

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 2, 2015

Honorable Mayor, Mark D. Boughton, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

Les Pinter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Curran led all in prayer.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Curran, Jack Knapp, Warren Levy, Christina Chieffalo, Andrew Wetmore, John Priola, Vinny DiGilio, Joseph Cavo, Fred Visconti, Elmer Palma, Christopher Arconti, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Ben Chianese, and Paul Rotello.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Haddad, Sr., Gregg Seabury, Irving Fox, Thomas Saadi, Marina Loyola, and Joseph Scozzafava.

PRESENT: 15, ABSENT: 6

Michael Haddad, Sr., and Gregg Seabury are at family functions; Thomas Saadi is on military duty; Marina Loyola is ill; and Joseph Scozzafava had a family emergency. It was noted Irving Fox is expected.

ALSO PRESENT: Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; and David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Lynn Waller, 83 Highland Avenue, Danbury, spoke in favor of Item 3.
- Jim Moriarty, 35 Wooster Heights Road, Danbury, spoke in favor of Item 3.
- Margaret Mitchell, 2 Park Place, Danbury, spoke in favor of Item 3 and on drainage issues.
- Bob Doyle, 19 Wood Street, Danbury, spoke in favor of Item 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Boughton made the announcements for the month of June.

MINUTES-Minutes of the Council Meeting held May 5, 2015

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo and seconded by Councilman Perkins, to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting, as all members have copies and additional copies are available in the office of the Legislative Assistant. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Knapp read the Consent Calendar as follows:

5. COMMUNICATION-Appointment of Independent Auditors

Receive the Communication and approve the re-appointment of the firm of McGladrey & Pullen to perform the City audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

6. COMMUNICATION-Registrar of Voters - Certification of Funds-Referendum

Receive the Communication from the Registrar of Voters and approve their request for funding totaling \$15,262.00 for the Referendum to be held on June 9, 2015.

7. COMMUNICATION-Appropriation to the Ambulance Fund

Receive the Communication and approve the additional appropriation totaling \$225,000.00 to the Ambulance Fund budget, to be used for the Public Health Infectious Disease Preparedness program and additional volume driven expenses related to vehicle use and maintenance.

10. COMMUNICATION-Annual Suspense List

Receive the Communication and approve the transfer of \$332,278.10 to the Suspense List as requested by Scott M. Ferguson, Tax Collector.

11. RESOLUTION-School Building Committee-Rogers Park Middle School

Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution related to the Rogers Park Middle School Roof Replacement.

12. RESOLUTION-JAG 2015 Bryne-Funding-Police Department

Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution allowing the City of Danbury Police Department to apply for and accept funding from the US Department of Justice" Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant" program. The funding, not to exceed \$14,979.00, will be used to aid the Police Department in purchasing equipment and supplies to assist with programs and services. No local match is required.

13. RESOLUTION-State of CT-DOT Grant-Police Department

Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution allowing the City of Danbury Police Department to apply for and accept funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the "2015 High Risk Rural Roads Speed Enforcement Program". The projected cost of this program will not exceed \$61,600.00 with the State covering 100% of the final cost, therefore no City matching funds are required.

14. RESOLUTION-State of CT-IT Grant

Receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the I.T. Department to apply for and accept funding now totaling \$29,900.00 from the Department of Administrative Services for the Nutmeg Communication Program. This is an increase of \$6,100.00 from their previous request and is to be used to cover fiber network extension costs. No local match is required.

A motion was made by Councilman Levy and seconded by Councilman Priola, to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1. COMMUNICATION-Promotion - Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman DiGilio, seconded by Councilman Chianese, to receive the communication and confirm the appointment and promotion of Police Officer Christopher Rink to the position of Police Sergeant. The motion carried unanimously.

2. COMMUNICATION-Collection Bargaining Agreement Extension-City and Danbury Municipal Employees' Association, UPSEU, Local 424, Unit 14, City Employees (DMEA)

A motion was made by Councilman Priola, seconded by Councilman Visconti, to receive the communication and authorize the funding for the agreement between the City and DMEA, Inc., UPSEU Local 424, Unit 14 as proposed and on file. The motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATION-Noise Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilman Arconti to receive the communication and refer to an Ad Hoc consisting of Corporation Counsel, Mayor's Office, Police Chief, and a representative of the Unit. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton ordered the Ad Hoc Committee with the following Councilmembers - Arconti as Chair, Cavo, and Visconti.

4. COMMUNICATION-City Sewer Ordinance Revision, Code of Ordinance, Section 16-32

A motion was made by Councilman Curran to receive the communication and refer to an Ad Hoc consisting of the City Council acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, Corporation Counsel, and the Superintendent of Public Utilities. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton ordered the Ad Hoc Committee with the following Councilmembers - Curran as Chair, Priola, and Chianese.

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8. [COMMUNICATION-Donation to Police Department-Ridgefield & Leir Foundations](#)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chieffalo, seconded by Councilman Wetmore, to receive the communication and accept the generous donation and send our thanks and appreciation. The motion carried unanimously.

9. [COMMUNICATION-Donation to Parks and Recreation-Danbury Youth Soccer](#)

Councilman Visconti inquired what other sports will be played on the fields; Councilman Chianese inquired regarding funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, seconded by Councilman DiGilio, to receive the communication and accept the very generous donation from the Danbury Youth Soccer Club and send the appropriate letters of thanks. The motion carried unanimously.

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15. [DEPARTMENT REPORTS-Police, Fire, Health-Housing & Welfare, Dream Homes, Public Works, Permit Center, UNIT, Elderly](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, seconded by Councilman Perkins, to waive the reading of the Department Reports as all members have copies and copies are on file in the Legislative Assistant's Office for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cavo thanked Chief Baker and Sergeant Derecho for their work on and texting while driving violations and related grant.

16. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Perkins, seconded by Councilman Levy, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor extended all committees, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Goor
Recording Secretary

Attest,
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor