

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
B. Bier (7:34 p.m.)
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
S. Shaw
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

M. Hardiman

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special presentation.

Mayor Blake stated he was pleased to have some honored guests present tonight from the Pop Warner cheer and football programs. He stated this special group of individuals on hand tonight were winners at the local, State, Regional and National levels. Mayor Blake went on to read proclamations acknowledging the Pee Wee II football team, Jr. Midget football, Midget Cheerleaders team who took 1st place as midget nationals cheer team and the Pee Wee cheerleaders, Level II Division who took 1st place in the So CT, State and New England areas and 2015 Spirit Award at Connecticut and National Cheer Champions 2015.

Chairman Vetro announced a 5-minute recess at 7:52 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:59 p.m.

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. He asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit.

Michele Kramer - 104 West River Street - asked the Board to keep in mind the historical history of the Stowe Barn and Dairy. She continued reading from a prepared statement. She stated Milford residents are concerned about losing the town's character and charm. Ms. Kramer stated the Stowe Barn has long been on the list for national registry. She asked the Board when they consider any proposals to bare these points in mind.

Ann Berman - 17 Pelham Street - spoke regarding the stairs along Bayview Beach and expressed her concern of the stairs collapsing. She stated she was happy to see it on the list for bonding. Ms. Berman thanked the Mayor for his work in getting this done. She also commented regarding recycling. She stated this town doesn't seem to have gotten the message as to what can and cannot be recycled. She stated they are working on a new brochure so that residents can fully understand what should and should not go in the bin. She stated Milford has to do a better job of recycling and expressed her hope for compliance.

Richard Platt - 132 Platt Lane – stated although the Stowe Barn was not on your agenda, he wished to speak to the matter. He echoed the comments of Michelle Kramer, adding the property is a wonderful jewel and piece of open space in Milford. He stated the city must not lose it.

Tim Chaucer - 104 Hawley Avenue - expressed his deep concern with the Stowe Barn. He stated a new group had been formed "Milford Citizens to Save Stowe Memorial Park and Barn." Mr. Chaucer stated he is opposed to the sale of the remaining acreage. He continued speaking about the past history of the property and its value. He invited the aldermen to come to the property and see it firsthand. He stated it was difficult to understand the value of the property without looking at the entire property, not just the barn. He spoke of the comments he has heard that the barn is deteriorating. He stated that is not the case. Mr. Chaucer explained there is some work that needs to be done, but stressed the barn is not deteriorating. He also spoke of federal monies that were used to upkeep the property and that those funds would have to be paid back. He suggested the property become a memorial park and stated people could purchase benches for the property.

Paula Smith - 62 Hauser Street – stated she had a plethora of things to speak about tonight, which did not initially include the Stowe Barn. Regarding the Stowe Barn she stated the last thing she would want to see there is an 8-30g property at the location down the road. She stated it is a critical piece of property in that area. She expressed her hope there would be some compromise and that the barn and property could be saved, similar to what was done for the Woodmont fire house. Ms. Smith also spoke about the bonding on tonight's agenda pointing out the millions of dollars on the agenda tonight. She expressed her hope the aldermen would take into consideration the taxpayers before approving the bonds and understanding the full implications of bonding \$4M dollars.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on January 4, 2016.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting. None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro tomorrow is Groundhog Day, which means hopefully spring is coming. He also reminded everyone that Valentine's Day is coming.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake asked the Board's consideration regarding items 8a-8l. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions. Mayor Blake announced the city hall building is celebrating 100 years. He invited the Board and the public to attend the first of a number of events planned. He stated the first event would take place on February 19.

6a. Mayor Blake announced the following mayoral appointment:

Inland Wetlands Agency (Planning and Zoning Recommendation)

(D) Daniel F. Schopick, 34 Shipyard Lane, 06460, to fill a vacant position, term to expire 12/31/18.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a-8l)

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$20,000,000 for the costs associated with City of Milford General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Ald. Vitali asked the total number of outstanding bonds to date.

Mayor Blake explained as bonds come due the city refinances and are able to leverage outstanding bonds. A year ago bonds were refunded savings the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Mr. Erodici stated the current principal of outstanding debt is \$132,000,000.

Ald. Vitali asked the average of all the rates.

Mr. Erodici stated it is 2.62%.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the number of bonds the city has at 5%.

Mr. Erodici explained there are outstanding bonds they are contemplating refunding. He stated the average rate is 3.7% and the goal is to bring those to the low 2% range.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he wished to be clear that up to \$20,000,000 was being authorized. He asked if the city's advisors were recommending this.

Mr. Erodici explained he receives the information from their advisors who scrutinize the numbers. He also spoke of an opportunity to refinance.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the advisors were suggesting the city take advantage at this point with the hope we can realize a savings. He asked when the city is due for refinancing.

Mr. Erodici explained there have been four refunding since 2010. He stated it is the advisors who tell the city when a refunding is on the horizon. He explained the bonding he has been involved with during this tenure.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the total bonding on the books

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order. He stated the line of questioning was not germane to the motion. He stated the Mayor has done an excellent job saving the city money. He stated these questions could have been asked of the finance director prior to tonight's meeting. Ald. Veccharelli asked that the line of questioning remain within the motion.

Ald. Vitali stated Mr. Veccharelli was merely looking to cut off discussion. He stated there is always background to each of these items. Ald. Vitali asked the current rate if bonding new monies took place today.

Mr. Erodici stated he would estimate it to be in the 3% range.

Ald. Casey asked if the city's bond rating has changed in the last 10 years.

Mr. Erodici stated the outstanding rate of bonding increases, but the city's bond rating has remained the same during his tenure and his predecessor.

Ald. German asked the total outstanding bond 5 years ago.

Mr. Erodici stated he did not have the exact number, but it was below \$100,000,000, possibly around \$87,000,000.

Mayor Blake stated in 2006 there was a major upgrade to the city's sewer system, which drove the numbers up.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the City of Milford to accept CDBG-DR Planning Grant for Pelham Street Planning and Design for Resiliency & Public Access and to authorize the Mayor, Director of Community Development, Director of Public Works and/or City Attorney's Office to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said grant.

Ald. Bevan asked if the cost of the repair would be established after the study.

Mayor Blake stated this is not just for a study, but permitting through numerous agencies state and national as well as design. He stated the project would then go out to bid for various construction proponents.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the grant included the storm resilience and public access. He asked about the bonding package for the Pelham Street access and whether that was part of this bonding package or an entirely different project.

Mayor Blake stated it is all the same. He stated this item was before the Board to formally accept the grant. He also pointed out it is a reimbursable grant. Under the bonding there are 3 CDBG Grants this Board accepted back in November. Mayor Blake stated this gives permission for the cash advance for the bonding.

Ald. Vitali asked if there is a number for the costs of the construction.

Mayor Blake stated the construction cost is approximately 10-20% of the bonded amount.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney, Finance Director and Community Development Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said grant.

Ald. Bevan asked why the grant application did not give the dollar amount, just estimation.

Mayor Blake stated this was an opportunity for the piece the city is acquiring and this will prepare the site. He also mentioned at this point the city is honoring those leases of the tenants that remain. Mayor Blake stated there has been some work done and at this point approximately 85 parking spaces have been created. He stated this location is an important key to the downtown. He spoke of the amount of site work that would be necessary to get the property ready for the next phase of site work.

Ald. Bevan asked if they were looking for the full amount, approximately \$2M

Ald. Giannattasio asked if it is spelled out in the grant that these monies can only be used for site work.

Mayor Blake stated there were several different considerations for this site. He stated the timing and existence of the tenants made this the perfect direction to go in.

Ald. Bier asked why this Board was seeing these prior to the acceptance.

Mayor Blake explained the bonding is required for legislative approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution: Re: South Central Regional Council of Governments' Regional Performance Incentive Program proposals for Planimetric Data Development and a Regional Open Space Inventory.

Ald. Bevan asked if there is a cost to the city.

Mayor Blake replied no.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there were any other resources that could be utilized.

Mayor Blake stated there is. He explained one of those is the MIS system and the EPA program which the state adopted portions of. He also spoke of the numerous mandates and complying with and seeing how we can regionalize.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the association rate was the same.

Mayor Blake replied yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the attached Letter of Participation, Connecticut Tax Collectors' Association and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney, Finance Director and Tax Collector to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said Letter of Participation.

Ald. Smith asked about access to CT MVD data base. He asked if it was for the purpose of gaining access to property taxes for motor vehicles.

Mr. Erodici replied that was his understanding.

Ald. Smith asked if there was any other sharing of resources.

Mrs. Taft explained the new program that went into effect by the DMV. She stated currently her department has to call another town that has that service. Mrs. Taft stated the program assists her department in getting the taxpayers registered.

Ald. Giannattasio asked how many people would actually use the data base.

Mrs. Taft replied it would likely be 2-3 people. She explained the process of clearing someone, once they have paid their outstanding taxes.

Ald. Bevan asked the cost range of \$350-400.

Mrs. Taft stated for a city the size of Milford the cost would be \$400.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Contract for Management of 44-64 River Street, "0" River Street (Map 54, Block 322, Parcel 4A), "0" Railroad Avenue (Map 54, Block 322, Parcel 2B and 145 High Street, Milford, CT 06460, and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Finance Director and to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said Contract.

Ald. Bier asked how many tenants occupy the space, the existing parking spaces, new spaces and total spaces.

Mayor Blake stated the new spaces would total 75-80. He stated there are a few more than that currently which are unassigned. There are 45-50 spaces assigned to tenants. As to leases, he stated he would defer to the City attorney regarding leases.

Ald. Bier stated he calculated 195 spaces. He asked the number of spaces.

Attorney Berchem stated there are 7.

Ald. Vitali asked why the city needed to go out to a management company.

Mayor Blake stated the city is just not equipped to do it.

Ald. Vitali asked who currently handles the management of the property.

Mayor Blake stated the city attorney office, finance department.

Ald. Vitali asked about the maintenance of the property and who would respond for repairs and what has been done to this point.

Mayor Blake stated there really have been no problems, except to bring in light bulbs, toilet paper, etc.

Ald. Vitali asked why the city would need to go out to a management company since the city is already doing the work. He stated the city has the resources and that the city needs to look at potential savings to the taxpayers. He stated a few months ago, the public works director alluded to the idea of a demolition license and being able to do the work ourselves. He stated it was common sense to save the money for our taxpayers.

Mayor Blake stated there are two options. He stated it has been treated similar to an enterprise fund. He explained the city has been receiving revenue and that any expenses have come out of the leases and rental spaces. He stated that is the program they are looking to continue. He stated the system Ald. Vitali is proposing would add tax dollars to our citizens, such as personnel.

Ald. Vitali stated he believed the city could be resourceful and utilize the manpower of the city.

Mayor Blake stated the city could handle but not without a cost to the taxpayer. The current system does not cost the taxpayer any money.

Ald. Veccharelli commented he agreed with the Mayor and being fortunate to get a grant to purchase that property. He spoke to monies currently being taken in which offsets any costs to our taxpayers. To hire a property manager seems like a good plan and that it is a win/win for the city. He expressed his hope his colleagues would support it and not cost the taxpayers.

Ald. Bier stated he wished to clarify the number of parking spaces. He asked the parking spaces would work.

Mayor Blake stated it is \$7 per day and \$80 per month. He stated management would oversee.

Ald. German asked about the rental income.

Mayor Blake stated it is tenants and parking.

Ald. Giannattasio stated many good points have been made tonight. He stated Ald. Vitali made some good points and that there is synergy to what Ald Vitali was saying. He asked why the city just doesn't pay itself. He referenced a comment made by the public works department sometime ago that they bill back buildings that do not pick up their trash. He stated there is potential is the city can pay themselves back.

Mayor Blake stated it absolutely could be done but that it comes at a cost to the city. He stated there currently just is not a structure in place. He stated if the city would take this on, there is liability which would be the responsibility of the city. He stated he believe this proposal is the most cost effective for the city. He stated this recommendation comes from the finance director, city attorney and public works department.

Ald. German asked what measures are in place for collecting any cash.

Mayor Blake stated the monies are audited on a regular basis. He stated he would get the figures to the Board.

Attorney Berchem stated he would provide the Board with a breakdown.

Ald. Vitali asked for clarification regarding parking which he thought fell under the transit district.

Mayor Blake stated transit is separate.

Ald. Vitali asked why transit could not assume the parking spaces as well.

Mayor Blake stated he has had those discussions with the Transit Director; it was a possibility for the future.

The Board recessed at 9:25 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 9:35 p.m.

Ald. Giannattasio commented on the ongoing debate. He stated if the city has the ability to do this, he would be in favor of it. He also stated it is temporary and just a matter of time. He stated he wished to think out of the box and also save the taxpayers' money. Regarding insurance, Ald. Giannattasio stated he felt the information was inaccurate and that the city would still be put on notice.

Ald. Bevan asked what would happen if this request did not go through.

Mayor Blake stated he would likely have to hire someone.

Ald. Bevan asked if the position would be temporary.

Mayor Blake stated it had not been studied in length, but a point person would need to be hired.

By roll call vote, motion carried 10 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bier, German, Golden, Grant, Shaw, Smith, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 4 no (Bevan, Casey, Giannattasio, Vitali).

8g. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for Department of Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for Youth and Family Services Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Grant Application for State Department of Social Services.

Mayor Blake stated these grants have to do with the city's Human Services Department. He recognized Christie Roche, the acting Human Services Director.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward items 12a 1-3.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward items 12a 1-3. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-1 Ald. Smith reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider three (3) bonding Ordinances. He pointed out Section 2 of 12a-2 was amended at the Ordinance Committee level.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,896,200 For the Design and Construction of Sanitary Sewers and Waste Water Facilities and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,896,200 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ald. Bier asked if the projects have been bid, if the design work has been done, etc.

Mayor Blake stated the first two projects were bid. He stated the Edgefield Avenue and Seabreeze Avenue were bid but needed to be re-bid. He stated Beaverbrook has not gone out to bid.

Mr. Macaluso explained the projects were designed and went out to bid two years ago. He spoke of the deterioration over the years and the critical need for repair at this point.

Ald. German asked about the bonding and how it would be repaid.

Mayor Blake stated the sewer user fee pays a portion and the remaining is through bonding.

Ald. German asked the procedure for those residents who do not have sewers.

Mayor Blake explained the background

Ald. Veccharelli asked any savings on Edgefield Avenue where the pipes were going to be relined instead of replaced.

Mr. Maculso explained it is a clay pipe that could be reconstructed. He also spoke of the warranty.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it was his understanding the savings amounts to approximately \$2,000,000.

Mr. Macaluso stated that was correct.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the specifics regarding Edgefield and Seabreeze Avenues.

Mr. Macaluso stated it is due to the pipe size which needs to be increased. He stated it comes down to a capacity issue.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the replacement of the aeration line at Beaverbrook.

Mr. Macaluso explained it had to do with making the system work.

Ald. Bier asked if this would help with nitrogen credits and if there would be savings.

Mr. Macaluso stated yes.

Mayor Blake commented the wastewater treatment crews have been extremely diligent and that the Board would be pleasantly surprised with the nitrogen credits this year.

Ald. Bier asked about the \$2,795,100 figure for Edgefield Avenue.

Mr. Macaluso explained Edgefield Avenue is a state road which results in the requirements being more stringent. He also stated it is the bypassing that adds to the cost of the project.

Ald. German recalled when the former wastewater superintendent was before the Board a few months ago, that wipes were a major problem for the system because they are difficult to breakdown resulting in the clogging of the system.

Mr. Macaluso agreed it is a problem.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$13,469,500 For Various Public Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$13,469,500 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ald. Casey asked about the amount of street paving that is done and also the sidewalk repairs.

Mayor Blake stated annually the city attempts to re-pave 6 miles of roadway. He went on to explain the process. He stated collectively a lot of roadway is paved each year. He spoke of the updated tools available to the public works department to develop priority lists.

Ald. Bier asked if the \$2,200,000 was an average.

Mayor Blake stated the city generally does \$1,200,000, but the city has been doing less and needs to catch up.

Ald. Bier asked street paving and sidewalks were not items in the public works department budget.

Mayor Blake stated given the city's bond rating the city is able to borrow at low rates.

Ald. Bier commented he did not feel he was working in the best interest of his constituents. He stated to continue bonding results in that debt being handed down to our children to pay. He stated this just be a discussion for the future.

Mayor Blake reported the city's total indebtedness is \$130,000,000. He also added the city utilizes money through grants as well.

Ald. Bier asked how much is paid back each year.

Mr. Erodici explained as the city continues to borrow the levels do increase. He stated the annual debt service cost is approximately \$14,000,000. He also spoke of the clean water funds the city receives.

Ald. German asked about the various CDBG projects and if they are State grants.

Mayor Blake stated they are, and that they are reimbursable, however the city front loads the money.

Mr. Erodici added the CDBG grants are large in size, but it is more prudent to do it that way to protect the city's cash flow.

Ald. German stated he would recommend this going through the general fund.

Ald. Shaw spoke regarding the conversion to automated recycling/solid waste.

Director Saley explained it is more efficient with the automation. He also stated they have gone out to other municipalities to view the system. He went on to explain they are single man trucks.

Ald. Shaw asked if you would use the "pay as you grow" system.

Mayor Blake stated they continue to coordinate efforts with the public works department.

Ald. Smith asked if there would be a point where the city would be in need of new truck.

Director Saley spoke of the industry standard for a vehicle which is 3-5 years. He also spoke of the wear and tear of the vehicles. He spoke of the amount of money the department spends each year in parts.

Ald. Grant asked about staffing if they were going to single-man trucks.

Director Saley stated there would be a transitioning period and then a learning curve, so it would take time. He stated they were currently in contract negotiations, but that he did not expect a change in staffing except through attrition.

Ald. Anderson suggested once contract negotiations were completed that this Board be given a plan as to the number of employees, expenditure projection, etc. He stated budget decisions will be made in the next few months, so it would be helpful.

Director Saley extended an invitation to any of the aldermen to see the equipment.

Ald. Vitali asked how many existing trucks.

Director Saley replied 13 trucks.

Ald. Vitali asked if all those trucks are paid for.

Mayor Blake stated the newest four trucks are not paid for.

Ald. Vitali asked if it was possible to do a pilot program to see if this type of system is for Milford and if it is the direction the city wants to go. He stated it is a large number to consider and suggested possibly reducing the number of trucks.

Director Saley stated when you look at the savings component in man hours, workers compensation, an aging fleet, there is a great savings to the city. He stated a lot of research was done, including visiting various cities.

Ald. German spoke regarding the "Smart Program" which the city never took advantage. He stated he would rather see less than 8 trucks. He also asked the fuel for these trucks

Director Saley stated they looked at the natural gas option, but the cost was \$30,000 more. He stated they are clean burning diesel.

Ald. German asked the city's total recycling rate.

Director Saley stated it is about 25%.

Mayor Blake stated the City of Milford has the lowest MSW rate in the State of Connecticut.

Ald. German asked Director Saley if he would provide those numbers to the Board.

Ald. Casey asked about the size of the bins.

Director Saley explained the homeowner would have a choice as to the size of the tote.

Ald. Bevan stated he wished to be correct no one would lose their job. Also, the trucks would fit into the areas where pick up is currently done.

Director Saley replied yes.

Ald. Bevan asked if everyone would have the same container or if the homeowner would have a choice.

Director Saley stated he could make a recommendation, but he didn't make the final decision. He stated that would be for the Mayor and the aldermen.

Mayor Blake stated the rollout would take approximately 6 months. He stated there are Ordinances in place that direct the guidelines, which will need to be addressed.

Ald. Bevan asked if the bonding package could be divided out. He stated he would not want to see something not approved because of one particular item.

Mayor Blake stated it has been done this way for at least the 15 years he has been involved in the bonding process. He stated it is a process that is similar to most other municipal towns. Mayor Blake stated it certainly is a conversation that could take place in the future.

Ald. Smith stated Ald. Bevan made a valid point. He asked is one portion of the bond could be changed, such as reducing the purchase of the number of trucks.

Mayor Blake explained the legal process and deferred to Attorney Berchem for further information.

Attorney Berchem stated the idea of reducing the bond has come up before and researched and it was determined it cannot be more than a 5% change. He stated the legislative body could add another layer of approval for when the item were to go out to RFP.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there is a room for a second man in the "one-armed bandit" if needed.

Director Saley replied yes and explained the capabilities of the truck. He reiterated the savings for the city, which is a substantial amount.

Ald. Giannattasio cited numerous questions had been raised tonight as to the need for this number of trucks. He asked what happens if the trash overflows, would the person get out of the cab and pick it up.

Director Saley explained the technology of the truck. He stated the department makes every effort to be prudent with each of these projects.

Mayor Blake stated he followed one of these "one-armed bandits" for over two hours and only once did he driver have to get out of the vehicle.

Ald. Vitali stated if this Board wished to save money, this would need to be voted down or the Board could simply ask that he reduce the number of trucks seeking to be purchased.

Mayor Blake stated this Board has that prerogative but that he would recommend at least 5 trucks for a pilot program.

Ald. Bier asked about the Parsons roof and if that is an estimate.

Director Saley stated it is not just the roof replacement, but also upgrades to the building due to the age of the building.

Ald. German asked if there was any thought given to putting solar panels on the Parsons building.

Director Saley stated they looked at solar, but the way the funding works, there is no virtual networking.

Ald. Bier asked about the tennis courts and if it had gone out to bid.

Mayor Blake stated it had not gone out to bid. He stated there are a total of 16 courts that will be redone, Eisenhower Park (8), Fowler Field (4) and Anderson Avenue (4).

Ald. German asked what made the determination that a court needed to be resurfaced. He stated the courts at Anderson seem fine.

Mr. Garfield stated it is determined by the size of the crack. He stated although Anderson Avenue is one of the better ones that court is actually separating due to crack.

Ald. Bevan asked about the pumper/engine.

Chief Edo stated it is in fact a pumper. He stated when he became chief he changed the original request for a pumper to a quint, so now they are behind in purchasing fleet.

Ald. German asked the process for identifying the work to the police station.

Mayor Blake stated the work at the police department has been on the Capital Improvement Plan since 1998. He continued with the background. He stated the first charge of the Police Department Building Committee is to decide whether to renovate the current building or build new. He stated a cost analyst would be done and presented to this Board. He stated Deputy Chief Rahn was present for additional questions.

Ald. Bier commented regarding the current footprint of the building and that it didn't seem realistic for the option of that size addition.

Mayor Blake stated the current acreage is over 3 acres.

Ald. Bier stated he wished to revisit the request for public works to allow them to purchase a certain number of trucks and then come back.

Ald. Anderson stated he would have no objection to a lesser number of trucks being purchased. He stated his concern is the overall plan and that they are fully on board and that residents are on board as well.

Mayor Blake stated if it was the desire of the Board to do a pilot program, he would recommend the purchase of five (5) trucks. The five single-arm trucks could be purchased and then he would report back to this Board. He also spoke regarding the training component of the vehicles.

Ald. Veccharelli commented regarding the request of the public works director and his knowledge of the program and moving forward with a complete new system which has been tested. He asked if the city was receiving a bargain by purchasing the eight (8) trucks at once as compared to purchasing only three (3) down the road.

Mayor Blake stated there is a substantial return on investment and the savings to the city. He stated the current fleet is so aged; future decisions would have to be made regarding the solid waste program.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if there is a savings by buying more.

Director Saley stated there is a discount by buying in bulk, but he had not asked that specific question. He stated generally there is always a savings by buying more.

Ald. Veccharelli thanked the public works director for doing his due diligence. He state the plan seemed well thought out and a good plan for what it does.

Ald. Beatty stated it seemed the consensus is that this is a good program and that it be accepted with the caveat that documentation be provided to this program as it proceeds.

Chairman Vetro stated it sounded like it was the consensus of the Board was to reduce the fleet.

Mayor Blake reiterated it was his recommendation that five (5) trucks be purchased for the recycling and the additional trucks for the solid waste. The caveat would be the monies are not expended until the requested information was provided to the Board.

Ald. German asked the average age for the trucks.

Director Saley quoted the industry number. He reiterated the return on investment is 3 years.

Ald. Bier asked how many people man these one-armed bandits.

Director Saley stated the recycling has two and trash has three.

Ald. Bier stated he would recommend reducing this entire bonding Ordinance.

Ald. Veccharelli stated if the changes are more than 5% would that be on each item or collectively.

Attorney Berchem stated it is 5% of the total figure which is \$13,469,500.

Ald. Anderson suggested the Board vote on the motion as it is. He stated he would be satisfied with a phase in of the program as to the one-arm bandit while holding Director Saley and Mayor Blake responsible for the phase-in of the trucks.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he would propose the 5% cut, which equates to two trucks

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to reduce the bonding Ordinance by 5%.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it would actually be three trucks.

Ald. Giannattasio stated regardless of the amount, his motion is to reduce the total amount by 5%.

Attorney Berchem stated you cannot make a substantial change.

Ald. Casey withdrew his second and Ald. Giannattasio withdrew his motion.

Ald. Giannattasio made Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to eliminate two (2) trucks for a new amount Conversion to Automated Recycling/Solid Waste of \$3,237,000 and issuance of bonding in the amount of \$12,889,500.

Ald. Bier asked for clarification that this was not a pilot program.

Mayor Blake stated the amendment would allow the department to switch over for solid waste as well. He stated the city already has the toters.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he felt this conversion is a plan and was put out to the public. We are now changing this around and that it changed the intended spirit and was therefore not proper.

Attorney Berchem stated it is the Board that sets the prerogative. He stated he can recite the rules to the Board; however the Board must make the decision. He stated if the adjustment is more than 5%, the Ordinance would have to be re-noticed.

Mayor Blake stated it is this Board that decides the financing of the particular proposal. He expressed his hope the Board listened to the thoughts and recommendations that were presented by the experts.

By roll call vote, the amendment carried 9 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bevan, Casey, Giannattasio, Grant, Smith, Vetro, Vitali) and 5 no (Bier, German, Golden, Shaw, Veccharelli).

On the main motion as amended, the motion carried 11 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Casey, Giannattasio, Golden, Grant, Shaw, Smith, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 3 no (Bevan, Bier, German).

Ald. Smith and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,599,500 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,599,500 Bonds of The City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Anderson spoke regarding the recommended addition to West Shore Middle School, the request, timing and what can be anticipated in the future.

Mr. Richetelli stated this Board voted for the design authorization previously and at this point they are close to final schematics.

Ald. Vitali stressed he hoped none of the schools getting a new roof are on a short list of schools to be closed.

Mr. Richetelli stated the Board of Education has voted to keep all eight elementary schools open.

Ald. German asked about the possibility of solar panels on the school roofs.

Mr. Richetelli introduced Paul Lisi from Antinozzi Associates, who's firm would be doing the roof replacements, as well as the window replacement.

Ald. Bier commented as to the projected costs for the roof replacement.

Mr. Richetelli stated the numbers are cost estimates since they have not gone out to bid.

Mr. Lisi stated these are budget numbers prepared for the grant. It has turned out these are not simple roof projects for each of the schools. He spoke regarding the Haz mat and PCB removal which is costly. He stated the second item is the condition of the existing roofs. He stated there is spray foam over the original roof. He stated water has seeped through the roof which has resulted in extensive rotting. He also spoke of the new code in effect.

Ald. Bier asked about remediation prior to the process.

Mr. Lisi stated it would be done in sections and proceeds along.

Ald. Shaw asked if there is Haz mat and PCB's present in all the schools.

Mr. Lisi responded yes, because of when they were built.

Ald. Shaw asked if PCB's were present at the other schools that have already been done.

Mr. Richetelli stated to his knowledge there was Haz materials at Jonathan Law High School, Joseph A. Foran High School and East Shore Middle School. He also pointed out the elementary school roofs are older.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the life span of the new roof once installed.

Mr. Lisi stated they will have a 20-year warranty, but typically they last 20-30 years.

Ald. Bier asked about state reimbursement and the amount.

Mr. Richetelli stated the roofs are reimbursable and that the current reimbursement rate is 37%.

Motion carried unanimously.

8j. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various School Improvements – 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

8k. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various Public Improvements – 2016.

Ald. Bier commented regarding the bonding and asked if it is done all at once.

Mayor Blake referred to the school projects which he stated are estimates. He stated this authorizes a top cap.

Motion carried unanimously.

8l. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Design and Construction of Sanitary Sewers – 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business not on the Agenda which may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfers 3 and 4, Fund 10, FY 15-16. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$7,182.00. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – no report.
- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.
- c. Public Works Committee – no report.
- d. Claims Committee – no report
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.
- b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – Ald. Bevan reported he attended the Park, Beach & Recreation Committee meeting where the discussed increasing parking fees at Walnut Beach and Gulf Beach.

Mayor Blake stated the fee increase is the recommendation of the Park, Beach and Recreation. He stated it is for non-residents only, adding it has been many years since there has been an increase.

- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.
- f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.

- g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.
- t. Liaison – Police Department – no report.
- u. Liaison – Fire Department – no report.

14. Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any item to be considered in executive session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required to go into executive session.

The Chairman shall announce, in public session, those items to be covered in executive session and call for a vote to enter executive session. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to enter executive session, is obtained, the hall shall be cleared and executive session declared.

There being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary