

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
and PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, February 1, 2010. Vice Chairman Staneski opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P. Staneski, Vice Chairman
N. Veccharelli
P. Smith
J. Patterson
G. Smith (for Ald. Giannattasio)

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr.

Excused
A. Giannattasio

1. An Ordinance Appropriating \$9,640,000 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,640,000 Bonds of the City to meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance there of the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Speakers in Favor:

M. Olsson – 112 Hilltop Circle – reading from a prepared statement stated she spoke last year in favor of the bonding for Law, which she stated did not impact her family. She stated tonight she was speaking in favor of the Foran project, which affects her three children directly as they will all be attending Foran next year. She continued reading asking the Board to step up to the plate and look at East Shore Middle School, which she stated has been neglected for far too long. She encouraged the Board to constantly look at the schools and their needs.

K. Boath – 91 Hickory Avenue – stated she was here representing Pumpkin Delight PTA, its families, teachers and students for a much needed elevator. Reading from a prepared statement she stated that has been her goal since she arrived at the school 6 years ago. She stated they collected 53 names for a petition, which was submitted to the Board of Education and that they have been joined in their plight by Mathewson School families. Reading from a prepared statement she asked the elevator at Pumpkin Delight be included in the Capital Improvement Plan and move forward as quickly as possible. She also stated this is not for one child or teacher, but equal access to the school for all. She stated there are parents and grandparents who have not been able to see their child's environment where they learn.

P. Pitney – West Avenue – stated he is a registered nurse and business owner in town and a member of the People with Disabilities Committee. He stated he was speaking tonight in favor of the elevator for Pumpkin Delight School. He commented children and adults with special needs are a big part of our environment and that it was important for them to have access. He stated people with disability should be allowed to participate without barriers. He also offered the help of his Committee, if needed, stating they would be willing to help in any way.

A. Candido – 4 Topfield Road – stated he is the Chairman of the Citizens for People with Disabilities and he was here in support of the elevator at Pumpkin Delight. He stated Pumpkin Delight is the only two-story elementary school in Milford. He noted there is also a third floor used for special services. He pointed out the American Disabilities Act mandates every child be provided with equal needs. Reading from a prepared statement he urged the Board to consider the request for the elevator and make it a priority for the children and the staff.

J. Dellamonica, Sr. – 60 Berner Terrace – stated he too was here tonight in support of the elevator for the school. He stated an elevator at this school is a necessity and that he endorses the monies be spent for the school. He asked the Ordinance Committee to recommend this to the full Board and that they make the right decision tonight. He stated it was the time to get it done.

J. Ramey – 424 Swanson Crescent – stated she was here tonight in support of an elevator at Pumpkin Delight School. She stated the school is the only two-story elementary school in Milford. Reading from a prepared statement without an elevator wheelchair bound students cannot access the second floor. She asked the Board to approve the elevator for a safe environment for the school.

C. LaPlante – 39 Sherbourne Road – thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She stated she has spent the last 15 years as a fifth grade teacher at Pumpkin Delight. She encouraged the Board to come to the school and visit Room 12 and watch the faces and look at the eyes of these children. She also remarked “society is judged in part as to how we treat our children”. She asked the Board to vote in favor of the elevator.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

2. An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,292,000 for Various Public Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,292,000 Bonds of the City to meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition:

S. Borer – 204 Anderson Avenue – stated he was speaking regarding the fire department consolidation and that he was against it. He stated the Woodmont firehouse should remain and suggested there are other ways to look at a different situation. He also stated it is in Woodmont’s charter there be a firehouse. He reiterated the firehouse should remain.

3. An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,623,500 for Rogers Avenue Pump Station and High Street Sewer Upgrades and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,623,500 Bonds of the City to Meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Speakers in Favor:

M. Brown – 67 Point Beach Drive – stated he is a member of the Sewer Commission and stated this item is at the top of the Sewer Commission’s priority list of items that need to be done. He stated the next item on tonight’s agenda is second on their priority list. He stated these are just two of 7-8 items on our priority list.

Speakers in Opposition - none

4. An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$3,025,000 for Replacement of The Buckingham Avenue Force Main and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,025,000 Bonds of the City to Meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Speakers in Favor - Vice Chairman Staneski noted Mr. Brown's remarks in favor of this Ordinance from the previous Ordinance.

Vice Chairman Staneski closed the public session closed at 7:24 p.m. and called the Ordinance Committee meeting to order and noted the public notice as it appeared in the New Haven Register on January 27, 2010.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Appropriating \$9,640,000 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,640,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the question regarding the \$9,640,000 could be divided so the vote could be for both or one.

Mayor Richetelli responded any member of the Board could move to divide the question. He explained that a new Ordinance would have to be drawn up by bond counsel and possibly it would need to be noticed again and a hearing.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if this Ordinance were to be passed to the full Board of Aldermen, could they divide the question.

Mayor Richetelli stated his answer would be the same.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he was hoping to divide the question. He stated he would like to see the elevator at Pumpkin Delight move forward, but he had reservations regarding the Foran addition. He stated he would allow it to move to the full Board but would reserve comment for that time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Appropriating \$6,292,000 for Various Public Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,292,000 Bonds of the City to Meet said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Patterson stated he would like to take the same reservations regarding comment and bring this to the full Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,623,500 for Rogers Avenue pump Station and High Street Sewer Upgrades and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,623,500 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Appropriating \$3,025,000 for Replacement of the Buckingham Avenue Force Main and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,025,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said appropriation and Pending the Issuance Therefore the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Patterson stated he was unsure this was properly noticed. He stated the ad indicated one amount and the Ordinance another and expressed concern about the numbers.

Mayor Richetelli stated the Ordinance was properly noticed and explained this is an Ordinance amending an Ordinance and that it is an increase, but that the body of the Ordinance was correct.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Ald. Patterson and Ald. P. Smith moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary