 Dollars, which taxes shall be paid on July 1, 1981, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, unless said dates shall have lapsed before the effective date of this Resolution, in which case the Tax Collector shall fix the dates and installments as if said dates had not been fixed herein as provided by law.

SECTION 4. The Tax Collector shall cause the said taxes above levied and assessed to be inserted on the Tax Rolls for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 and ending June 30, 1982.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray that the Resolution for the Tax Levy, be adopted.

The Resolution was adopted for the Tax Levy Rate for the fiscal year of 1981-1982 by a roll call vote of 18 Ayes - 3 Nays. (Councilmen Walsh, Scialabba, Turk, voted Nay).

A motion was then made by Councilman Ryan and seconded by Councilman Murray that the Resolution setting the Tax Rate, be published in the daily newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

Sara Rothkopf - Representing Danbury Taxpayers Association, stated that she has been checking the credentials of Mr. Coviello our Grantsman and commented on the salaries of the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and City Treasurer.

Mrs. Rothkopf extended Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Mary Dyer and wishes for a speedy recovery for Danny Garamella, Director of Public Works.

Edmund Tomey - Chairman of the E.T.A. stated that there could have been a decrease in the mill rate.

Mr. Tomey spoke opposing the \$13,000 for the Conn. Conf. of municipalities; the School Budget and the Personnel Department.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Ryan for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:20 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Richert
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

Elizabeth Crudginton
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City Clerk