

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - City of Danbury, Connecticut.
 SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on January 3, 1985.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. by the Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer.

Councilwoman Beverly Johnson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Bernard Gallo.

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

PRESENT: Council Members - Johnson, Sollose, Foti, Torcaso, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Chianese, Skoff, McManus, DaSilva, Gallo, Cassano, Charles, Boynton, Butera, Durkin, Eriquez, Farah, Torian.

21 Members Present - None Absent.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer announced the following birthdays for the month of January and extended Best Wishes to the following:

Councilman Charles - Jan. 2nd.
 Registrar of voters J. Blakely
 Louis Repko - Jan. 5th.
 Joe Walkovich - Jan. 8th.
 Pam Evanuska - Security guard at City Hall - Jan. 8th.
 Councilman Farah - January 11th.
 Councilman Gallo - January 26th.
 Peter Glaser - Mayor Dyer's Assistant - January 26th.

Mayor Dyer also announced that at the end of this month the North-Eastern Governor's Conference will be held in Danbury. Governor O'Neil has chosen Danbury as the hottest investment for 1985.

The Mayor notified the Council that a Special Meeting will be called later this month to appoint firefighters and police officers.

Mayor Dyer invited members to attend the official opening of the newly constructed Equipment Maintenance Building - Public Works Complex on Newtown Road, to be held on Sunday, January 6th. at Two O'Clock P.M.

Mayor Dyer announced that the City of Danbury, the first in the Country, will observe Martin Luther King's Birthday on January 15th.

At the end of this agenda, a Resolution from the Redevelopment Agency will be added. Mayor Dyer stated that the Agency is to be commended for their very fine work.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 02 - Resolution - Grant Application for Commission on Aging.
- 13-A - Appointments to the Aviation Commission.
- 13-D - Appointments to the Redevelopment Agency.
- 017 - Report & Resolution - Acceptance of Dogwood Park North.
- 018 - Report - Intersection Improvements.
- 024 - Appointments to the Environmental Impact Commission.
- 025 - Communication & Certification re: Additional funds for the cost of repairing the roof at Hatter's Park.
- 026 - Communication & Certification re: Funds for the Employee Service Benefits Account.
- 027 - Report - Land Acquisition Committee.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Foti for the Consent Calendar to be accepted as submitted.
 Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Common Council Meetings held on December 4, 1984 and December 19, 1984.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Charles to waive the reading of the Minutes which are to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

01 - CLAIMS - A. Freitas - David Caruba - James Lucsky for Lee Lucsky - Marcia A. Kirla - Anthony J. Seri - Dimitrios Detsikas - Rose Bosco - James Outlaw & Dorothy Outlaw for Loretta L. Outlaw - Toni Stone - Circle A. Condominium Association.

Councilwoman McManus requested referral of the Claims to the Claims Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

02 - RESOLUTION - Grant Application for Commission on Aging.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

Whereas The Administration on Aging of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Connecticut Department on Aging and the NorthWestern Area Agency on Aging has made available funds to public agencies in accordance with Title III of the Older Americans Act and Sections 17-137(a-e) of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

Whereas, the Danbury Commission on Aging has developed an elderly day care program which will include: activities, meals, medical attention, volunteer assistance, and outreach; and

Whereas, a grant application of \$28,000 with a local cash match of \$9,961 has been processed by the Danbury Commission on Aging;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the past actions of the Danbury Commission on Aging in applying for said grant be and hereby are ratified, and that any and all additional acts by the Commission on Aging and Mayor James E. Dyer necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof be and hereby are authorized.

The Resolution was adopted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

03 - ORDINANCE - Water Rates.

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

03-1 - COMMUNICATION - Request from the Board of Review - Insurance Contracts to amend Sec. 2-148 (b) of the Code of Ordinances.

Thomas Fabiano, Risk Manager stated that since the Board of Education is included with the City for Fire & Casualty Insurances, it is the opinion of the Board of Review that their membership be expanded to include the Superintendent of Schools or such designee.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Durkin, Eriquez, Johnson.

04 - COMMUNICATION -/Request from the Office of the Corporation Counsel that the Common Council consider the acceptance of certain road widening parcels located adjacent to Long Ridge Road in accordance with the usual procedure, including a request to the Planning Commission for a report.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Public Works Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

05 - COMMUNICATION - Offer of John Corey of Morey Associates, land located at 9 Bank Street for sale to the City. The asking price is \$150,000.

Councilman Charles requested referral to the Land Acquisition Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

06 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Joseph Heyman for an easement to connect sewer & water to 7 National Place.

Councilman Sollose requested referral to the Public Works Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

07 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Edward Property Corporation of White Plains, New York for sewer & water extension to the Anchor Marina

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission.

08 - COMMUNICATION - Erosion problem on property of Kenneth H. Kelly and Marilyn J. Kelly located at 8 South King Street.

Councilwoman B. Johnson requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

09 - COMMUNICATION - Flooding problem on South Cove Road - property of Samuel M. Showah.

Councilwoman Torcaso requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

010 - COMMUNICATION - Application for deferral of property tax assessment increases for 5-7 Ives Street. This property is the former City-owned Ives Street Firehouse.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Cassano, Charles, Foti.

011 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Avis Rent A Car Systems Inc. to lease property on Kenosia Avenue.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Torian, Chianese, Farah. The request was also referred to the Planning Commission and the Aviation Commission.

012 - COMMUNICATION - Donation of services by the Eagle Scouts at the Danbury Municipal Airport.

Councilman Sollose requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Torcaso, Sollose, Esposito.

013 - COMMUNICATION - Request of Wooster Square Development Corporation for permission to construct a drive-up-facility on Main & White Street.

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to the Public Works Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

013-A - COMMUNICATION - Appointments by Mayor Dyer to the Aviation Commission.

Mr. Donald Crudginton - 157 South St. and Mr. Kendle P. Philbrick, 14 Turdevant Drive - for terms to expire on July 1, 1987.

Mr. Crudginton is employed by the State of Connecticut as a Superintendent of Human Resources.

Mr. Philbrick is employed by American Can Company as Manager of Real Estate.

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

013-B - COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Planning Commission.

Appointments by Mayor Dyer of Samuel Hyman, 601 Village Square and Joseph Walkovich, 1 Farview Avenue to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hyman is employed by the State of Connecticut, Commission on Human Rights, as a Contract Compliance Supervisor. His term will expire on January 1, 1988.

Mr. Walkovich is employed by Mediplex. He is currently serving as an alternate member of the Commission. His term will expire on Jan. 1, 1988.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Boynton for the communication to be accepted and appointments confirmed, with proviso that Mr. Hyman resigns from the Richter Park Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

013-C - Withdrawn

013-D - COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Redevelopment Agency.

Re-appointments by Mayor Dyer of Mr. John J. Addressi, Aunt Hack Road and Mr. Lawrence Riefberg, 63B Hillcroft Apartments, to the Redevelopment Agency for terms to expire on January 1, 1990.

Mr. Addressi and Mr. Riefberg have both been active members of the Redevelopment Agency.

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

014 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Equal Rights & Opportunities
Municipal Agent for the Elderly
Airport Administrator
Building Department

Fire Chief
Fire Marshal

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Charles to dispense with the reading of Department Reports as all members have copies which are also on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Reports to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

015 - Withdrawn

016 - REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Transfer of funds for new Police Officers.

Councilman Eriquez submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the request for five additional police officers, met on Dec. 18, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. in City Hall.

Members of the committee present were Butera, Skoff, Foti and Eriquez. Others in attendance included Police Chief Nelson Macedo, Lt. Arthur Sullo and Assistant Comptroller, Dominic Setaro.

Chief Macedo submitted a memorandum to the committee that supported the request for five additional officers. He explained that studies have concluded and national standards suggest that there should be two officers for every one-thousand in population. He noted this recommended staffing level could apply to Danbury given its geographic size.

Furthermore, the Chief and Lt. Sullo explained that the number of calls logged this fiscal year has increased. They indicated these calls or complaints request their response.

These five officers would add one twenty-four hour patrol to the City's streets. The Chief added that these officers would not be designated to any one particular area of the City or any particular duty. He stated that they are intended to be used for patrol although one officer may assist the Traffic Division.

Mr. Setaro told the committee that \$43,005 would be needed to fund five officers at "Step 1" salary for the remaining six months of the fiscal year. He felt that adequate funds are available in the existing budget for benefit costs and uniform and equipment allowances.

Mrs. Skoff questioned the need for these officers at this time. She felt that these five positions should have been included in the original budget adopted for fiscal year 1984-1985. Without additional justification she stated she could not support this request at this particular time.

Mrs. Butera made a motion at the committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Foti to recommend to the full Council that \$43,005 be allocated from the unappropriated surplus for the purpose of funding five additional police officer positions for the remaining months of the fiscal year. The motion passed by a vote of 3 Ayes and 1 Nay. Mrs. Skoff voted in the negative.

CERTIFICATION #13 was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards, Comptroller in the amount of \$43,005 available to be transferred from the General Fund balance account to the Police Department regular salary account 02-100-010100 to cover the cost of five new patrol officers.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Foti for the Report to be accepted and transfer of funds authorized.

Councilwoman Skoff motioned to recommit seeing no dire need for additional officers at this time.

Mayor Dyer explained that creating new divisions causes vacancies that must be filled. We have increased patrols at High Ridge Gardens. Raids have caused the hiring of many officers at over-time costs.

The Mayor further explained that the Beaver Brook tunnel is being patrolled now and listed many overtime assignments - with numerous spot checks being conducted - all beyond what is budgeted for. We also had a plane crash which required overtime services.

Also that the midnight shifts were held over during the recent incident at the DHS to make sure that order is maintained.

Mrs. Skoff then withdrew her motion for recommittal.

Councilman Farah asked if this information was submitted to the committee. Councilman Eriquez, Chairman of the committee, stated that the members of the committee questioned the Chief and Lt. Sullo etc. for over an hour, at the committee meeting.

The previous motion for the Report to be accepted and transfer of funds authorized was carried unanimously.

017 - REPORT & RESOLUTION - Acceptance of Dogwood Park North.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee reviewed a request to accept Dogwood Park North as a City Highway. An on-site inspection of the road was conducted. A report from the City Engineer cited that all specifications for acceptance have been met.

The Public Works Committee therefore recommends the acceptance of Dogwood Park North into the City highway system.

RESOLUTION - THAT DOGWOOD PARK NORTH be accepted as a public highway in the City of Danbury subject to the following conditions:
That a Deed and Certificate of Title, in forms 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.

018 - REPORT - Intersection Improvements.

Councilman DaSilva, Chairman of the Public Works Committee submitted a report stating that the committee reviewed proposed intersection improvements as provided by the C. E. McGuire Engineering Firm. Discussions were held with representatives of the Firm and Public Works Department personnel.

After considerable debate as to the relative merits and drawbacks of additional signalization in our City the following motions for recommendations were passed at the committee meeting:

- A. Deny the signalization of Main & Wooster Streets.
(Motion passed 5 to 1 - Mr. Esposito voted in the negative and Mr. Farah was absent.)
- B. Deny intersection signalization and re- alignment at West Wooster and Division Streets (Motion passed unanimously).
- C. Accept plan to improve intersection of Sand Pit and Old Brookfield Roads, minus signalization. (Motion passed unanimously).
- D. Any money saved from rejected signalization projects be used to improve synchronization and timing of present traffic lights.
(Motion passed unanimously).

The Public Works Committee feels that better use of the present traffic signals would be of more benefit to the traffic flow of the City than additional lights in most cases.

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

019 - REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MAJORITY REPORT RE: Cross Street Bridge. (attached)

020 - REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINORITY REPORT RE: Cross Street Bridge (attached)

019 - REPORT:

Councilman DaSilva, chairman of the Public Works committee submitted the above Reports stating that the committee studied at length a proposal to use State and Federal Funds to pay for 80% of the reconstruction of the Cross Street Bridge. This is a project that was begun in 1979 when a contract was signed between Mayor Donald Boughton for the City of Danbury and The Connecticut Department of Transportation. A public hearing was held by the D.O.T. where three plans were presented for comment.

Of the three plans presented, labeled A, B, and C, Plan A was adopted by the D.O.T. because Plan B did not meet Federal regulations and would not qualify for funding. Plan C was too extensive and therefor rejected. The residents of the Cross St. area have been objecting to the construction of a bridge according to Plan A because the specifications call for the ability to carry 80,000 pounds at 35 miles per hour. This means a re-alignment of the bridge which they fear will bring additional traffic, especially trailer truck traffic with the ensuing safety problems and the loss of a residential character to the neighborhood.

Money for the City share of bridge construction will amount of approximately \$230,000. This is 20% of the total cost. After the Common Council denied any funds for this project in the Capital Improvement Bond Issue of 1983, the City was reminded that if this project were not completed it would still be liable for an approximate fee of \$120,000 for the engineering work done to date. The committee verified with a representative of the D.O.T. and Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk that the City was in fact responsible for the payment of these costs even if the project were not brought to fruition.

The committee checked into any possibility of another plan, less objectionable to the residents, being eligible for State and Federal funding, but could find no evidence of this.

The present configuration of Cross Street and its adjoining streets was discussed concerning traffic flow and safety if additional truck traffic were present. It was presented that narrowness and slope of the road, as well as limited egress from either end would cause great problems and cost considerable funds in the future to rectify.

The committee feels that although the plan presented by the State is not the most desirable, it is the best of all choices. It believes that the present bridge is in dire need of repair and possible condemnation and its configuration will not allow passage of Fire vehicles which causes a safety hazard. The plan from the State provides the most economical way of correcting a problem of long standing. The committee further believes that the present condition of Cross Street and its intersection with other roadways will inhibit extensive use by trucks.

The Committee recommends approval of the proposed plan to reconstruct the bridge on Cross Street with a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The motion to recommend approval passed 4 to 2. Council Members DaSilva and Eriquez voted in the negative.

020 - REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINORITY REPORT Re: Cross Street Bridge. (attached)

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee by a majority vote has recommended the approval of the plan proposed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Cross Street bridge. Mr. DaSilva submitted a Minority Report to present his views as to why this proposal should not be accepted.

There are many reasons for which I believe the D.O.T. plan should be rejected. The first is that the design of the proposed bridge will allow the passage of trailer trucks for the first time on this residential street. While the new bridge will be able to handle this traffic, the road itself can not. In most places the road is too narrow especially at the Northerly end where it meets Triangle Street. This presents an obvious safety problem which is compounded by the egress of traffic from Briarwood Road about fifty yards from the brink of a hill for traffic in a Southerly direction.

This safety problem will be a constant factor in travel over the course of the entire road, as opposed to that presented by the existing one lane bridge. Beyond the safety of those who travel on this road being compromised by this plan, I believe the introduction of trailer truck traffic will precipitate a rapid deterioration of a long established residential neighborhood. I feel very strongly that the protection of existing residential area should be of prime concern to the government of a rapidly growing City such as ours. Of what benefit is the development of opportunity, the rebuilding of our downtown area, or the improvement of our recreational facilities if we allow our neighborhoods to decline?

Although the present condition of Cross Street is believed to be a sufficient deterrent to the addition of truck traffic, I do not feel that this will in fact be the case. The Northern terminus of Cross Street is within a few feet of Route 6. Routes 7 and I-84 are in close proximity. The Southern terminus leads to numerous industrial plants and the Town of Bethel. I believe these factors will inevitably lead to the use of Cross Street as a convenient passageway for trucks making pick ups and deliveries to industries in both Danbury and Bethel. I further believe there is already sufficient access to these facilities through less residential areas.

When the addition of more traffic in general and truck traffic in the specific comes to Cross Street, as I predict it will if the proposed bridge is allowed to be built, a serious safety problem will ensue. When this occurs, the City will have little choice but to spend a considerable amount of money to rectify the situation. I will remind the Council that although the State mandates a plan that will cause this problem, they offer no funds to solve it. The City will have to bear that responsibility itself.

Another situation also arises which will be of significant cost to the City. There will need to be reconstruction and resignalization of the intersection of Cross, Triangle & White Streets. In order to allow large vehicles to go left on Triangle or White Streets parts of parcels containing a gasoline station, a flower shop and a small green park will need to be taken. There will also be a need to change the series of traffic lights to align with the new configuration. This is one more time that the City will be left with the bill for something it did not want. The State and Federal Governments offer no help at all.

I have further problems with the role of the D.O.T. in the whole process. The estimated cost of the design phase of this project was \$75,000. That cost is up to \$120,000, an increase of 60%. When asked for the reason for such an exorbitant escalation of cost, the reply from the D.O.T. was that it prepared three plans which they presented to a public hearing and that alterations were made to the present plan after its choosing. The irony of this argument is that of these three plans they knew or should have known, that one was far too extensive and a second could not qualify for federal funds. They informed residents at that hearing that their input could have an impact on the choice of plans when they knew that the plan that met with the approval of these residents could not be chosen. The City is being charged for the design of two plans that had no chance of selection, just to show the image of a real public hearing where citizens are supposed to have their say in what happens to them. They also say that they performed design changes after the choice of plans, when in actuality these changes were not at all major. I wonder as to the State's reaction to charges that are 60% over estimate and I also wonder if the final cost to Danbury will be much higher than the present estimate of \$230,000.

It must be reported that two resolutions were passed in late 1979 and early 1980. Both of these resolutions called for the City of Danbury to enter into a contract with the D.O.T. to reconstruct the Cross Street bridge. It must also be noted that in both resolutions the City agrees to pay 20% of the design cost of the bridge, not the 20% of the total cost of the bridge that we will actually be responsible for. The Public Works Committee could not ascertain the reason why the cost of this project was misrepresented in that fashion. It remains, however, a fact that the agreed City share in those resolutions will go from the original \$15,000 to \$230,000. That is an increase of over 1,500%. I don't think the City of Danbury should pay for someone else's mistake.

I wish to make a point very clear. I have never been, nor have any of the residents to whom I have spoken, opposed to the improvement, upgrading or replacement of the Cross St. Bridge. What I remain opposed to is the design which would ruin a neighborhood and cost significantly more than it looks at face value. No one had a problem with the D.O.T's Plan Three which they offered and then rejected. I strongly urge that the safety level of this bridge be improved immediately, but I refuse to be led down the path of State and Federal domination of a local problem and I am particularly opposed to this when the plans and schemes of these larger governments are only half developed, solving one problem and creating one even larger. Plans of this or any type need more than mathematical calculation, stress tolerance, and functional design. They need to look for the broad picture and investigate the ramifications.

I support the repair of the present bridge for the \$93,000 estimated by our City Engineer. I support the replacement of the present bridge with one like Plan B as presented by the D.O.T. I support any plan that will give safe access over the Still River without destroying the neighborhood through which it runs and will not cause problems of a larger scale than it will solve.

I am fully aware that although the cost for this project has escalated unduly and that we were misled as to the magnitude of our financial involvement, the proposed plan is the cheapest method of replacing the present bridge. I don't happen to feel however, that the cheapest is always the best. I cannot set a price on a neighborhood. If I could I'm sure it wouldn't be in the range we are discussing here. If the right way to do this work costs more than this plan, then I proposed we spend it. I am not against progress, improved traffic flow or safety. I am opposed to this method of obtaining these things. We have heard the cry of State mandates without the money to back them up many times before. I propose that we should not submit to it again. I propose we save a neighborhood, save money in the long run, and save our ability to control what happens in our own City. I propose that we reject Plan A as presented by the D.O.T.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Charles to accept the Majority Report.

Councilman Boynton remarked that the neighbors are opposed to Plan A. The State refused Plan B. Mr. Boynton asked if a Resolution can be changed by the Mayor.

Mayor Dyer replied that a Mayor cannot change the intent of a Resolution. Mr. Boynton then asked if the original contract was illegally signed.

It was requested that the Corporation Counsel review the Resolution and Contract. It was then determined that the Corporation Counsels were not going to be prepared to offer a legal opinion at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Charles to recommit.

All motions were then withdrawn and the item was deferred for a Special Meeting to be held later this month.

021 - COMMUNICATION - Reappointment of Louis Repko as a Fire Inspector in the Danbury Fire Department. Mr. Repko was temporarily removed from this position during the budget overtime problems of 1983.

A motion was made by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilwoman McManus and Councilman Foti for the Communication to be accepted and re-appointment confirmed. Motion carried unanimously.

022 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Mayor Dyer for an ad hoc committee to review bid procedures, bond requirements, and advertising procedure, to determine what, if anything, may be done to encourage more bidders for City work.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following committee members: Farah, Boynton, Butera.

023 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Mendik Realty re: Sanitary wastes from the proposed Newtown Corporate Park.

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

024 - COMMUNICATION - Appointments by Mayor Dyer to the Environmental Impact Commission: Mr. Peter C. Hunt, 1 Shannon Ridge Road and Mr. Dennie E. Bryers, 109 Beaver Brook Road.

Mr. Hunt will serve for a term to expire on December 1, 1985. He is an Attorney in Danbury.

Mr. Bryers is a landscape architect licensed in Connecticut and New York. His term will expire on December 1, 1987.

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

025 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from D. Garamella, Director of Public Works, for \$11,507.96, additional funds required for repairing the roof at Hatter's Park. The cost of repairing the roof exceeded the estimated figure of \$90,000 which was appropriated by the Common Council.

Mr. Setaro, Assistant Comptroller stated that \$11,507.96 was needed to complete the project.

CERTIFICATION #15 - was submitted by Mr. John P. Edwards, Comptroller, in the amount of \$11,507.96 available to be transferred from the General Fund balance account to the Public Buildings Maintenance Account for maintenance of buildings and structures account 02-03-116-031000.

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

026 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION #14 - Request from Mr. John P. Edwards, Comptroller, for \$9,678.00, additional funds needed to pay two people who have retired and one additional person who is contemplating retirement before July 1, 1985. There is need to replenish the account number 09-122-071003 (Employees Service Benefits). This is the account from which we pay unused sick time for employees who retire.

Mr. Edwards certified the availability of \$9,678.00 from the unencumbered general fund - fund balance.

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

027 - REPORT - Land Acquisition Committee.

Re: A. Lease of Property - 13 Boughton Street (Feinson Property)
B. Colonial Builders & Developers re: Mannion's Lane.

Councilman Boynton submitted a report stating that at the Dec. 17, 1984 Land Acquisition Committee Meeting, the members voted to recommend the following to the full Council for approval:

A. Re: Lease of Feinson Property at 13 Boughton Street in the rear of the Police Department.

Recommendation - The committee voted to recommend that the Mayor be authorized to negotiate a lease agreement between the City of Danbury and A.M.D. Realty Corporation for the Feinson Property at 13 Boughton Street, subject to final approval by the Common Council.

Note: The Planning Commission voted a positive recommendation at its October 3rd, 1984 meeting.

B. Re: Acceptance of land from Colonial Builders and Developers on Mannion's Lane.

Recommendation - The committee voted to recommend that the Council approve the acceptance of land on Mannion's Lane, subject to all conditions as outlined by the Planning Department, the City Engineer, and the Building Department.

Note: The Planning Commission voted a positive recommendation at its Sept. 5th, 1984 meeting.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman C. McManus and seconded by Councilman B. Gallo to add an item #28 to the Agenda - Resolution re:Redevelopment Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

028 - RESOLUTION - Danbury Redevelopment Agency's Invitation for Bid regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project.- duly adopted by the Agency at a Special Meeting conducted on January 3, 1985.

This matter requires referral also, to the Planning Commission for a report pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 8-24.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the Resolution to be referred to the same committee appointed previously (Oct. 2, 1984): Council Members - McManus, DaSilva, Esposito, Skoff, Godfrey, Gallo, Torian.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION

In accordance with the City Charter, Mayor Dyer asked if there was anyone from the General Public who would like to speak and address the Council on any items listed on this evening's agenda.

There being no one from the public who wished to speak and there being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Foti for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:55 O'Clock P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Rickert
Mary Rickert
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

Elizabeth Crudginton
Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk