

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2016

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

Betty Bontempi led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Philip Curran led all in prayer.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Curran, Christina Chieffalo, Mike Esposito, Jack Knapp, Warren Levy, Gregg Seabury, Andrew Wetmore, Irving Fox, John Priola, Vinny DiGilio, Joseph Cavo, Fred Visconti, Elmer Palma, Christopher Arconti, John Esposito, Duane Perkins, Ben Chianese, Paul Rotello, and Joseph Scozzafava.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Saadi is on military leave; Nancy Cammisa is out on family business.

PRESENT: 19, ABSENT: 2

ALSO PRESENT: Robert J. Yamin, Corporation Counsel; Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance; Alan Baker, Chief of Police; TJ Wiedl, Fire Chief; Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works; Stephen Nocera, Director of Project Excellence; Tim Nolan, Public Services Superintendent; and Dr. Sal Pascarella, Superintendent of Schools.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Betty Bontempi, 175 Kohanza Street, Danbury, discussed Item 8.
- Matt Serfass, 62 Jefferson Avenue, Danbury, discussed Disc Golf and noted the presence of several members of the audience that support as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Boughton made the announcements for the month of June.

MINUTES-Minutes of the Council Meeting held May 3, 2016

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Seabury read the Consent Calendar as follows:

4. COMMUNICATION-Donation to the Dog Pound

Receive the communication and accept the donation of \$2,500 to the City of Danbury Dog Pound from Andrew Repko, III and Andrew Repko, IV and send the appropriate letter of thanks.

5. COMMUNICATION-Appointment of Independent Auditors

Receive the communication and confirm the appointment of McGladrey & Pullen as the City's Independent Auditors and Accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

7. COMMUNICATION-Annual Suspense List

Receive the communication and approve the request from the Office of the Tax Collector to transfer \$317,226.72 to the Suspense List consisting of amounts due from the 2006 Motor Vehicle and 2005 Personal Property Lists.

10. RESOLUTION-JAG-FY 2016 Byrne Funding-Police Department

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton or his designee, to apply for, accept funding, and execute such documents from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs under the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program in the amount not to exceed \$15,985 to be used by the City of Danbury Police Department. The funding period is from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2017 with no local matching funds required.

13. RESOLUTION-Broadview School Oil Tank Replacement Project

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Board of Education of the City of Danbury through the Superintendent of Schools to file a grant application(s) with related documents, with and to the State of Connecticut Department of Education and/or its Department of Construction Services and to accept a grant for the reimbursement funding for the oil tank replacement project at Broadview Middle School. This Resolution also authorizes a School Building Committee and the preparation of the final drawings and specifications for the proposed project.

14. RESOLUTION-Rogers Park Oil Tank Replacement Project

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Board of Education of the City of Danbury through the Superintendent of Schools to file a grant application(s) with related documents, with and to the State of Connecticut Department of Education and/or its Department of Construction Services and to accept a grant for the reimbursement funding for the oil tank replacement project at Rogers Park Middle School. This Resolution also authorizes a School Building Committee and the preparation of the final drawings and specifications for the proposed project.

20. REPORT-2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution approving those organizations who will apply for participation in the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Program and authorize Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury to take such actions as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes hereof.

A motion was made by Councilman DiGilio and seconded by Councilman Wetmore, accept the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1. [COMMUNICATION-Appointment - Chief of Police](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Perkins, to receive the communication and approve the appointment of Patrick Ridenhour to the position of Police Chief. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [COMMUNICATION-Promotion - Fire Department - Communication Coordinator](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Chianese, to receive the communication and approve the promotion of Firefighter James Gagliano to the position of Communications Coordinator in the Danbury Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [COMMUNICATION-Promotion - Fire Department - Fire Lieutenant](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Arconti, seconded by Councilman Cavo, to receive the communication and confirm the promotional appointment of Firefighter Kevin Lunnie to the position of Fire Lieutenant. The motion carried unanimously.

4. [COMMUNICATION-Donation to the Dog Pound](#)

***CONSENTED** - Receive the communication and accept the donation of \$2,500 to the City of Danbury Dog Pound from Andrew Repko, III and Andrew Repko, IV and send the appropriate letter of thanks.

5. [COMMUNICATION-Appointment of Independent Auditors](#)

***CONSENTED** - Receive the communication and confirm the appointment of McGladrey & Pullen as the City's Independent Auditors and Accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

6. [COMMUNICATION-Certification of Funds - Fire Department](#)

Mr. Visconti asked, for the record, regarding who will be responsible for the maintenance of the pagers. Mr. Chianese also inquired regarding responsibility for damage out of warranty. Mr. Wiedl responded regarding responsibility for maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilman Mike Esposito, seconded by Councilman Curran, to approve the request to transfer the funds in the amount of \$40,000 from the Contingency Account 002.9300-5855 to the Fire Department Line Item 5700.2740 for pagers for the Volunteer Firefighters' paging system. The motion carried unanimously.

7. [COMMUNICATION-Annual Suspense List](#)

***CONSENTED** - Receive the communication and approve the request from the Office of the Tax Collector to transfer \$317,226.72 to the Suspense List consisting of amounts due from the 2006 Motor Vehicle and 2005 Personal Property Lists.

8. [RESOLUTION-Richter House Renovation Project](#)

Mr. Boughton responded to questions from Mr. Chianese and Mr. Levy regarding the grant, timing, and funding of different phases of renovation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chieffalo, seconded by Councilman Curran, to adopt the Resolution that allows the City to accept \$1,000,000 in financial assistance from the State for renovation of the Richter House. The motion carried unanimously.

9. [RESOLUTION-Community Development Block Grant Program-Program Year 42](#)

A motion was made by Councilman DiGilio, seconded by Councilman Rotello, to receive the Communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, to execute all contracts and take all necessary actions to effectuate the purposes of the grant application as related to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the Program Year 42. The motion carried unanimously.

10. [RESOLUTION-JAG-FY 2016 Bryne Funding-Police Department](#)

***CONSENTED** - Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton or his designee, to apply for, accept funding, and execute such documents from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs under the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program in the amount not to exceed \$15,985 to be used by the City of Danbury Police Department. The funding period is from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2017 with no local matching funds required.

11. [RESOLUTION-WesConn Water Storage Tank](#)

Mr. Iadarola responded to Mr. Rotello's inquiry regarding Item 11.1 as relates to expected completion date.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, seconded by Councilman DiGilio, to receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the certification of funds from the Director of Finance to construct a new 1.5 million gallon water tank at the WesConn Water Storage Tank facility. The motion carried unanimously.

12. [RESOLUTION-Shelter Rock School Temporary Classrooms](#)

Mr. John Esposito stated for the record, that he and Councilmen Saadi and Mike Esposito met with the Shelter Rock PTO and discussed overcrowding, and expressed his support for this item. Dr. Sal Pascarella responded to Mr. Visconti and Mr. Chianese regarding number of classrooms needed, reimbursement process, and related issues.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Chieffalo, seconded by Councilman Fox, to receive the communication and adopt the Resolution for partial State funding for the Shelter Rock Temporary Classrooms Project. The motion carried unanimously.

13. [RESOLUTION-Broadview School Oil Tank Replacement Project](#)

***CONSENTED** - Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Board of Education of the City of Danbury through the Superintendent of Schools to file a grant application(s) with related documents, with and to the State of Connecticut Department of Education and/or its Department of Construction Services and to accept a grant for the reimbursement funding for the oil tank replacement project at Broadview Middle School. This Resolution also authorizes a School Building Committee and the preparation of the final drawings and specifications for the proposed project.

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15. [REPORT & ORDINANCE-Governmental Entities, Ordinance Section 2-176](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wetmore, seconded by Councilman Rotello, to receive the Report and adopt the amended Ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

16. [REPORT & ORDINANCE-Awards by Purchasing Agent, Ordinance Section 2-148](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Cavo, to receive the Communication and adopt the Ordinance 2-148 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

17. [REPORT & ORDINANCE-Increase Sealed Bid Threshold, Ordinance Section 2-146 & 147](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilman Seabury, to receive the Communication and adopt the proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinance Section 2-146 & 2-147 as listed in Agenda Item 17. The motion carried unanimously.

18. [REPORT & ORDINANCE-Water & Sewer Connection Charges, Ordinance Sections 16-4 & 21-48](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman DiGilio, seconded by Councilman John Esposito, that, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, the City Council authorizes an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Section 16-4 Sewer & 21-48 Water, authorizing the waiver of connection fees where such fees were already paid for the same property in the manner as set forth herein. The motion carried unanimously.

19. [REPORT & ORDINANCE-Sewer Ordinance, Code of Ordinance-Section 16-32](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, seconded by Councilman Fox, to waive the reading of the Report as all members have copies and copies are on file in the Legislative Assistant's Office for review. Hearing no objections, so ordered.

A motion was made by Councilman Priola, seconded by Councilman DiGilio, that the City Council, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, authorizes an amendment to the Code of Ordinance Section 16-32, revising and clarifying the formula and classification of rates for classes of properties in the City of Danbury for purposes of establishing and implementing sewer use charges. The motion carried unanimously.

20. [REPORT-2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act](#)

***CONSENTED** - Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution approving those organizations who will apply for participation in the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Program and authorize Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury to take such actions as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes hereof.

21. [AD HOC REPORT-Disc Golf](#)

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

Mr. Iadarola responded to Mr. Perkins regarding the Public Works Department involvement with regard to trees and other issues. Mr. Boughton also commented on further information to be discussed and reported on by Mr. Nolan with regard to trees.

Mr. Rotello noted specificity will be requested with regard to any clearing and responsibility for that work. Mr. DiGilio commented that the magnitude of the project requires due diligence.

A motion was made by Councilman Arconti, seconded by Councilman Cavo, to recommit the item back to the Ad Hoc Committee for review. The motion carried 18-1, Councilman Perkins dissenting.

22. [AD HOC REPORT-Richter Park Cell Tower](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Cavo, to receive the Report and refer to a Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

23. [DEPARTMENT REPORTS-Police, Fire, Health-Housing & Welfare, Dream Homes, Public Works, Permit Center, Unit, Elderly, Library, Fire Department-Statement of Condition](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, seconded by Councilman Fox 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. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Knapp announced he is resigning his Council position and thanked everyone for allowing him the honor of serving and will be serving the City in another capacity. Mayor Boughton thanked him for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Seabury, seconded by Councilman Perkins, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor extended all committees. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Goor
Recording Secretary

Attest,
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor