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## Common Council Committee of the Whole

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton and members of the Common Council

**Re:** Minutes of the Common Council Committee of the Whole held on September 17, 2007

Council President Cavo called the Common Council Committee of the Whole to order immediately following the Public Hearing.

The members were recorded as follows:

Present- Trombetta, Calandrino, Chianese, Esposito, Saadi, Cavo, Basso, Rotello, Diggs, Teicholz, Curran, Riley, Seabury, Stanley

Absent- McMahon and Taborsak had family obligations, Nagarsheth was away on business, Johnson was sick, Perkins and Saracino were working and Visconti was on vacation

14 Present    7 Absent

### **An ordinance to establish the Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority**

Councilmen Riley and Chianese spoke in favor of the ordinance, but expressed concerns regarding funding for the museum. Director Guertin stated that the Museum is currently a grant agency and there are plans to expand the gift shop to foster more income. She stated that would also be the option, if needed, to offer some of the items, which are not related to Danbury, for sale to generate funds. There is also the potential for additional income from rentals and fundraising.

Councilman Calandrino moved to accept Ordinance Art. 6, Danbury Museum and Historical Society, Section 13A-61 -13A-65. Second by Councilwoman Basso. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Saadi moved to adjourn at 7:28. Second by Councilwoman Basso. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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**ORDINANCE**  
**CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**COMMON COUNCIL**

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

**ARTICLE VI. DANBURY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUTHORITY**

**Sec. 13A-61. Creation; powers and responsibilities.**

- (a) *Creation.* The common council of the City of Danbury (hereinafter referred to as "city"), a municipality of the State of Connecticut, hereby creates a public body politic and corporate under the name and style of The Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority").
- (b) *Powers.* Such Authority shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
- (1) To administer, operate and maintain Museum properties, including all structures;
  - (2) To contract and be contracted with in order to administer, operate and maintain said Museum;
  - (3) To make, amend and repeal bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with general law to carry out its purposes;
  - (4) To construct and reconstruct Museum facilities as authorized by law;
  - (5) To fix and revise from time to time and to charge and collect fees, rents and other charges for the use of any project or facilities thereof on behalf of the Museum and in an amount sufficient to pay operating and maintenance expenses, the annual principal and interest on bond heretofore or hereafter issued by the Authority to finance the construction and reconstruction of Museum facilities and the principal and interest of any obligations the Authority may incur;
  - (6) To make an annual audit, consistent with general law, of the financial transactions of the Authority. The treasurer elected by the members of the commission shall be bonded in an amount determined pursuant to Section 7-148 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended;
  - (7) To issue its bonds, notes or other obligations as authorized by Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 7-130a to 7-130x, inclusive, as amended, to be paid solely from the revenues of the Authority;
  - (8) To accept loans or grants from the city or any other person, government or agency thereof, for the purposes of the Authority; and,
  - (9) To appoint or dismiss an executive director and to adopt an annual budget for the administration of the Museum under the overall direction of the Authority, the fiscal year of said budget to commence on October 1 of each year.
  - (10) To promote, encourage, educate and involve the general public in the mission, purpose and history of the Museum and Danbury.

**Sec. 13A-62. Articles of Incorporation.**

The articles of incorporation of the Authority are as follows:

- (a) The name of the Authority and the address of its principal office shall be: Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority, City Hall, Danbury, Connecticut.

- (b) The Authority is created under Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 7-130a to 7-130x, inclusive, as amended.
- (c) The participating political subdivision is the City of Danbury, Connecticut.
- (d) The initial members of the Authority, their addresses, and terms of office, shall be as appointed by the city.
- (e) The Authority is created for the sole purpose of administering Museum Property with the power granted to such Authority by this enacting ordinance.

**Sec. 13A-63. Commission of Museum – Appointments; membership; terms.**

*(a) Members.*

The Mayor of the city, with the approval of the majority of the common council, shall select and appoint the members of said Authority which shall consist of nine (9) members. Said members will possess backgrounds in preservation, museums or local history. The terms of three (3) of the initial members of the commission shall be one (1) year, of another three (3) initial members two (2) years, and of the last three (3) initial members, three years. Upon expiration of the term of an initial member, all appointments will be made for a term of three (3) years.

*(b) Alternate Members.*

Three (3) alternate members to the Authority shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Danbury and approved by the Common Council. The term of office of said alternates shall be for three (3) years or until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

**Sec. 13A-64. Same – Compensation of members**

No members of such Authority may receive any compensation for their services, but they shall be entitled to reimbursement for the amount of actual expenses incurred by them in performance of their duties.

**Sec. 13A-65. Perpetual Existence.**

The Authority shall remain in existence perpetually unless terminated by the city.