

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2019

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 Colin Dickenson. 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, Fred Visconti, Elmer Palma, Chris Arconti, John Esposito, Duane Perkins, Ben Chianese, Nancy Cammisa, Paul Rotello, and Joe Scozzafava.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Bennett and Councilwoman Stanley had family events to attend.

PRESENT: 19, ABSENT: 2

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:

- Charlie Sutero, Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, expressed opposition to Agenda Item 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Boughton made the announcements for the month of January.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Council Meeting held December 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 on file for review in the office of the Legislative Assistant. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. COMMUNICATION – Appointment to the Richter Park Authority

Receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Peter J. Sicienski to serve as a member of the Richter Park Authority with a term to expire January 1, 2022.

5. COMMUNICATION – Lease Agreement – Danbury Duck Pin Bowling Lanes

Receive the communication and approve the lease agreement for Danbury Duck Pin Bowling Lanes.

7. COMMUNICATION – Donation to the Health Department from Global

Receive the communication and accept the donation of \$8,442.76 to the City of Danbury's Emergency Shelter from Global Jet Capital.

8. COMMUNICATION – Donation to the Health Department from "Olde Crabs Hockey League"

Receive the communication and accept the donation of \$3,500 to the City of Danbury's Emergency Shelter from the "Old Crabs Hockey League."

9. RESOLUTION - PHBG Contract – Health Department

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Lisa Michelle Morrissey, Director of Health, as his designee, to apply for and accept grant funding made available through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, these additional funds will be used to extend the existing contract for the State Preventative Health Block Grant in the amount of \$23,026 for 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2019.

10. RESOLUTION - Memorandum of Agreement – Emergency Management

Receive the communication and adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Paul D. Estefan, Director of Civil Preparedness, as his designee, to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of Danbury to enter into a Region 5 Memorandum of Agreement to engage in the regional cost sharing and allocation of funds made available through the United States Department of Homeland Security, through the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the 2018 Federal Fiscal Year State Homeland Security Grant Program, no local match is required.

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

1. COMMUNICATION – Promotion – Lieutenant – Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Arconti, and was seconded by Councilman Cavo, to receive the communication and approve the appointment and promotion of Sergeant Ethan Mable to the position of Police Lieutenant in the Danbury Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

2. COMMUNICATION – Promotion – Sergeant – Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Mike Esposito, and was seconded by Councilman John Esposito, to receive the correspondence and approve the appointment promotion of Police Officer John Dickenson to the position of Police Sergeant in the Danbury Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATION – Appointments - Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Curran, and was seconded by Councilman Perkins, to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Tyler Hancock, to the position of Police Officer in the Danbury Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Priola, and was seconded by Councilman Saadi, to receive the communication and confirm the appointment of Adam Cantor, to the position of Police Officer in the Danbury Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**CONSENTED* - as received.

5. [COMMUNICATION – Lease Agreement – Danbury Duck Pin Bowling Lanes](#)

**CONSENTED* - as received.

6. [COMMUNICATION – First Congregational Church – 162 Deer Hill Avenue](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Wetmore, and was seconded by Councilman Perkins, to refer to an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Corporation Counsel, a representative from the Mayor's Office, Director of Planning, the City Historian, and a representative from the Church. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton ordered the Ad Hoc Committee with the following Councilmembers - Cavo as Chair, DiGilio, Wetmore, Saadi, and Rotello.

7. [COMMUNICATION – Donation to the Health Department from Global](#)

**CONSENTED* - as received.

8. [COMMUNICATION – Donation to the Health Department from “Olde Crabs,Hockey League”](#)

**CONSENTED* - as received.

9. [RESOLUTION - PHBG Contract – Health Department](#)

**CONSENTED* - as received.

10. [RESOLUTION - Memorandum of Agreement – Emergency Management](#)

**CONSENTED* - as received.

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

Councilman Taborsak inquired regarding the status of open positions in the Police Department. Mayor Boughton noted there are four or five spots and the City is looking at a round of laterals.

Councilman Perkins thanked Nick for having the DR team cleanup the dugout area. He also asked Public Works Director Iadarola about six or seven lights that are out on Memorial Drive from Lions Way north to Main Street and wire tension at the tennis courts, and a storage shed. Mr. Iadarola will look into the lights, and explained the wire tension process to prevent cracking at the tennis courts, completion dates, and the shed.

Councilman Cavo thanked Ms. Morrissey and the Health Department for their quick and effective response to the food-borne illness issue.

Mr. Rotello inquired regarding a very short green light cycle at Clapboard Ridge Road approximately one month ago. Mr. Iadarola noted attempts have been made to adjust timing of the light.

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. No objections, so ordered.

12. [Communication-Ad-Hoc Roads and Paving](#)

Mayor Boughton discussed the reasons he would like to have an Ad Hoc Committee discuss the paving schedule.

A motion was made by Councilman Cavo, and was seconded by Councilman Saadi, to add Item 12. to the Agenda regarding the request for an Ad Hoc Committee having to do with paving. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman DiGilio, to send to an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance, and a representative from the Mayor's Office. Hearing no objections, Mayor Boughton ordered the Ad Hoc Committee with the following Councilmembers - Wetmore as Chair, Cavo, and Visconti.

ADJOURNMENT

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 Saadi, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Goor
Recording Secretary

Attest,
Mark D. Boughton, Mayor