

To: Joseph H. Sauer, Mayor of the City of Danbury, Connecticut.

Re: Minutes of the Special Common Council Meeting held August 4, 1988.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:20 P.M. by Mayor Joseph H. Sauer who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Prayer was offered by Councilman John Esposito. Roll Call was taken with the members being recorded as:

Present - Bourne, Gallo, Moran, Renz, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Cresci, Nimmons, Fazio, Shaw, Cassano, Charles, Bundy, Butera, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez and Regan.

Absent - Connell.

20 Members Present - 1 Member Absent.

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on the 4th day of August at 6:00 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall for the purpose of acting upon the following:

1. Reconsideration of the Report regarding Charter Revisions.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the call. Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion carried with Mrs. Bourne and Mr. Renz voting in the negative.

Mr. Cresci made a statement regarding the reason for this Special Common Council Meeting and stated that he would rather spend the time with his family.

Mr. DaSilva made a statement regarding parliamentary procedure and stated that it will be adhered to in the future. Mayor Sauer explained his method of allowing debate.

Mr. Moran gave his reasons for stating the motion the way he did.

Mrs. Butera made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Mr. Nimmons. Motion failed with 11 members voting in the negative and 9 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Flanagan stated that he found Mr. Moran's attitude offensive, that Common Council business is very serious and that this was unworthy behaviour for an elected official.

Mr. Nimmons made a statement concerning the issue, as did Mr. Esposito and Mrs. Bourne.

Mr. Nimmons made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Mrs. Bourne. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion for reconsideration regarding the report on Charter Revision. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried with Council Members Bourne, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Fazio, Shaw and Danise voting in the negative.

Mr. Moran made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Cresci. Mr. Eriquez made a motion to amend the report a previously stated and to forward a copy of the report to the Charter Revision Commission for consideration of the items contained in the report and for the Charter Revision Commission to submit its final report to the Common Council for its September agenda so that the changes can go before the voters on the November ballot. Seconded by Mr. Moran.

Mrs. Bourne offered an amendment asking that the Charter Revision Commission look again at reducing the size of the Common Council. Seconded by Mr. Renz. Motion failed with Council Members Bourne, Moran, Renz and Shaw voting in the affirmative.

Original motion, as amended carried with Mr. Cassano voting in the negative.

Mr. Shaw reminded everyone about the Democrats v. Republicans Softball Game for charity on August 14, 1988 at 6:00 P.M.

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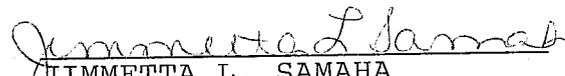
Tom Morris - Spoke on Firefighters Clause regarding the Fire Chiefs Position.

Harold Garofalo - stated that he found it hard to believe the reason for the Special Meeting as the motion previously made was proper.

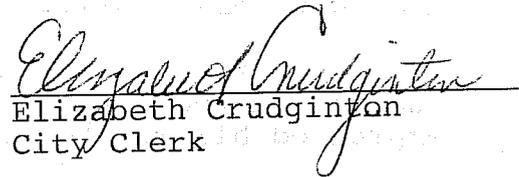
Mr. Godfrey stated that the Charter Revision Commission will meet on August 11, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. Moran for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA  
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

  
Elizabeth Crudginton  
City Clerk