

To: Mayor James E. Dyer, City of Danbury, Connecticut.

Re: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held September 1, 1987.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor James E. Dyer, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Prayer was offered by Councilman John Esposito.

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

PRESENT: Council Members Johnson, Sollose, DeMille, Philip, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Hadley, Rotello, Cassano, McManus, Gallo, Esposito, Charles, Boynton, Butera, DaSilva, Eriquez, Farah, Smith, Torian.

21 Members Present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer, together with the Common Council, extended appreciation to the Danbury Fire Department, the Volunteers, Miry Brook Auxiliary and the Police Department for a heroic effort during last Sunday's fire at Danbury Building and Lumber Company.

The Mayor announced that Schools will be opened on September 2 and urged motorists to be careful and to obey crossing guards.

The Jerry Lewis Telethon will be held on September 7th and volunteers are needed.

The new Richter Park Clubhouse will have a groundbreaking ceremony on September 11th.

On September 12th, WLAD News Director Dennis LaMar will marry Susan Southwick and the Mayor extended congratulations and best wishes to the couple.

On September 19th, Western Connecticut State University in conjunction with Tuxedo Junction will sponsor Felix Cavaliere in concert at the WCSU Campus.

On September 12th Beaver Brook Volunteer will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

On September 12th St. George's Church will dedicate its new building.

Also on September 12th the Germantown Volunteer Company will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

On September 13th the News Times will sponsor its annual 10K race.

Also on September 13th the Danbury Downtown Council will hold a Taste of Danbury from Noon until 7:00 P.M. which will be held in conjunction with the opening of Post Office Street.

On September 19th the Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Dinner.

Also on the 19th Carter L. Marshall Lodge - Jennie Bryant will hold its annual Ball.

On September 22, the DAR will hold a luncheon in honor of the birthday of the Constitution.

On September 24th, Jewish citizens will observe Rosh Hashanah.

The Mayor extended congratulation to the following people who will celebrate their birthdays in the month of September:

- September 1st - Thomas Dyer, Jr.
- September 11th - Councilman Robert Godfrey
- September 12th - Registrar of Voters George Schmiedel
- September 12th - Councilman John Esposito
- September 14th - WLAD News Director Dennis LaMar
- September 14th - Mrs. Alice Dyer
- September 18th - Probate Judge Dick Nahley
- September 19th - Councilwoman Beverly Johnson.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Mr. Gallo presented the following items to be placed on the Consent Calendar:

- 2 - Resolution-Aids Counseling and Testing Program Grant
- 3 - Resolution-Housing Authority Assistance Agreement
- 7 - Communication-Appointment to the Conservation Commission
- 8 - Communication-Appointment to the Youth Commission
- 15 - Certification-Land Acquisition
- 17 - Communication and Certification-Relocation of Personnel Department
- 22 - Communication and Certification-Former Sand/Salt Storage Facility
- 26 - Communication-Request for Transfer of Funds-Department of Elderly Services
- 28 - Communication-Report from Corporation Counsel regarding Compratt Enterprises
- 29 - Communication-Agreement between the City of Danbury and Connecticut Light and Power Company
- 30 - Communication and Certification - Request for Funds for Danbury High School Band
- 31 - Communication- Request for Fire Pumper
- 35 - Report and Certification-Employees Lounge
- 36 - Report and Certification-Funds for the Police Department Pistol Range
- 37 - Report and Certification-Request to Combine Engines 23 and 7
- 39 - Report-Request for Sewer and Water Extensions-Kenosia and Backus Avenues
- 40 - Report-Cross Street Bridge
- 41 - Progress Report-Street Addresses
- 42 - Progress Report-Problems on Lee Avenue and Hobson Street.

Mr. Godfrey moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Mr. DaSilva made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the Common Council meeting held August 4, 1987 as all members have copies which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1 - RESOLUTION - Commerce Park Rail Crossing.

WHEREAS, the Common Council has allocated funds for the construction of a Commerce Park Crossing; and

WHEREAS, this project will oblige the City of Danbury to acquire interest in and to real property as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, eminent domain proceedings will be necessary if the City of Danbury cannot agree with the several owners hereinafter named upon the amount, if any, to be paid for the respective interests of each to be taken in, and to, the real property as hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized to acquire the property interests as hereinafter set forth either by negotiation or by eminent domain through the institution of suits against the following named property owners, their successors and assigns and their respective mortgage holders, if any, the affected properties being indicated by Tax Assessor's lot numbers.

I. Property Acquisitions.

1. L09028 - Eagle Road - Stony Hill Corporation
2. L09026 - 53 Federal Road - Albert J. Jowdy
3. L09023 - 57 Fedreal Road - Federal Welding Service, Inc.
4. Berol Corporation - Lessee under a lease dated 6/27/71 and expiring 7/1/96.
5. Equitable Life Assurance Company - Mortgagee located at 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY
6. Frank C. Scollin (heirs and successor) - holder of right of way over the strip in question.
7. Conrail - under "Spur Track" Agreement.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Mr. Sollose. Motion carried unanimously.

1-A - CLAIMS - Joanne & Steven Santos, Anthony Yakacki, Donald R. Hensley, Joann Miller, Robert McNiff.

Mrs. McManus asked that the claims be referred to the Corporation Counsel for a report back in thirty days. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 2 - RESOLUTION - Aids Counseling and Testing Program Grant.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services through the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Outreach Education and Risk Reduction Program has made grant funds available from May, 1987 through April, 1988 to full-time health departments by providing free counseling and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) antibody testing services for individuals concerned about possible exposure to HIV; and

WHEREAS, this program shall serve both residents and non-residents; there are no restrictions on who may be served for AIDS counseling or HIV testing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury through the Danbury Health and Housing Department has formulated an Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Outreach Education and Risk Reduction Counseling Program for the Danbury area; and

WHEREAS, a grant award of up to \$54,208.00 has been processed by the Danbury Health and Housing Department; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services has approved and funded the grant proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the actions of the Danbury Health and Housing Department in applying for the said grant be and hereby are ratified and that any and all further actions by the Danbury Health and Housing Department required to accomplish said program be and hereby are authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT to accomplish said program the Mayor of the City of Danbury is authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of the City of Danbury any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Health Services.

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

- 3 - RESOLUTION - Housing Authority Assistance Agreement.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 128, 129, 130 and 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to extend financial assistance to local housing authorities, municipalities and non-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Danbury make application to the State for financial assistance under Section 8-216b of the General Statutes in order to undertake a program of Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Chapters 128, 129, 130 and 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

2. That the filing of an application by the City of Danbury in an amount not to exceed \$224,778.99 is hereby approved and that the Mayor of the City of Danbury is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Danbury.

3. That in consideration of said Assistance Agreement applicant does hereby waive any Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes by the Housing Authority to the City of Danbury under the provisions of Section 8-71 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

4. That the current established mill rate is 45.13 and the current assessment is 70% of market value.

5. It is also resolved that any prior action taken by the Mayor of the City of Danbury with respect to this Agreement is also approved.

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

4 - Ordinance - Board of Ethics.

THAT subsection (e) of Section 2-168 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Investigations. Upon the sworn complaint, on a form prescribed by the board of ethics, signed under penalty of false statement, of any person, or upon its own complaint, alleging facts which if true would constitute improper conduct under the provisions of section 8-3 of the Danbury Municipal Charter or this article, the board of ethics shall conduct an investigation of such alleged violation. The board of ethics shall not later than (5) days after receipt or issuance of such complaint notify by registered or certified mail any officer or employee against whom such complaint is filed and a copy of such complaint shall accompany such notice. The board of ethics shall also notify the complainant of its receipt of such complaint not later than five (5) days thereafter. Any investigation to determine whether or not there is probable cause that a violation of Danbury Municipal Charter section 8-3 or this article has occurred shall be concluded within sixty (60) days of the initiation of any complaint hereunder. An investigation to determine whether or not there is probable cause that a violation of Danbury Municipal Charter section 8-3 or this

article has occurred shall be conducted in public and subject to the disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information Act except when and if confidentiality is necessary and appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of the State of Connecticut. The officer or employee involved shall have the right to appear and be heard and to offer any information which may tend to clear him of probable cause indicating that he has violated any provision of Danbury Municipal Charter section 8-3 or this article. The officer or employee involved shall also have the right to be represented by legal counsel and examine and cross-examine witnesses. The board of ethics shall make no finding that there is probable cause to believe that the officer or employee involved is in violation of any provision of Danbury Municipal Charter section 8-3 or this article except upon the concurring vote of three (3) of its members. The board of ethics shall not later than three (3) business days after the termination of such investigation notify the complainant and the officer or employee involved that the investigation has been terminated and the results thereof. Within three (3) days following the termination of any investigation hereunder, the board shall, in written findings of facts and conclusions based thereon, make recommendations to the common council concerning the propriety of the conduct involved and appropriate penalties attaching to such conduct, if any. The board shall transmit its findings and recommendations to the common council which shall make the final determination concerning the propriety of the conduct involved in accordance with the procedural requirements of section 2-167 hereof and which shall determine appropriate penalties attaching to such conduct.

Mr. Gallo asked that the above Ordinance be deferred to Public Hearing. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

5 - RESOLUTION - Property Tax Exemptions.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT the City of Danbury hereby adopts the provisions of Section 12-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes relating to the effective date of tax exemptions for certain organizations. Accordingly, the property tax exemption authorized by subsections (7) to (16), inclusive, of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be effective as of the date of acquisition of the property to which the exemption applies. The tax exempt organization shall be reimbursed for any tax paid by it for a period subsequent to the date of such acquisition and shall also be reimbursed for any tax paid by the prior owner for a period subsequent to the date of such acquisition for which such tax exempt organization reimbursed the prior owner upon the transfer of title to such property. This ordinance shall be effective for all applicable transfers occurring on or after October 1, 1986.

Mr. Sollose asked that the above Ordinance be deferred to Public Hearing. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

6 - COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Fire Department.

Letter from Mayor James E. Dyer making the following appointments to the Fire Department, contingent upon successful completion of the training school:

Marilyn Testa, 12 Shannon Ridge Road, Danbury, Connecticut
Charly Slagle, 74 Maple Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion that the communication be accepted and the appointments confirmed. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion carried un-animously.

Mayor Dyer introduced Ms. Testa and Mr. Slagle who were in the audience.

7 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment to the Conservation Commission.

Letter from Mayor James E. Dyer making the appointment of Joseph Keeler, 9 Beaver Brook Road, to the Conservation Commission upon the recommendation of Councilman Donald Sollose.

The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the Common Council.

8 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment to the Youth Commission.

Letter from Mayor James E. Dyer appointing Paul Tallman, Sr., P.O. Box 82, Danbury to the Youth Commission.

The appointment was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the Common Council.

9 - COMMUNICATION - Resignation of Sister Mary E. Friel from the Commission on the Status of Women.

Letter of Resignation from Mary E. Friel from the Commission on the Status of Women due to a Sabbatical Leave for the 1987-88 Academic Year to be spent in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. McManus moved to accept the resignation with regret and with appreciation. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

10 - COMMUNICATION - Edward P. Blasco, 128 East Liberty Street.

Letter from Attorney Neil R. Marcus, on behalf of Edward P. Blasco, proposing to purchase property on East Liberty Street from the City.

Mrs. McManus asked that this be referred to the Planning Commission and an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered it referred to the Planning Commission and an ad hoc committee consisting of Council Members Zotos, Godfrey and Charles.

11 - COMMUNICATION - Petition regarding motor vehicles parked on City Sidewalks.

Petition from residents and taxpayers in the City of Danbury concerning motor vehicles in many different areas found to be parking on sidewalks. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the committee shall consist of Council Members Boynton, Sollose and DaSilva.

12 - COMMUNICATION - Final Report on proceeds from Tarrywile Mansion.

At the start of the meeting, Mary Nahley gave a report on the proceeds from the Tarrywile Mansion. Mrs. Nahley stated the final proceeds outweighed the estimated proceeds. She also expressed appreciation to the many volunteers who helped make the Showhouse such a success. Mayor Dyer thanked Mrs. Nahley, together with Sandra Turcotte, who co-chaired the event.

13 - COMMUNICATION - Lease between the City of Danbury and Reliant Aircraft Service.

Letter from Airport Administrator Paul Estafan, together with Lease, asking for Common Council approval and decision on said Lease.

Mr. Gallo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Cassano, Sollose and Butera.

14 - COMMUNICATION - Drainage Problem on Anchor Street.

Letter from Joseph F. Torre detailing continued problems with drainage on Anchor Street. Mr. Gallo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members DeMille, Philip and Farah.

15 - CERTIFICATION - Land Acquisition.

Certification from Comptroller Dominic Setaro for yearly tax bill from the Town of New Fairfield for property located in New Fairfield which was left to the City of Danbury by the estate of Alta Keenan.

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

16 - COMMUNICATION - Housing Authority.

Letter from Housing Authority asking for approval of \$15,821 to cover the unapproved expenditure for a dump truck which was disallowed by the State.

Mrs. McManus asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Rotello, Charles and Boynton.

17 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Relocation of Personnel Department.

Letter from Personnel Director Emanuel Merullo asking that the Personnel Department exchange offices with the Registrars of Voters. Certification attached.

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

18 - COMMUNICATION - Abatement of Taxes - Kurt Steinitz.

Letter from Mr. Kurt Steinitz detailing his tax problems with the City and asking for an abatement. Mr. Gallo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Flanagan, DaSilva and Smith.

19 - COMMUNICATION - Educational Enhancement Act Funds.

Letter from Comptroller Dominic Setaro asking that a Common Council committee be established to determine how Educational Enhancement Act Funds should be spent.

Mrs. Butera asked that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study this request. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Enriquez, Hadley and Johnson.

20 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Hazardous Material Apparatus and Equipment.

Letter from Charles J. Monzillo, Fire Chief, requesting the purchase of Hazardous Material Apparatus and Equipment. Certification attached.

Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Torian, Philip and Butera.

21 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request for Funds from the Welfare Department.

Request for funding in the amount of \$16,000 from the Welfare Department in order to pay for a fulltime security officer for that department. Certification attached.

Mr. Sollose asked that this be referred to a committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the committee shall consist of Council Members Esposito, Rotello and DeMille.

22 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Former Sand/Salt Storage Facility.

Letter from Director of Public Works Basil J. Friscia asking that \$15,500 be transferred from the Contingency Account to pay for a required study regarding the above property. Certification attached.

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

23 - COMMUNICATION - Letter from Former Traffic Engineer Ali Khorasani

Letter from Ali Khorasani detailing problems with back pay owed him in his opinion.

Mr. Gallo asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Godfrey, Flanagan and Boynton.

24 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Fire Department Emergency Funds.

Letter from Fire Chief Charles Monzillo requesting emergency funding for repairs to roofs of three fire houses. Certification attached.

Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Cassano, Eriquez and Gallo.

25 - COMMUNICATION - Post Office Street.

Letter from Planning Director Leonard Sedney regarding condemnation and easements on Post Office Street. Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Eriquez, Torian and Gall

26 - COMMUNICATION - Request for Transfer of Funds - Department of Elderly Services.

Letter from Leo McIlrath, Director of the Department of Elderly Services asking that \$350 be transferred into the Commission on Aging Account for the purpose of transporting the "Cellmates" to New Haven Coliseum for Governors Day, October 20, 1987.

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

27 - COMMUNICATION - Sidewalk Repairs - Myrtle Avenue.

Letter from Joseph Howard asking for repairs to sidewalk on Myrtle Avenue. Mrs. McManus asked that this be referred to the Director of Public Works for a report back in thirty days. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

28 - COMMUNICATION - Report from Corporation Counsel regarding Compratt Enterprises.

Report from Corporation Counsel and Planning Commission stating that the request is a standard request for the acceptance of a parcel for road widening purposes.

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

29 - COMMUNICATION - Agreement between the City of Danbury and Connecticut Light and Power Company.

Agreement for the purposes of conveying an interest in and across the Danbury Municipal Airport property. The Communication was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

Letter from Mayor James E. Dyer, upon the request of Councilmen DaSilva and Eriquez, requesting \$3,000 to help in sending the Danbury High School Band to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Certification attached.

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

31 - COMMUNICATION - Request for Fire Pumper.

Letter from Comptroller Dominic Setaro asking that this be placed on hold until bids are received and the final amounts determined. The Communication was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

32 - COMMUNICATION - Revision of Town Clerk's Salary.

Letter from Mayor James E. Dyer requesting Council review of the Town Clerk's salary.

Mrs. Butera asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the ad hoc committee shall consist of Council Members Eriquez, DaSilva and Godfrey.

33 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports from the Fire Marshall, Fire Chief, Building Department, Housing Code Enforcement Officer, Health Department, Airport Administrator, Police Department, and the Public Works Department.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to waive the reading of the department reports as all members have copies which are also on file in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried unanimously.

34 - REPORT and ORDINANCE - Request to Clean Lake Kenosia of Weeds.

Mr. Hadley submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request to clean weeds from Lake Kenosia met for the second time in City Hall on August 10, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. In attendance were committee members Hadley, Rotello and Smith. Ex Officio Council Members attending were DeMille and Esposito. Also attending were Rep. Lynn Taborsak, Jonathan T. Simpson, Executive Director of the Candlewood Lake Authority; Robert Ryerson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Joanne Pretty, Camp Fire; Meredith Findlay, Alice Mayer, Betty Checkanow, Rita Newman and Janet Gershwin.

Mr. Hadley introduced everyone and set the agenda. Before commencing the main part of the meeting, Mr. Hadley announced that the main contact person in Hartford when seeking a grant for Lake Kenosia would be Mr. Charles Fredette, Department of Environmental Protection, Water Compliance Unit, State Capitol, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut 06106. Copies of Mr. Fredette response to Mr. Hadley were distributed in which he stated that it was not yet appropriate for the DEP to solicit grant applications and the the towns would be notified when the regulations are finalized in 1988.

Mr. Hadley also mentioned that the local person to assist with the technical grant information would be Jack Kozuchowski, Coordinator of Environmental and Health Services, 20 West Street, Danbury, as well as Comptroller Dominic Setaro.

It was also noted that as a direct result of the last meeting that Wolfgang Hahn, Watershed Inspector, had located a septic system that was in violation and had notified William Quinn, Director of Health to ensure compliance with the necessary repairs.

The meeting was turned over to Janet Gershwin who introduced Jonathan T. Simpson, Executive Director of the Candlewood Lake Authority. Mr. Simpson has a degree in limnology (study of fresh water lakes) from Michigan State University and has been with the Candlewood Lake Authority for three years. He also does private consultation work on weekends.

Mr. Simpson mentioned that the mid-1970's was the time when most lake studies were completed, but that Connecticut had not taken advantage of the legislation. He went on to say that within the past three years there has been a big change in the weed growth in Candlewood Lake. The "growth" is now manageable and shows that time and effort from all can bring a fairly quick change. Briefly stated, Mr. Simpson described a lake management program as one which involves the following:

1. Good, consistent monthly monitoring (sampling) of the lake's oxygen levels, etc.
2. A lake protection program which is essentially the long term solution. It involves educating people around the lake concerning septic tanks, fertilizers, erosion control, dumping, etc. The program starts with the schools and involves concepts of drainage in the watershed. What happens in the watershed impacts lake quality. A quarterly newsletter is also part of the lake protection program.
3. A lake restoration program which involves weed cutting and weed barriers as well as nutrient detectors and fecal coliform counts.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Rotello who reviewed the committee's research into a weed cutting machine. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ryerson who said that he would like to start a program to remove the weeds from the lake and will arrange to have the Harvester at Lake Kenosia in the Spring for those residents who wish to purchase its services at an hourly rate of approximately \$120 per hour. The machine harvests between 100 - 200 feet of weeds per hour depending on this density. The contact person is Jerry Smith, Aquatic Control Technology, 6 Maple Street, P.O. Box 742, Northborough, Mass. 01532, telephone number 617-393-8846.

Many questions were asked of Mr. Simpson and Mr. Ryerson concerning a study of the lake, the use of Western Connecticut State University resources, private consultants and the initiation of a monitoring program. A preliminary study by Mr. Simpson and Westconn would be helpful.

The discussion then centered on the need for a Lake Kenosia Authority that could initiate a satisfactory watershed management program.

After further discussion, Mr. Smith made a motion to establish an ordinance providing for a Lake Kenosia Authority in conjunction with item "c" of the State Statutes on Municipalities 17-15a. Seconded by Mr. Rotello and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hadley also submitted an Ordinance establishing a Lake Kenosia Commission. Mrs. McManus moved to accept the report and defer the Ordinance to public hearing.

Mr. Philip submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the need for a new Employees Lounge met on August 19, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Philip, Eriquez and Godfrey. Also attending were Kitt Daone and Patricia Krafick.

The committee conducted an "on site" inspection of the existing Employees Lounge and reviewed the proposal to add the requested improvements. The rules were suspended to allow Kitt Daone of the Personnel Department and Patricia Krafick of the Danbury Municipal Employees Association to participate in the discussion. Mr. Philip read into the record a letter from Manny Merullo confirming his long held belief that a viable Employees Lounge would help to make a "cohesive, unified workforce" and express that the City "really does care about its employees".

Both Mrs. Daone and Mrs. Krafick emphasized the need for City employees to have comfortable, private space to take their breaks and enjoy their lunch. A majority of the employees now eat in their cars rather than use the existing lounge. The new lounge would become the communication center for the City employee community.

A review of the equipment to be placed in the room proved that the room would be even more comfortable for committee and commission meetings than is now possible.

Upon review of the proposal Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the proposal for a redesigned Employees Lounge and appropriate the \$7,200 funding. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez and passed unanimously.

Certification was attached.

The report and certification were accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

36 - REPORT AND CERTIFICATION - Funds for Police Department Pistol Range.

Mr. Eriquez submitted the following report with a certification attached:

The ad hoc committee of the Common Council appointed to consider the request for funds for soundproofing the pistol range met on Tuesday, August 25, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. Present were Committee Members Eriquez, Godfrey and Zotos. Also attending were Police Chief Nelson Macedo, Lt. Arthur Sullo and Captain Robert Lovell.

Chief Macedo explained the need for soundproofing insulation within the pistol range located in the addition at Police Headquarters. He indicated that since the opening of the range in December, 1986, the range use has significantly increased. During its use it causes distraction to those department personnel within the entire headquarters confines.

Captain Lovell reported that a soundproof material, labelled Sonex, is now manufactured solely for insulating indoor pistol ranges. He reported that the cost of this material through a distributor including installation would be \$14,250. However, he stated that he and several other police officers and Mr. Cliff Clavette from Danbury Drywall have offered to install this material utilizing their voluntary services saving the City approximately \$10,000. The cost of the material is \$4,500 for the Sonex soundproofing insulation and mastic and supplies necessary since the above mentioned individuals would install the material eliminating those costs.

Following the discussion, Mr. Godfrey moved to recommend to the full Common Council that \$4,500 be appropriated for sound-proofing the pistol range and that the bid procedure be waived since Sonex is the sole source product/vendor for this purpose. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Report and Certification were accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

37 - REPORT and CERTIFICATION - Request to Combine Engines 23 and 7.

Mr. Esposito submitted the following report with a certification attached:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request of the Danbury Fire Department to combine the paid engine of Company 23 and Volunteer Company 7 met on August 16, 1987 at 7:45 P.M. in City Hall. Present were committee members Esposito, Gallo, DeMille and McManus. Mr. Philip was absent. Also attending were Comptroller Dominic Setaro, Fire Chief Monzillo, Deputy Fire Chief Jack Murphy, Donald Colla, President of the Volunteer Company No. 7, Russ Ferry, Captain of Company 7 and six other members of the Company.

Mr. Esposito stated that he had received a real estate appraisal of the Locust Avenue City property from Robert Noce Associates, Inc. The estimated market value is \$200,000.

Chief Monzillo reported that he has an estimate of the cost of the Morton building, one floor, 8,000 square feet at \$40 per square foot. The building would be completely finished, both the interior and exterior.

Mr. Setaro reported that possible funds available for this project amount to \$413,661. He also stated that an architect would have to be hired to give the City a firm cost of the building project.

Mr. Gallo moved to appropriate \$15,000 from the contingency fund for hiring an architect. Seconded by Mrs. McManus. Motion carried unanimously. It should be noted that the \$15,000 may not be enough. If it is not, Mr. Setaro will come back to the Common Council.

The Report and Certification were accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

38 - REPORT - Transfer of Land to Danbury Preservation Trust.
WITHDRAWN.

39 - REPORT - Request for Sewer and Water Extensions - Kenosia and Backus Avenues.

Mr. Hadley submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to review the request of Toys R Us, Inc. for an extension of water and sewer lines to serve a commercial project at the northeasterly intersection of Kenosia and Backus Avenues met on August 6, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. Committee Members Hadley and Zotos were present. Mr. Flanagan was out of town on vacation. Also present were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, Attorney James Maloney, the developer Marvin Phillips, Engineer Debbie Denfeld and Nick Savasta.

After welcoming the group and reviewing the petition and the positive recommendation of the Planning Commission (letter of July 20, 1987) Mr. Hadley turned the meeting over to Attorney Maloney who gave an overview of the site plan and explained that all needed approvals had been met. He also thanked the City staff for its help with the project.

Engineer Debbie Denfeld used charts to describe the project in detail and explained that the relocated new pump station could be of substantial benefit to the City of Danbury in serving the southwest areas of the City, especially the Airport and the proposed fire/police/civil defense building.

Both Mr. Buckley and Mr. Schweitzer indicated that the developer had been most accommodating in providing everything that was requested in a forward-looking way and that all approvals had been met.

Some of the City improvements that the project will provide are a four lane intersection at Kenosia and Backus Avenues, four lane bridge, authentic design and plantings, screened truck stations, traffic light at Backus and Kenosia Avenues, improved design of intersection of Kenosia Avenue and Mill Plain Road, re-location of the force main, sidewalks along Backus and Kenosia Avenues, increased planting over and above zoning regulations, offer of an additional traffic light if needed, connector between site and Mall for alternate routing.

In conclusion, the group reviewed for the committee the issues, exceptions, hearings, etc. that were involved in gaining approval for the project. The entire process took about one year.

Mr. Zotos made a motion to recommend that the Common Council approve the extension of sewer and water subject to the eight stipulations listed below. Seconded by Mr. Hadley and the motion carried.

1. The petitioner shall bear all costs relative to the installation of said sewer and water lines.
 2. The petitioner shall submit as-built drawings of this extension, prepared by a licensed Connecticut Land Surveyor, for approval by the City Engineer.
 3. Detailed Engineering Plans and Specifications are to be approved by the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Utilities prior to the start of construction.
 4. If required, a Warranty Deed in a form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel shall be executed by the petitioner conveying to the City of Danbury, all right, title, interest and privileges required hereunder, and said Deed shall be held in escrow for recording upon completion of installation.
 5. That upon completion of installation, title to said sewer and water extensions within City Streets, and any necessary documents be granted to the City in a form which is acceptable to the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel.
 6. The petitioner shall convey ownership of and easements to all or such portions of the sewer and water lines as the City Engineer's Office determines are of potential benefit to other landowners in the City.
- Should another, other than the petitioner hold title to any land involved in the approval, then consent prior to any installation or hook-up shall be furnished in a form satisfactory to the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel.
7. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until the above requested forms, documents, plans, etc. are received and the City owns the extended sewer and water lines.
 8. This approval shall expire eighteen (18) months following the date of Common Council action.

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

Mr. Esposito submitted the following report:

The Common Council committee appointed to review the communication regarding the Cross Street Bridge met on August 11, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall. Present were committee members Esposito, Boynton and Eriquez. Also attending were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Director of Public Works Basil Friscia and Council Members Robert Godfrey and Constance McManus.

Mr. Esposito read the letter from Mr. Friscia to Mayor Dyer stating that the Cross Street Bridge had been closed on Thursday, July 23, 1987 due to the disclosure by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation that the bridge is unsafe for vehicular traffic. Mr. Friscia also stated that he has instructed the Highway Department and Engineering to prepare a statement of qualification for the purpose of engaging the services of a structural engineer to advise the City as to our options and cost for repairing or placing the bridge. Mr. Schweitzer stated that money for the structural engineering firm to evaluate the bridge will need Council approval. The estimated cost is between \$15,000 - \$25,000.

Mr. Eriquez moved to recommend to the full Council that the Department of Public Works proceed with obtaining qualification statements from engineering firms to provide a study to consider the following various options for a remedy to the Cross Street Bridge situation:

1. To study the impact of closing the bridge and building permanent turnarounds and the impact on surrounding roads.
2. To study the major repair of existing bridge.
3. To study the replacement options providing at least two workable options for bridge replacement.
4. To review the former State plans to determine their adaptability if available.
5. To study the need for road intersection improvements that may be necessary (if bridge replacement occurs) at Cross and Triangle and Cross and Shelter Rock.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried.

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

41 - PROGRESS REPORT - Street Addresses.

Mrs. Johnson submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review street addresses met at City Hall in the Fourth Floor Lobby at 7:30 P.M. on August 17, 1987. In attendance were Committee Members Beverly Johnson and Donald Sollose. Also attending were Judy Gross of the Planning Department, Tax Assessor Ann DeFlumeri, Deputy Fire Chief Jack Murphy and Art Sullo from the Police Department.

Several issues were discussed including duplication of street names; duplication of house numbers; homes with the same numbers and streets; home with only one and not the other; and 911 and what effect it would have once it is in operation.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the committee concentrate on those areas that have already been developed rather than on those still to be developed.

Ms. Gross suggested we have some sort of survey done to issue house numbers and Mr. Murphy suggested that an ordinance be put into effect so that everyone would have a number for more efficient mail delivery and emergency police and fire calls. He also suggested to check with other towns and cities on whether their house or street names were ever changed.

Mrs. DeFlumeri made a suggestion that perhaps a consultant could be hired to investigate and survey the problem.

Another meeting is planned for September 14, 1987 to discuss this further and to have a representative from the Post Office to give us some insight to this problem.

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

42- PROGRESS REPORT - Problems on Lee Avenue and Hobson Street.

Mr. Hadley submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review problems (road surface, drainage, icing problems, downed street signs, grass and weed overgrowth, sleeping in vehicles overnight) on Lee Avenue and Hobson Street met on August 17, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Hadley and Rotello. Mr. Flanagan was on vacation. Also attending were Director of Public Works Basil Friscia, the petitioner Richard Mead and Carl Provino.

After introducing the group, Mr. Hadley turned the meeting over to Mr. Mead to review his petition and to comment on a series of photographs (turned over to the Director of Public Works) as well as a card table display of crumbled pavement that was set up in the Council Chambers by the petitioner.

The following items were discussed: the crumbling pavement, narrow road near the condominiums, poor drainage, need for curbing, overgrown vegetation, need to sweep streets, dead maple tree, brush and need for speed limit signs.

Mr. Friscia then reviewed the items point by point and indicated that some of the items had already been remedied, while others were in the works. He mentioned that the matter of stop signs and truckers sleeping overnight should be referred to the Police Department. The streets will be paved this summer with two to three inches of colprovia. The drainage and catch basin needs will be addressed when the streets are paved. It was mentioned that the Lee Avenue sign that was replaced in July had already been removed. The weeds are now under control. When the corner lot is not mowed, Mr. Friscia should be notified. Perhaps the neighbors can help to keep the area cleaned and mowed.

Since most matters affecting the Public Works Department were now either resolved or in the planning stage, it was decided to have the next meeting with the Chief of Police (possibly on September 3rd) to discuss the need for stop signs, etc., and the problem of truckers sleeping overnight in the area.

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

43 - COMMUNICATION - Amendment to Extend, Mark and Light Taxiway "Delta" Project Grant.

Letter from Airport Administrator asking for amendment to the Extend, Mark and Light Taxiway "Delta" Project Grant due to the fact that all bids came in higher than anticipated. Certification attached.

Mr. Philip asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the committee shall consist of Council Members Boynton, Esposito and Sollose.

44 - COMMUNICATION - Request to Change Name of Eden Drive.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to add this item to the agenda as item 44. Seconded by Mr. Boynton. Motion carried with Mrs. Butera and Mrs. Johnson voting no.

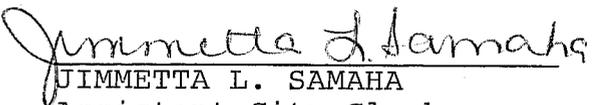
Mrs. Butera stated that she voted no due to the fact that there is a deadline for putting items on the agenda and this deadline should be adhered to. Mrs. Johnson agreed, stating that this request is not an emergency and could have gone on next month's agenda.

Mr. Boynton asked that this be referred to an ad hoc committee. Mayor Dyer ordered that the committee shall consist of Council Members Torian, Zotos and Hadley.

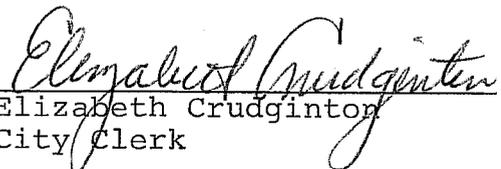
There were no members of the public wishing to address the Common Council.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. Godfrey for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
 Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Crudginton
 City Clerk