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MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Arthur J. Mannion, Jr. Present were members Arthur J. Mannion, Jr., William Boehm and Joseph Pepin. Hillel Goldman was absent. Assistant Corporation Counsel Sharon Wicks Dornfeld was also present.

Mr. Mannion noted that written notice of the meeting had been delivered to the members on Tuesday, January 6, and that a quorum was present.

Mr. Mannion stated that the sole issue before the Board for this special meeting was a request for an Advisory Opinion, and read the letter from Michael McLachlan requesting the opinion of the Board as to whether service as both a State Senator and Economic Development Director for the City was permissible.

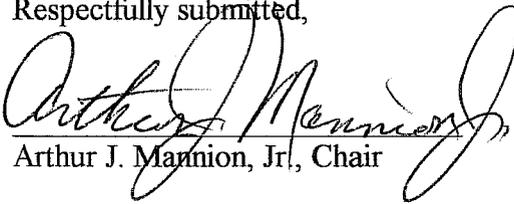
Mr. Mannion said that following his receipt of Mr. McLachlan's letter, he had asked counsel to the Board to research the question presented and to prepare an opinion letter. He noted that a copy of the opinion letter had been provided to the members with the notice of the meeting and asked if any of the members had any questions. No questions were raised. Mr. Mannion stated that he had also personally reviewed the relevant provisions from the City charter and ordinances and the State constitution and statutes, as well as the Attorney General Opinion referenced in the opinion letter and concurred with the conclusions. Based on that research, he prepared an advisory opinion on behalf of the Board, and noted it had also been provided to the members with the notice of the meeting for their review and comments. The substance of the advisory opinion was that service as both a State Senator and City Economic Development Director was not in conflict with either City or State ethics provision.

Chairman Mannion then invited questions or discussion regarding the draft advisory opinion. Mr. Boehm said they were ready for the question and moved to issue the advisory opinion, with minor editorial corrections, as drafted. Mr. Pepin seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mannion noted that no other business could come before the special meeting. Mr. Pepin moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Boehm. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mannion adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur J. Mannion, Jr., Chair

Dated at Danbury, Connecticut, this 9th day of January, 2009.