

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2018

Honorable Mayor, Mark D. Boughton, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sean Hatch. Councilman DiGilio led all in prayer.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Curran, Mike Esposito, Warren Levy, Robert Taborsak, Andrew Wetmore, Irving Fox, John Priola, Vinny DiGilio, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Elmer Palma, John Arconti, John Esposito, Duane Perkins, Ben Chianese, Paul Rotello, and Nancy Cammisa.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Bennett is away on a family matter; Councilwoman Stanley is attending a business function; Councilman Visconti is on vacation; and Councilman Scozzafava is at a Birthday function.

PRESENT: 17, ABSENT: 4

ALSO PRESENT: Robert J. Yamin, Corporation Counsel; Les Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance; and Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Andrea Gartner, 112 Deerhill Avenue, Danbury, recommended Sidney Almeida for Zoning Commissioner Alternate, Agenda Item 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Boughton made the announcements for the month of October.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Council Meeting held September 5, 2018

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 copies are available for review in the office of the Legislative Assistant. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. COMMUNICATION – Appointment to the Richter Park Authority

Receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Judith Griemsmann to serve as a member of the Richter Park Authority with a term to expire July 1, 2021.

3. COMMUNICATION – Danbury Train Station Lease Proposed Budget

Receive the communication and adopt the proposed 2018-2019 Danbury Train Station Lease Proposed Budget as presented.

6. RESOLUTION – State Opioid Grant

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Lisa Morrissey, Director of Health, as his designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services through its "Connecticut State Opioid Response Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 over a two-year period, no local match is required.

7. RESOLUTION – AFDO (Association of Food and Drug Officials) Grant

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Lisa Morrissey, Director of Health, as his designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the Association of Food and Drug Officials through the Food and Drug Administration to assist with Retail Food Regulatory Programs, this funding request not to exceed \$20,000.00 requires no local match.

8. RESOLUTION – Lead Poisoning Prevention

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Lisa Morrissey, Director of Health, as his designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health through its "Lead, Radon, and Healthy Homes Program" in an amount not to exceed \$24,999 to be expended between 9/30/18- 9/29/19, no local match is required.

9. REPORT – Sidewalk Easement – 40 Old Ridgebury Road

Receive the Report and accept the Sidewalk Easement request for 40 Old Ridgebury Road for portions of the sidewalk along Old Ridgebury Road not located within the City of Danbury road right-of-way, subject to the legal documents being acceptable in form and content to the Office of Corporation Counsel.

10. REPORTS - Extension of Water and Sewer - Great Plain Road and Great Meadow Road

Receive the Report and approve the time extensions for the request of Sanitary Sewer and Water Extensions for Great Plain Road and Great Meadow Road subject to meeting all of the conditions in the original documents approved by the City Council on June 6, 2017.

11. REPORTS – Sewer Extension – 48 East Gate Road

Receive the Report and approve the request for Sewer Extension for 48 East Gate Road (Tax Assessor's Lot No. F08071), subject to the City's standard eight (8) steps/conditions.

12. REPORTS – Water Extension – 120 & 128 Osborne Street and 9 & 17A Cleveland Street

Receive the Report and approve the request for water main extension for 120 & 128 Osborne Street, 9 & 17 A Cleveland Street (Tax Assessor's Lots No. J12093, J12093-1, J12115, J12237), subject to the City's standard eight (8), steps/conditions.

A motion was made by Mayor Boughton, to accept the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

1. [COMMUNICATION – Collective Bargaining Agreement – City of Danbury and Police Union, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020](#)

Director of Finance St. Hilaire and Mayor Boughton responded to Councilman Rotello's questions regarding increases borne by employees and the control of the pension by the Pension Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Wetmore, and was seconded, to receive the communication and approve the extension of the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police Union for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021 as presented. (Note Director of Finance St. Hilaire has provided an accompanying Memorandum of Certification.) The motion carried unanimously.

2. [COMMUNICATION – Appointment to the Richter Park Authority](#)

***CONSENTED** - as received.

3. [COMMUNICATION – Danbury Train Station Lease Proposed Budget](#)

***CONSENTED** - as received.

4. [COMMUNICATION – Appointment - Zoning Commission Alternate](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, and was seconded by Councilman Saadi, to confirm the appointment of Sidney Almeida to serve as an Alternate on the Zoning Commission, for a position previously held by Zachary Eriquez to fill out the remainder of his term. The motion carried unanimously.

5. [COMMUNICATION – Application for Sewer and Water – 1 & 2 Kevin Drive – Traditional Homes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Arconti, to receive the communication and refer to the City Engineer and Planning Commission for reports. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.

6. [RESOLUTION – State Opioid Grant](#)

***CONSENTED** - as received.

7. [RESOLUTION – AFDO \(Association of Good and Drug Officials\) Grant](#)

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**CONSENTED* - as received.

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**CONSENTED* - as received.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, and was seconded by Councilman Rotello, to add Item 14. Resolution for Local Bridge Funding Applications, to tonight's agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

14. [RESOLUTION - Local Bridge Funding Applications](#)

Mayor Boughton responded to Councilman Rotello with regard to Kennedy Bridge, that the Army Corps. is responsible for the initial design, construction and engineering but the funding source for repair and maintenance is the State.

A motion was made by Councilman Levy, and was seconded by Councilman Mike Esposito, to adopt the Resolution for the City of Danbury to submit a preliminary application for repair and rehabilitation of the Crosby Street Connector Bridge No. 6183, Kennedy Avenue Bridge No. 04716, Triangle Street Bridge No. 04073, and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents to effectuate same. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Boughton responded to Councilman Curran inquired regarding the house on Lake Avenue that dumped sewage, plans to get funds from the homeowners policy, and possible arrest warrants.

Councilman Perkins thanked Construction Services Superintendent Hughes for work on Jefferson Avenue Bridge and Superintendent of Public Services Nolan for work on Mountainville Road. Mayor Boughton noted compliments were received on the paving program and the work on N. Hat and Driftway.

Construction Services Superintendent Hughes responded to Councilman DiGilio regarding updates regarding FEMA reimbursement for the storm, noting approximately a half million dollars has been spent to date.

Motion was made by Councilman Cavo, and was seconded by Councilman Perkins, to waive the reading of the Departmental Reports as all members have copies and copies are on file for review in the Office of the Legislative Assistant for review. No objections, so ordered.

15. [ADJOURNMENT Copies of Agenda Items are available in the Legislative Assistant's Office](#)

Mayor Boughton thanked attendees for being present despite the storm. He announced a Go Fund Me Page to go get Uncle Sam and bring him home, and urged participation. He would like it to be unveiled on the Fourth of July. Councilman Perkins suggested placement at or near the fairgrounds.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Boughton extended all committees.

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins, and was seconded by Councilman Arconti, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Goor
Recording Secretary

Attest,
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor