

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGand PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 8, 2018**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Smith Chairman
A. Giannattasio
E. Beatty
A. Sutton
R. Vitali

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
S. Fournier, Mayor's Assistant

Chairman Smith stated the Committee was here tonight to consider one (1) Ordinance. He stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the legal notice posted in the New Haven Register on January 3, 2018. He explained this is a periodic adjustment the Board of Aldermen is asked to consider following the recommendation from the Pension Review Board. He stated it is simply a cost of living adjustment for non-uniformed retirees. Chairman Smith stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the entire Ordinance.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

1. An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter 17.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, (General Government Retiree Adjustment).

Speakers in Favor - None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Sutton made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter 17.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, (General Government Retiree Adjustment).

Chairman Smith provided a brief history of the cola adjustment.

Mayor Blake stated the last time a cola increase was approved by the Board of Aldermen was July 2013.

Ald. Vitali asked if this was a contractual adjustment.

Mayor Blake explained every few years there is a recommendation by the auditor's which is referred to this Board. He stated it is generally conducted and presented to this Board every three years.

Ald. Vitali asked the total number of participants.

Mayor Blake stated there are approximately 458. He explained there is a schedule through the pension Board.

Ald. Vitali asked the total cost of the package to the city.

Mayor Blake stated is \$586,000 under this package from the actuary. He stated is \$45,000 annually to the pension fund.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the pension fund could support this increase.

Mayor Blake replied yes.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this is what the actuaries looked at and if it is sustainable.

Mayor Blake explained it is the Pension Board that makes the recommendation to this Board based on the information from the actuaries.

Ald. Sutton stated for clarification it is an additional \$43,000 each year.

Chairman Smith commented the City of Milford does have an obligation to its retirees and that he felt it is appropriate and he would support it.

Ald. Vitali questioned the value from those retiring in 1980 versus 2008.

Mayor Blake stated the finance director could add additional information at the full Board of Aldermen meeting.

Being no further business, Ald.Vitali and Ald.Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary