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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on March 2, 1982.

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 Common Council Prayer was offered by Councilman Edward T. Torian.

A moment of silence was observed in respect to Lt. Martin Melody and Firefighter Joseph Halas who gave their lives in service to the City of Danbury and the Danbury Fire Department, on February 23, 1982.

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

PRESENT: Council Members - Elder, Gallo, Foti, Torcaso, Eriquez, Esposito, Repole, Zotos, Eppoliti, McManus, DaSilva, Torian, White, Cassano, Charles, Boynton, Burke, Butera, Evans, Farah. Councilman McGarry arrived after roll call.

21 Members Present - 0 Members absent.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Statement from Mayor Dyer in reference to Lt. Melody and Firefighter Halas:

"One week ago -- almost to this hour, our City was rocked by an unprecedented tragedy. The tremendous outpouring of sympathy and support from our friends and neighbors saw us through one of our City's darkest days.

I want to take this opportunity to express praise and appreciation for all the good work of so many individuals and departments during the past week - No finer tribute could be made to Butch Melody and Joe Halas than the love, compassion and cooperation that came forth in our City this past week.

On behalf of the Common Council and our City, I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Butch and Joe who were members of the finest Fire Department you will find anywhere in this Country.

A Resolution will be acted upon tonight to establish "The Danbury Fire Department Melody-Halas Memorial Fund" for the benefit of the children of Butch Melody and Joe Halas"

Mayor Dyer extended Birthday wishes to the following:

Vivian Flynn for March 4th.
Elizabeth Crudginton for March 6th.
Paul Shea for March 29th.
Dr. Repole for April 4th.

Mayor Dyer announced that he had received a One-Hundred Dollar donation from Mrs. Sara Rothkopf with an appeal to the City to restore the Ives Street Firehouse for a Youth Club or a civic center, dedicated to the memory of two firefighters - Lt. Melody and Joseph Halas.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Joseph DaSilva, submitted the following items listed on the Agenda to be placed on the Consent Calendar:

- 02 - Resolution - Settlement of Claims.
- 03 - Resolution - U.S. Coast Guard Band.
- 05 - Communication - Budget Situation.
- 07 - Communication & Resolution - Request from Fire Chief for approval to purchase Kroy lettering machine with Grant Funds.
- 07A - Resolution - Approval of Budget line item in Fire Dept. to be increased for above Grant of \$250.00.
- 08 - Communication - Request for approval of re-apportionment map for City of Danbury.
- 024 - Communication - Re-appointment to Planning Commission.
- 025 - Communication - Appointments to Redevelopment Agency.
- 026 - Communication - Appointments to Youth Commission.
- 027 - Communication - Re-appointment to Civil Service Commission.
- 030 - Report - Independent Auditors.
- 031 - Report - Emergency Water Conservation Regulations.
- 032 - Report - Land Acquisition Committee.
- 033 - Report - Review of Tax Collector Responsibilities.
- 034 - Report - Danbury Airways Inc.
- 035 - Report - Traffic Island at Elm & Beaver Streets.
- 036 - Report & Ordinance - Code of Ethics.
- 037 - Report - Offer of the Loren Group to sell Fill to the City.
- 039 - Report - Request to study feasibility of drilling wells near reservoirs
- 040 - Report - Division of Public Works Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Consent Calendar be adopted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES of Common Council meetings held on February 2, 1982 and February 8, 1982.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Boynton that the reading of the minutes be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman White to add a Resolution to the Agenda in reference to the "Melody-Halas Memorial Fund". Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION - Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT WHEREAS, the late Martin Melody and Joseph Halas were dedicated paid Fire Fighters for the City of Danbury, who gave their lives in service to the City of Danbury, and the Danbury Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS, said Department and certain members thereof are in the process of establishing a trust fund for the general benefit, health, education and welfare, of the minor children of said Fire Fighters;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby authorized, and approved that said Department and the members thereof be authorized to use the name of the Danbury Fire Department in connection therewith by establishing a trust entitled "The Danbury Fire Department Melody-Halas Memorial Fund" to be dedicated to the purposes hereinabove set forth. Said fund shall not be represented as being sponsored by the City of Danbury or the Danbury Fire Department except for the use of the name of the Danbury Fire Department as aforesaid, nor shall the City of Danbury or the Danbury Fire Department be responsible for the establishment or supervision thereof; said responsibility shall be borne by the settlers and named trustees thereof.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilwoman McManus that the Resolution be adopted.

The Resolution was adopted by the Common Council unanimously.

01 - CLAIMS - Dawn Coderre - Louis Svonkin - Thomas A. Wixted -
Brian Horvath - Teresino Cappel - Alexander Chauvin, Sr.
Patrick M. Parisi - Harold Noonan.

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

02 - Resolution - Settlement of the following Claim:

The Hartford Insurance Group - In settlement of the Claim of Barbara Wille vs. City of Danbury - Date of Loss 10/26/80 -- \$2,500.00

A Certification in the amount of \$2,500 available in the State Contingency Fund to be transferred to the Claims Account, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting, Mr. John P. Edwards.

The Resolution was adopted by the Common Council with Claims authorized to be paid, on the Consent Calendar.

03 - Resolution - United States Coast Guard Band.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury to respectfully request his Excellency William A. O'Neill, Governor of the State of Connecticut to exert the efforts of his honorable office, in order that the U. S. Coast Guard Band remain at its full complement of forty-five musicians and that the permanent residence of the U.S. Coast Guard Band remain in the City of New London, Connecticut.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

04 - Resolution - Personnel Director.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury by Budget Appropriation Ordinance of May 13, 1981 provided a salary schedule for the Director of Personnel and Secretary of the Personnel Department; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that a description of the position be established for the Director of Personnel so that such position may be filled by appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the Common Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the description of the position of Director of Personnel shall be as follows:

The Director of Personnel of the City shall establish procedures and policies for the Personnel Department and shall be responsible for the coordination of the entire range of employee relations functions for City Departments and Agencies including day-to-day work supervision of the Civil Service Examiner. The Director shall be required to have a Bachelor Degree in Industrial Relations, Liberal Arts, Personnel Management, Business Administration or related field with an advanced degree in one of the above fields preferred.

The Director shall have five or more years of progressively responsible experience in personnel management including significant supervisory experience; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor James E. Dyer be and hereby is authorized to do any and all acts necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Torian that the Resolution be adopted. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

05-Communication - Current Budget Situation:

Mayor Dyer submitted a report of the current budget situation facing us, which is as follows:

- a) 1981-1982 Contingency Account is exhausted with the exception of a small amount.
- b) The Police Contract remains to be settled. Estimated cost is \$250,000 to \$300,000.
- c) Any new expenditure of funds will be an additional allocation to the total 1981-1982 budget. This practice borders on deficit spending.
- d) The unappropriated fund balance has \$339,000.00. This amount will be used for the Police Contract, pending law suit settlements, Fire and Police overtime from several recent and tragic incidents.

As I indicated to you last month, we must exercise budget discretion the Mayor told the Common Council.

The Communication was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

06-Communication - Request from Mayor Dyer to review the desirability of establishing a "Sunset Law" to govern our Boards and Commissions. Such a provision would require a five year review of the necessity of continuing a Board or Commission.

Presently, we have some Boards and Commissions that are duplicating the work of others, or many have outlived their original intent.

A Sunset law would require that every Board and Commission be continued or terminated, at five year intervals. It would be desirable to stagger the review so that we avoid a situation where all Boards and Commissions come under scrutiny all at once.

Councilman White requested referral of the request to an Ad-Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members to this committee: Torcaso, Butera, Farah.

07-Communication & Resolution - Request from Fire Chief Joseph Bertalovitz that the sum \$250 be placed in the Educational-Recreation Eq. Account for the purpose of purchasing a Kroy Lettering Machine as per the \$250 Grant received from the Connecticut Fire Prevention Control Commission on February 16, 1982 and placed in the Contingency Fund.

RESOLUTION - WHEREAS, a grant application of \$250 has been processed, approved and received by the Danbury Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the past actions of the Danbury Fire Department in applying and procuring said grant be and hereby are ratified, and that any and all additional acts necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof be and hereby are authorized.

RESOLUTION - WHEREAS, the Danbury Fire Department received \$250.00 grant from the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that budget line item 02-110-061100 be increased by \$250.00 to reflect the addition of the aforementioned grant.

The Communication was accepted and Resolutions adopted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

08-Communication - Re-apportionment map for City of Danbury.

Request from the Registrars of voters for a map of the City of Danbury and the three State Assembly Districts as re-apportioned by the 1981 Legislative Reapportionment Committee, to be approved by the Common Council.

It was noted that even though the District lines of each assembly district have changed somewhat, it will not have any effect on the ordinance passed by the Common Council on February 5, 1980. Also submitted was a map showing seven wards with the fourteen voting precincts.

In as much as convention delegates must be chosen from these districts between March 23rd and March 25th, earliest approval of the map is most important.

The Communication was accepted and re-apportionment map approved by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

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COMMUNICATION - Temporary Construction Easement - Property of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolf Molnar - 14 Stadley Rough Road.

Councilman White requested referral to an Ad-Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and referred the matter to the following members: Elder, Eppoliti, Charles.

010-Communication - Request of Richard W. Howard, Project Manager of Carroccio-Covill & Associates, Inc. for a Dry Hydrant Installation at Margerie Lake Reservoir, for the New Fairfield Fire Department.

Councilman Torian requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

011-Communication - Request of Alan G. Weiner, Colonial Builders and Developers for an extension of the sewer line and water line for the South Ridge Condominiums.

Councilman Elder requested referral to the Sewer and Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

012-Communication - Request of King Street Corporation, owner of property located on the South King Street, to extend sewer line from King Street School to the site, for a day care center.

Councilwoman McManus requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

013-Communication - Request of Merrimac Associates who are owners of property located on the Southerly side of Boulevard Drive and the Easterly side of Kenosia Avenue, for water and sewer for 160 garden apartment units.

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

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014-Communication - Request of Westwood Associates Limited Partnership for Sewer & Water Extension to a Condominium Project consisting of approximately 100 units (located on the Northerly side of Mill Plain Rd.)

Councilman Elder requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

015-Communication - Request of Danbury ^{Brass} Brass Association for Water & Sewer extension for premises located on the Southerly side of Franklin Street, for 23 garden apartment units.

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

016-Communication - Request of Edmund J. Nahom, BRT Corporation for Sewer & Water Extension on Hayestown Road and East Pembroke Road.

Councilman Evans requested referral to the Water & Sewer Extension committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

017-Communication - Request from Peter Michael - Prints & Brass Showroom, for an ordinance to enforce two-hour limit parking, Mr. Michael noted a problem with the misuse of metered parking on West Street.

Councilman DaSilva requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Torian, Boynton, Burke.

018-Communication - Land of Mrs. Filomina Esposito-Mrs. Ethel M. Russo, located on Overlook Avenue for sale (50x167 feet) for the sum of \$15,000. Submitted by Sal Pandolfi Properties.

Councilman White requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

019-Communication - Request from Mayor Dyer for an ordinance to assist us in the enforcement of our parking code.

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to an Ad-Hoc Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Torian, Boynton, Burke.

020-Communication - Request by Chief Macedo of the Police Department for the following budget adjustments:

1. a. Required increase in the Appropriation Account #02-02-100-011011 Special Services by \$50,000 to total \$230,000 and a corresponding increase in the Anticipated Revenue Account #621300 - no certification required.
2. a. The increase in School Crossing Guard Account #02-02-100-011014 \$7,000.
b. The increase in the overtime account #02-02-100-010500 by \$41,000.
c. The increase in the Motor Fuel Account #02-02-100-042500 by \$35,000.
d. Items a.b.c. above, totaling \$83,000 may be funded from the Unappropriated Fund Balance, as per Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting.

Councilman Repole requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Esposito, Gallo, Repole.

021-Communication & Certification - Request from William Hanna, Tax Collector for \$3,700 for the following accounts:

Part Time Services - \$1,200.00
Leased Equipment \$2,500.00

A Certification in the amount of \$3,700 was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, available in unencumbered and unappropriated funds.

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Boynton, White, McGarry.

022-Communication - Request from the Danbury Conservation Commission for \$10,000 for the purpose of obtaining consultant's services to review the Wilmorite Proposal now before the Environmental Impact Commission.

Councilman Elder requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Eriquez, Zotos, Foti.

023-Communication - Request of Robert B. Zohn, President of Business Aircraft Center, Inc. for a Land Lease at the Danbury Municipal Airport.

Councilman Zotos requested referral to committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Cassano, Evans, Torcaso, Elder, Zotos.

024-Communication - Re-appointment of William McLachlan, 47 Wooster Heights, as an alternate member of the Planning Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 1987.

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

025-Communication - Appointment of the following to the Redevelopment Agency:

Mr. Richard M. Palanzo, 27 Wildman St. for a term to expire on Jan. 1, 1988.
Paul Garavel, 27 Sunset Drive for a term to expire on Jan. 1, 1987.

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

026-Communication - Appointment of the following to the Youth Commission:
Mary Olfson, Devonshire Drive - for a term to expire on April 1, 1983

Glenda Armstrong, South Cove Road - for a term to expire on April 1, 1985.

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

027-Communication - Re-appointment of Mr. William A. Healey, 8 Ezra Road to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on Jan. 1, 1986.

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

028-DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Marshal	Fire Chief
Building Inspector	Aviation Commission
Sanitary Inspector	Housing Inspector
Health Instruction Project	Police Department
High Blood Pressure Program	
Coordinator of Environmental Health Services.	

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Repole to dispense with the reading and to accept as submitted, all Department Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

029-Report - Appointment to E.I.C.

Councilwoman McManus submitted a report stating that the Common Council committee charged to review the appointment of Ward Mazzucco to the Environmental Impact Commission, met with Mr. Mazzucco on Feb. 16, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Mazzucco informed the committee that although he is the Attorney of record in several suits against the City of Danbury and its agencies, he would certainly abstain from any vote in which he could find any conflict of interest. Furthermore, Mr. Mazzucco stated that he would have another Attorney represent his client in the suit against the E.I.C.

After careful consideration of the various aspects of the situation, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Common Council that the appointment of Ward Mazzucco to the Environmental Impact Commission be confirmed.

Councilwoman Carole Torcaso spoke in opposition to the appointment stating that Attorney Mazzucco would take a vote away from the Commission if he had to abstain due to a conflict of interest, and may have to disqualify himself quite often.

Councilman DaSilva remarked that the amount of material that he would have to excuse himself from, would be minute.

Councilman White stated that Attorney Mazzucco would refrain when there is a conflict of interest, and we all have a right to abstain from voting at times

Councilman Enriquez stated that Mr. Mazzucco would use discretion as he did when voting on Zoning matters, disqualifying himself only three times out of 50 petitions.

Councilman Farah said it was unfair to discriminate against his profession as a lawyer.

Councilman Evans also spoke in

A motion was made by Councilman Torian and seconded by Councilman Boynton that the Report be accepted and appointment confirmed.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of 20 Ayes-1 Nay. Councilwoman Torcaso voted Nay.

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

Councilman Torian submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to recommend the selection of an independent auditing firm for the City of Danbury, met on Feb. 16, 1982. In attendance were Council Members Torian, Repole and Eriquez, and John Edwards, Acting Director of Finance.

Mr. Edwards indicated that they were quite satisfied with the present Auditors, Ernst and Whinney and with the services provided by this Firm, that a good working relationship existed between both parties and they felt confident that this situation would continue to prevail in the future.

Ernst and Whinney is a "big 8" accounting Firm with many years of experience in performing municipal audits; fourteen (14) of those years as independent auditors for the City of Danbury. As a result of attrition within the Ernst & Whinney organization, there is a normal turnover of Ernst and Whinney personnel, which affords the City an objective review of its accounts by impartial observers over the years.

Selection of Ernst & Whinney would be most cost-effective and in the City's best interests since there would be no breakdown in continuity of the existing levels of rapport and mutual confidentiality that is shared between the two entities.

Ernst & Whinney proposes to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982 for \$33,000.00. Of this amount, \$1,200.00 would be earmarked for a special audit of the Revenue Sharing Accounts, which occurs approximately every three years.

The Committee recommended retention of the services of Ernst & Whinney for the next fiscal year. The vote was unanimous.

The Report was accepted and recommendation of the selection of Ernst & Whinney, approved by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

031 - REPORT - Emergency Water Conservation Measure.

Councilwoman C. McManus submitted a report stating that the Common Council met as a committee of the whole on Feb. 18, 1982 at 8:30 P.M. and again on Feb. 24, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. to review the above captioned Ordinance.

A public hearing had been held on Feb. 18, 1982 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Foti to recommit this Ordinance to the Public Works Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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

032 - Report - Land Acquisition Committee.

Councilman Evans, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, submitted a report stating that the committee met on Feb. 22, 1982. In attendance were Council Members Evans, Butera, Gallo, White, Repole and Charles.

It was motioned and passed unanimously by the committee that the piece of property located in the Hamilton Subdivision on Chambers Road, offered to the City for the sum of \$1.00 be accepted upon receipt of new Certificate of Title.

A Certification in the amount of \$1.00 available in the Contingency Fund for the purchase of the property on Chambers Road, was submitted by the Director of Finance, Acting - Mr. John P. Edwards.

This parcel of land is 660 feet in length and varies in width from 3 to 13 feet. This parcel is to be used for future road widening purposes.

It was also motioned and passed unanimously that the offer to purchase property at the Danbury Airport, now owned by Danbury Airways and offered through A.J. Bernard Realty, be refused.

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

033 - REPORT - Review of Tax Collector's Responsibilities.

Councilman Torian submitted a committee report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to review a request to clarify an issue regarding a conflict dealing with the responsibility of the Tax Collector to the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Public Utilities, met at 8:30 P.M. on Feb. 17, 1982.

In attendance were committee members Torian, McManus and DaSilva, Acting Director of Finance, John Edwards, Superintendent of Public Utilities, William Buckley; Tax Collector, William Hanna and Director of Public Works, Daniel Garamella.

Mr. Edwards explained the background of the problem and his opinion of the matter. He stated that there should not be two bosses and that there are priorities in the collection of taxes that should be directed by the Director of Finance.

Mr. DaSilva asked what the problem was at this time that precipitated this request. Mr. Edwards stated that newspaper articles that there would be a concerted effort to collect back water bills, and that this type of thing should come only from his office. Mr. Hanna said that there has not been a conflict between his office and that of Mr. Buckley or Mr. Garamella. Mr. Buckley and Mr. Garamella explained that there should be some authority over the Tax Collector by the Superintendent of Public Utilities because collection of water charges are such an essential part of running the water company for the City. Mr. Edwards further explained that the dual supervisory capabilities has great potential for problems.

Mrs. McManus suggested that Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk research through C.C.M. how the collection and authority over collection of utility charges are handled. He will also be asked to give a legal interpretation of the problem and its ramifications, and possible solutions or alternatives.

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

034 - REPORT - Danbury Airways Inc. Lease.

Councilman Farah submitted a report stating that the Ad Hoc Committee appointed to study questions involving the Lease between the City of Danbury and Danbury Airways Inc. met on Feb. 18, 1982. Present were Councilmen Farah and Elder. Councilman Gallo was absent due to illness. Also present were Paul Estefan representing the Airport Commission and Messers. Dunning and Kermašhek of Danbury Airways.

Mr. Estefan reported on a series of agreements reached on Feb. 4th between Danbury Airways, Inc., the City Comptroller, the Aviation Commission and Assistant Corporation Counsel E. Gottschalk. These agreements spell out terms under which Danbury Airways agrees to pay to the City of Danbury all fees and taxes owed and confirm that Danbury Airways has ordered the Chieppo Bus to cease and desist operations from Danbury Airways facilities by March 8th.

This being the case, Danbury Airways has therefore withdrawn its request for Council approval of a sublease between Danbury Airways and the Chieppo Bus Company and no Council Action is required. Furthermore, assuming Danbury Airways pays off monies owed the City in accordance with agreements with the City Comptroller, and the Assistant Corporation Counsel, it will, to the knowledge of this committee, be in compliance with the terms of its lease. No further action by the Council is required.

It was recommended by the committee that no action be taken by the Council.

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

035 - REPORT - Traffic Island on Elm and Beaver Street.

Councilman DaSilva, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, submitted a report stating that the committee studied a request to install a traffic island at the corner of Elm and Beaver Streets for pedestrian safety. An on-site inspection was carried out.

The committee believes that an island in this area would not greatly enhance safety. It would also be a hinderance to snow plowing and eliminate parking as well as loading and unloading at long established businesses at the site.

The Committee therefore recommends a request be sent to the Police Department for the painting of three highly visible crosswalks in the area as this would provide safe crossing areas for pedestrians.

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

036 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Code of Ethics.

Councilwoman C. McManus submitted a report stating that the Common Council met as a committee of the whole on Feb. 18, 1982 to review the above captioned ordinance. A public hearing was held on Feb. 18, 1982 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

A motion was made, Seconded and passed to recommend adoption of the Code of Ethics Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE - There is hereby established a Code of Ethics for all City Officers and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid. The purpose of this code is to establish suitable ethical standards of conduct for all such officers and employees by prohibiting acts or actions incompatible with the best interests of the City of Danbury. The provisions and purposes of this Article and such rules, regulations and standards as shall be established, are hereby declared to be in the best interest of the City of Danbury.

The Report was accepted and

The Ordinance consisting of Ten Sections, was adopted by the Common Council, on the Consent Calendar.

037-REPORT - Offer by the Loren Group to sell Fill to the City.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee studied a proposal from the Loren Group to sell Fill to the City for approxiamtely \$2.00 per yard. The City in turn, would haul the fill and do some excavation on the property.

Mr. Garamella reported that the fill on this property consisted mainly of dead sand which is not of great value to the City.

This sand could be used in screened and mixed with live sand, but the price of \$2.00 per yard is too expensive for the quality of the product.

After consideration of the facts presented, the Public Works committee voted to recommend denial of this proposal at this time.

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

038-REPORT - Request to review dumping fees was withdrawn.

039-REPORT - Drilling wells near the shores of City Reservoirs.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works committee reviewed a recommitment of a request to study the feasibility of drilling wells near the shores of primary and secondary reservoirs in Danbury.

Councilman Charles, the maker of the request, attended the meeting and asked for more substantiation of the initial position of the committee which was to take no action at this time.

Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, presented a variety of materials on the topic which supported his original stance, which was that the drilling of wells on the shore of a reservoir would only cause water from that reservoir to seep down and replace the water pumped in the well. This would, in effect, be a recycling of reservoir water.

Because of the information presented, the committee voted to maintain its position of recommending no action on this proposal be taken at this time.

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

040-REPORT - Dividing Public Works into two sectors.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works committee studied a request to ascertain the possibility of dividing the Public Works Department into two sectors, leaving the present headquarters at the present site in Beaver Brook, and adding an additional facility on City property near the water processing plant on the West end of Town.

Councilman Charles attended and explained that his proposal would eliminate the Public Works trucks driving across town to refuel and re-load with sand etc. This would save on fuel time and wear and tear on these trucks.

Public Works Director Daniel Garamella explained that this proposal would not be feasible at this time because of the expense of providing the additional facility in the building, heating, maintaining and supervising this facility as well as the electrical and communication costs involved. He also stated that there is no room for this type of plant on the City property on the West end and that sand and salt storage would be prohibited because of the proximity to a reservoir. It was also explained that central pick-up area for sand and salt are now in place.

Because of the information presented, the Public Works Committee voted to take no action on this proposal at this time.

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

041-REPORT - Benefits for non-union employees, was withdrawn.

043-REPORT - World-Wide Realty Corporation - Water line extension
Escrow Agreement and Waiver of Bids.

Councilman Gallo, Chairman of the Sewer & Water Extension committee, submitted a report stating that the committee met on March 1, 1982 and reviewed the communication from the Assistant Corporation Counsel's office. City Engineer J. Schweitzer and Attorney Gottschalk were present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Elder and seconded by Councilman Foti to recommend the Common Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an escrow agreement with World Wide Realty Corporation to accept a \$75,000 contribution toward proposed water line from Mill Plain Road to I-84 overpass on Old Ridgebury Road. All members were in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Elder, seconded by Councilman Foti and passed to recommend the Council authorize a waiver of bids to allow the City to hire the contractor presently under contract with the State, for the bridge work.

A Communication from Mr. John P. Edwards, Director of Finance, Acting was submitted stating that it would seem in order to increase the Water Department Utility Budget Account #01-000-343000 by \$75,000 to reflect an agreement with a contractor who will provide a letter of credit for \$75,000, for a special project. The Water Department "Other Income" account will be adjusted to reflect the income portion of this transaction.

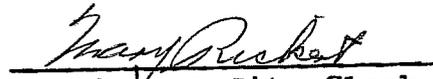
A motion was made by Councilman Elder and seconded by Councilman Evans to accept the Report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

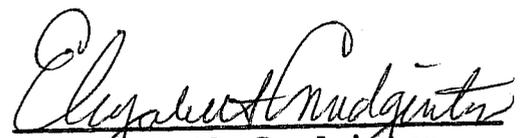
Louis Damici, Vice President of Local 801 Firefighters Union spoke to extend from the Officers and Members, sincere gratitude to City Officials and Departments of the City of Danbury and/citizens, for their concern and the tribute paid to the two firefighters who lost their lives during the recent fire in Danbury.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Charles to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted


Assistant City Clerk

Attest:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk