

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council held on November 18, 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.

Councilman Joseph DaSilva offered the Prayer.

Mayor Dyer announced that in honor of the memory of Selectman Francis Clarke he has ordered the City Flag to be flown at half staff until after Mr. Clarke's funeral.

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

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Richard B. Elder, Constance A. McManus, Bernard P. Gallo, John A. McGarry, Russell M. Foti, Carole A. Torcaso, Gene Eriquez, John J. Esposito, Frank Repole, Nicholas Zotos, Richard M. White, Anthony J. Cassano, Louis T. Charles, Ernest M. Boynton, Janet A. Butera, Joseph DaSilva, Thomas E. Evans, Mounir Farah, Edward T. Torian

ABSENT: Councilwoman Diane Eppoliti.

20 Members Present - 1 Member Absent.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING to be held on the 18th day of November, 1981. at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the following:

- 01 - Selection of President of the Common Council.
- 02 - Selection of a Representative to the Board of Directors of the Police Pension Fund of Danbury.
- 03 - Selection of a Representative to the Board of Directors of the Firefighters Pension Fund of Danbury.
- 04 - Resolution - Re: Fixing time and place of regular meetings of the Common Council.
- 05 - Resolution - Re: Providing method for the Calling of Special Meetings.

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices served by Police Officers of the City of Danbury.

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

01 - Selection of President of the Common Council:

Councilman Burke placed the name of Councilman Joseph DaSilva for President of the Common Council stating:

"I would like to nominate as Council President, Joseph DaSilva. He is the most logical and qualified member. His qualifications: - He was elected Legislative Leader for the last two years - Elected to Fire Pension Board - Chairman of the two most important committees, Public Works and General Government committee."

"Joe DaSilva is a teacher in Danbury and has abstained from all education budget votes. He has personality and good attitude, is patient, understanding and able to relate to people. Joe DaSilva excels in all these categories."

Councilman Burke continued: "A Council President needs time. Joe DaSilva is a teacher in Danbury and we all know he has plenty of time and I urge all my colleagues to vote for Joe DaSilva."

Mayor Dyer asked for any other nominations.

Councilman Thomas Evans placed the name of Constance McManus for President of the Common Council stating:

"Ladies & Gentlemen of the Council, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to nominate for the Office of President of the Common Council, Mrs. Connie McManus. Mrs. McManus, for the past two years has chaired many committees, among them:

Health Committee - Richter Park Liaison Committee - Ethics Committee - Committee formed for Airport Leasing -. She has also served on a number of other committees - Education committee, Public Works Committee, Charter Revision Committee, Redevelopment Liaison committee. She has also served on three budget committees.

Mrs. McManus served as chairperson of the committee to appoint a new Health Director. She is also a member of the Community Development Block Grant committee and has submitted a minority report to the Council on the Airport Lease. I have served on committees with Connie and I feel her to be a relentless seeker of facts, before making decisions pro or con.

She enjoys researching all aspects of the question and weighs all information very carefully before casting her votes.

I think she was an important asset on all the committees she served on and was a very popular person with her constituents. I therefore request that you vote for Mrs. McManus as Council President."

Mayor Dyer asked if there were any other nominations - three times.

A motion was made by Councilman Repole and seconded by Councilman McGarry that nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

On a roll call vote of 11 Ayes for Mrs. McManus and 9 Ayes for Mr. DaSilva, Mrs. McManus was elected President of the Common Council.

Councilmembers - Elder, McManus, Gallo, Torcaso, Esposito, Zotos, Charles, Butera, Evans, Farah and Torian voted for Mrs. McManus (11 votes).

Councilmembers - McGarry, Foti, Eriquez, Repole, White, Cassano, Boynton, Burke, DaSilva, voted for Mr. DaSilva (9 votes).  
1 member, D. Eppoliti was absent).

Mrs. McManus was declared to be the President of the Common Council for the term of 1981-1983.

02 - Selection of a Representative to the Board of Directors of the Police Pension Fund of Danbury.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilwoman McManus for Councilman Bernard Gallo to serve as representative to the Board of Directors of the Police Pension Fund of Danbury.  
Motion carried unanimously.

03 - Selection of a Representative to the Board of Directors of the Firefighters Pension Fund of Danbury.

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Evans for Councilman Joseph DaSilva to serve as representative to the Board of Directors of the Firefighters Pension Fund of Danbury.  
Motion carried unanimously.

04- RESOLUTION - Regular Meetings of the Common Council.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT, regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut, on the first Tuesday of each month commencing December 1, 1981 and continuing on the first Tuesday of each month thereafter through November, 1983, provided however, that the meeting in November, 1982 shall be held on the first Thursday of such month.

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Evans for the Resolution to be adopted. Motion carried. ~~unanimously~~.  
The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

05 - RESOLUTION - Providing method for the Calling of Special Meetings.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

That all Special Meetings of the Common Council:

1. When held. Special Meetings of the Common Council may be held whenever in the opinion of the Mayor, or in his absence, the acting Mayor, the interests of the City shall require, and shall be so held whenever seven members of the Common Council shall so require in writing.
2. Warning. All Special Meetings of the Common Council shall be warned by a written or printed notice signed by the Mayor or Acting Mayor, and left with or at the usual place of abode or place of business of each member of the Common Council to be convened not less than 24 hours before the Hour specified for said meeting, except in case of an emergency special meeting. Said Notice shall specify the time and place the meeting is to be held and shall be directed to any policeman of the City to serve and return.
3. Return of Service of Warning. The Return of the Policeman serving Warning of any Special Meeting of the Common Council shall be evidence that such meeting has been warned as stated in such return.
4. Items to be considered. Only those items of business listed on said Notice shall be considered, discussed and acted upon.

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Evans for the Resolution to be adopted. Motion carried.  
The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

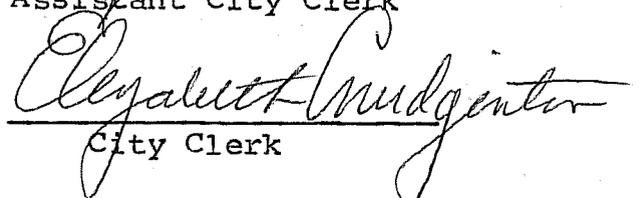
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

There being no speakers and there being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Charles for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:12 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted

  
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

  
City Clerk