

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2018

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

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

### ROLL CALL:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Philip Curran, Bruce Bennett, Mike Esposito, Colleen Stanley, Warren Levy, Robert Taborsak, Andrew Wetmore, Irving Fox, John Priola, Vinny DiGilio, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Chris Arconti, John Esposito, Duane Perkins, Ben Chianese, and Paul Rotello.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Palma had a Church event. Councilwoman Cammisa and Councilman Scozzafava had family events to attend.

**PRESENT: 18, ABSENT: 3**

**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: None**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Boughton requested a moment of silence for the passing of Former President George Herbert Walker Bush.

Mayor Boughton made the announcements for the month of December.

### MINUTES - Minutes of the Council Meeting held November 8, 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

4. COMMUNICATION - Appointments to Governmental Entities Review Board

Receive the communication and confirm the appointments of Council Members Philip Curran, Paul Rotello, and Andrew Wetmore as well as confirm the reappointments of citizens Alan T. Boyce and Mark S. Chory to server on the Government Entities Review Committee.

8. COMMUNICATION - Crosby Street Connector Bridge No. 06183

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton to sign the State of CT DOT Local Bridge Program Supplemental Application on behalf of the City of Danbury and the City issue a certification of funding for the Crosby Street Connector Bridge No. 06183.

9. COMMUNICATION - Triangle Street Bridge No. 04073

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton to sign the State of CT DOT Local Bridge Program Supplemental Application on behalf of the City of Danbury and the City issue a certification of funding for the Triangle Street Bridge No. 04073.

16. RESOLUTION - OPN – 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant - Police Dept.

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Patrick Ridenhour, Chief of Police, as his designee to apply for and accept funds made available through the State of Connecticut Office of Policy Management 2019 JAG Grant Program through the Violent Crime Prevention program in an amount not to exceed \$22,013.00 no local match is required.

17. RESOLUTION - National Center for Healthy Housing – Health Dept.

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 funds offered by the National Center for Healthy Housing to be used to implement a "Health in All Policies" strategy as part of the lead prevention program not to exceed \$20,000.00 no local match is required.

18. RESOLUTION - Women’s Club of Danbury/New Fairfield Grant - Library

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Katie Pearson, Library Director, as his designee, to apply for and accept funds offered by the Woman’s Club of Danbury/New Fairfield through its 'Philanthropic Funding' program to provide on-demand movie streaming and digital services, not to exceed \$3,500.00 no local match required.

19. RESOLUTION - American Library Association Grant

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Katie Pearson, Library Director, as his designee, to apply for and accept funds offered by The American Library Association through the "Ready to Code" initiative not to exceed \$500, no local match is required.

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

1. COMMUNICATION - Appointment and Promotion of Deputy Fire Marshal

*A motion was made by Councilman Curran, and was seconded by Councilman Mike Esposito, to receive the communication and approve the promotion of Fire Fighter Paul Rozzi to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal in the Danbury Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.*

2. [COMMUNICATION - Appointment and Promotion of Fire Lieutenant](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Mike Esposito, and was seconded by Councilman Visconti, to receive the correspondence and confirm the appointment and promotion of Deputy Fire Fighter Jeffrey Tomchik to the position of Fire Lieutenant in the Danbury Fire Department.** The motion carried unanimously.

3. [COMMUNICATION - Appointments to the Police Department](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Arconti, and was seconded by Councilman Chianese, to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Officer James Lindeen to the position of Police Officer in the Danbury Police Department.** The motion carried unanimously.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Stanley, and was seconded by Councilman Perkins, to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Officer Marc Doherty to the position of Police Officer in the Danbury Police Department.** The motion carried unanimously.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Stanley, and was seconded by Councilman John Esposito, to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Officer Mario Nazzaro as Police Officer in the Danbury Police Department.** The motion carried unanimously.

4. [COMMUNICATION - Appointments to Governmental Entities Review Board](#)

\***CONSENTED** - as received.

5. [COMMUNICATION - Request for Street Name Change](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Priola to receive the communication and refer to Planning for a survey and report.** Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.

6. [COMMUNICATION - WTP Bond-Approved Renovation & Improvement Project](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Cavo to refer to the Planning Commission for a report.** Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.

7. [COMMUNICATION - Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Wetmore, to refer to an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Corporation Counsel, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Health.** Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton ordered the Ad Hoc Committee with the following Councilmembers - Wetmore, Curran, and Rotello.

8. [COMMUNICATION - Crosby Street Connector Bridge No. 06183](#)

\***CONSENTED** - as received.

9. [COMMUNICATION - Triangle Street Bridge No. 04073](#)

\***CONSENTED** - as received.

10. [COMMUNICATION - Housing Redevelopment – 54, 56 & 58 Town Hill Avenue](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Arconti to refer to the City Engineer and Planning for a report. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.**

11. [COMMUNICATION - Request for Storm Sewer Extension – Westconn Properties - 233 White Street at Meadow Street](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Levy to refer to the City Engineer and Planning for a report. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.**

12. [COMMUNICATION - Request for Water - 54, 56 and 58 Town Hill Avenue](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman DiGilio to refer to the City Engineer and Planning for a report. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.**

13. [COMMUNICATION - Request for Water and Sewer Easements and Lines – BTJAMM, LLC 18-20 Sheridan Street](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Bennett to refer to the City Engineer and Planning for a report. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton so ordered.**

14. [RESOLUTION - Application for State LOTCIP Program Funds – Improvement of Traffic Flow and Safety along White Street Corridor](#)

Director of Public Works Antonio Iadarola responded to Councilwoman Stanley regarding the area encompassed by the improvements. Mayor Boughton stated he would bring up the Newtown Corridor, which is not part of this project, to WestCOG.

**A motion was made by Councilman Mike Esposito, and was seconded by Councilman Wetmore, to receive the correspondence from the Director of Public Works, adopt the Resolution, and approve the request to authorize Your Honor to sign the application seeking funds in the amount of \$2.65 million from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation to the Western Connecticut Council of Government (WestCOG) for improvements of traffic flow and safety along the White Street Corridor. The motion carried unanimously.**

15. [RESOLUTION - Connecticut's Recreational Trails Program Grants](#)

Director of Health Lisa Morrissey responded to Councilman Chianese and described how the grant would be utilized. Councilman Fox corrected an error in the Resolution for the record, changing 'trials' to 'trails.'

**A motion was made by Councilman Priola, and was seconded by Councilman Perkins, to receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or Lisa Michelle Morrissey, Director of Health, as his designee, to apply for and accept said funds, execute all contracts and agreements necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof. There is a 20 percent match required by the grant, which will come from in-kind services. The motion carried unanimously.**

16. [RESOLUTION - OPN – 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant - Police Dept.](#)

\***CONSENTED** - as received.

17. [RESOLUTION - National Center for Healthy Housing – Health Dept.](#)

\**CONSENTED* - as received.

18. [RESOLUTION - Women’s Club of Danbury/New Fairfield Grant-Library](#)

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19. [RESOLUTION - American Library Association Grant](#)

\**CONSENTED* - as received.

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

Mayor Boughton thanked UNIT Coordinator Shawn Stillman for his detailed report on properties in the Downtown area.

Councilman Saadi thanked the Police Department for their response to a call during Thanksgiving. He also thanked Tim Nolan for the Work on Woodside Avenue, Old Shelter Rock Road, and Newtown Road.

Councilman Taborsak inquired whether the Danbury Police Officers that work the downtown beat participate in the Danbury Community Care Team meetings by reporting information such as the recent death of David Mullen. Police Chief Ridenhour responded regarding communications and the meetings.

Councilman Chianese thanked Public Works Director Antonio Iadarola, Superintendent of Public Services Tim Nolan, Superintendent of Utilities David Day, and his crew for quick work on a recent constituent issue. Mr. Abdul responded regarding a traffic issue at Baccus and Kenoshia Avenues.

Councilman Curran commented on yellow papers covering storm drains. Mayor Boughton commented on the newspapers that are being contacted regarding the littering issue, and asked Mr. Stillman to discuss with the printer. Mayor Boughton noted Mr. Iadarola is retrieving an iconic piece of Danbury history, the world's largest Uncle Sam, and referred to a related Go Fund Me site.

***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 our Legislative Assistant. No objections, so ordered.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

***A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, and was seconded by Councilman Priola, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Goor  
Recording Secretary

Attest,  
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor