

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:31 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
M. Casey
S. Fontana
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
D. Kubek
S. Shaw
F. Smith
G. Stanford
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

Excused

B. Bier
M. Hardiman

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.

W. Ziebell – 10 Silver Street – stated he was here tonight regarding FEMA funds that were hijacked. He thanked the Mayor for sending a letter to FEMA as well as contacting the governor. He continued reading from a prepared statement, expressing concern about the make-up of the committee. He also stated it was important this committee be watched to make sure they were making the best decisions. Mr. Ziebell expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the City of Milford for their hard work.

B. Poutry – 25 Willow Street – stated he is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission and came to speak tonight in support of the Open Space Natural Resource Agent. He stated when the criteria were first proposed for this position Ald. Vitali asked where they would find this Renaissance man. Mr. Poutry stated they have found that person in Mr. Johnson. He also stated Mr. Johnson has accomplished so much in such a short time and went on to list his numerous accomplishments.

F. Nicoll – 14 Crest Place – stated he was speaking tonight regarding the killing of our young children. He continued reading from a prepared statement regarding abortion.

D. Hulme – 4 Callahan Drive – stated he is the President of the Milford Eagles Pop Warner Football League and a member of the Board of Directors at the YMCA. He spoke of the potential improvements at the YMCA and the huge benefits for the YMCA, which includes walking trails, biking, etc. With regard to Pop Warner he stated they have had the largest increase in their league. He stated they have added four more teams, including flag football and tiny mites. He stated there will be others that would talk regarding the fields and the benefits. Mr. Hulme stated one of the benefits would be playoff, which had the potential to bring revenue into the City.

J. Lynch – 47 Weeping Willow Lane – stated she is the Vice President of Milford United Soccer Club. She stated one of the functions of her job is coordinating scheduling of practices, games, etc. She went on to give the facts of the league. She stated due to competing sports adequate field space is needed.

R. DiStefano – 17 Briarwood Lane – stated he currently serves as the Director of Player Development. He stated it is vital for the organization that the aldermen support the purposed bonding on the agenda. He stated the turf fields being proposed will allow for more teams to practice. He also spoke to the quality of the playing surface which would be consistent with a turf field. Currently there is always concern for rocks, ruts and uneven playing surfaces. He stated as a lifelong player and coach this would be a positive for the community.

T. Young – 7 Myers Lane – stated he is the Vice President of the Milford Eagles Pop Warner Football League. He stated he wished to address the issue of safety. He stated currently there are 10 teams practicing at the West Shore field of varying ages. He stated with the overcrowding of the field there is the potential of collisions of players. He also spoke to the condition of the field when you have over 300 kids practicing at that field. He also stated the field where they practice is not even a regulation field.

S. McGinley – stated he is the President of the Milford Lacrosse League. He stated their league basically receives the fields no one else wants, i.e. Red Bush. He stated they too deal with field safety issues, which lead to injuries. He also pointed out lacrosse is the fastest growing youth sport. He stated scheduling is difficult, especially when there are rainouts; it can be days before they can play again. Mr. McGinley also stated parking is difficult at the fields because of the location of the field. He stated as was previously stated tournaments can be an economic value to the city.

K. Barry – 603 West River Street – stated he was here to speak on behalf of the Milford Eagles Pop Warner Football League. He echoed the comments of previous speakers, stating safety was his greatest concern. He stated practice at the West Shore Recreation field is extremely difficult for the league as well as the neighbors. He stated he hoped the aldermen would support the bonding.

K. Knudsen – 26 River Highland – stated he is the Vice President of the Girls Lacrosse League and noted the girls' league continues to grow. He stated there are so many leagues in Milford that would benefit from the turf field. He stated the kids they are currently using are very small, smaller than regulation fields. He stated he hoped the Board would vote for the bonding.

A. Carlson – 98 Franklin Road – stated he was here tonight to speak concerning the bond proposal. He stated he is a local pediatrician, as well as the team physician for the Foran Football Program and school programs at Foote School. In an ideal world grass was always safer than turf; however in the last 10-15 years fields have improved to a third general field. He stated this proposal is for a fourth generation field, which is a step beyond. He stated as a physician he has seen a reduction in ligamentous injuries, ACL, MCL, strains and tears on turf

fields compared to on grass fields. Dr. Carlson urged the Board to consider the proposal for the turf fields, for the sake of space and most importantly a safer field for the kids.

D. O'Connor – 40 Davis Drive – stated he is the Director of Football Operations for Milford Eagles Pop Warner Football League and responsible for scheduling. Reading from a prepared statement he spoke of the difficulties of scheduling, equipment and overall costs.

M. Morazes – 23 Lewis Street – stated he is the President of Milford United Soccer Club. He stated he wished to add to what was already being said tonight. He stated having these two additional turf fields would allow the city to host tournaments, jamborees, etc. He stated youth sports are family oriented, which means bringing shopping, dining, etc to the city. He stated tournaments would serve as a gateway into our city, but for that to happen, Milford needs quality, weather-proof fields.

N. Schmidt – 140 Milford Point Road – stated she is excited about the walking and biking paths for the outside of those fields. She stated Milford's sidewalks are in poor shape. She stated she has pushed to have these paths and that they would be a safe place for families as well as the elderly who also need a safe place to walk. She also commented about the Baby Alex program and explained their work.

C. Clifford – stated he is the Executive Director of the YMCA. He stated there were several reasons why the YMCA Board was in favor of this proposal. He stated it is in line with the mission of the YMCA, the upgrades and that the second floor work has been on target for completion. He also noted the collaboration with the Recreation Department and Mayor's Office. He stated it is a dual purpose for the YMCA and they are very happy for the opportunity.

D. Kiley – 37 Shelter Cove Road – stated he was speaking regarding the new fields and more important, the continuation of the open space position. He stated he came to Milford because of its community, the community events, etc.

D. Ivanovich – 25 Marsh Street – stated Milford Lacrosse also plays at the field at Christ of the Redeemer Church. He spoke of the size of the fields and the condition and urged the Board to vote for the bonding of the two new fields.

R. Young – 111 Captains Walk – stated he is very busy with four young boys who are very involved in athletics. He spoke of the condition of the fields and stated that many times they are like a mud pit or the complete opposite, a total dust bowl. He stated this is a great opportunity for the City.

M. Taylor – 340 Wolf Harbor Road – stated he is in support of the turf fields. He stated with a daughter very active in soccer, he has had the opportunity to travel to many different towns and has seen many types of facilities. He stated it would be great for Milford to have a facility it can be proud of and that it is something very exciting as a taxpayer and further that it would give Milford a great economic value.

B. Milton – 32 Elm Street – stated he is in support of the funding for the open space agent. She continued reading from a prepared statement regarding the work of the open space agent.

D. Crego – 43 Gunn Street – urged the Board to vote in favor of the funding of the turf fields, but that there was much more to be done.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on January 6, 2014.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro thanked everyone for coming out tonight in light of the weather. He also announced the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade would be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 and urged all to attend.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake thanked all who came out tonight and braved the hazardous, snowy conditions. He announced Richard Platt, the City's Historian would be retiring effective February 15, 2014, adding Mr. Platt is a scholar and someone who could not be replaced. He stated he would begin the process of finding someone to take over those duties. He also spoke of Milford's 375th celebration and the upcoming re-enactment on February 12, 2014 which would take place at City Hall. He stated he would ask the Board's consideration and action on those agenda items 8a-8r and that he would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve pursuant to Article II, Section 16(7) of the Charter of the City of Milford, Board of Aldermen, approval of the request for the appointment of (R) Thomas Panzella, 215 Cedarhurst Lane, to complete the unexpired term of Daniel Rindos (resigned) on the Planning and Zoning Board, representing the First District. (Term to expire 12/31/15).

Ald. Giannattasio stated he would be remiss if he did not acknowledge the service of Mr. Rindos. He stated he is a great guy, a true servant of the city and someone who was great to work with. He also stated he was excited for Mr. Panzella and looked forward to his leadership. He urged the Board to support this appointment.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the re-appointment of (R) Robert Thomas, 50 Underhill Road, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of appeals (five-year term expiring 12/31/17), and for the appointment of (D) Sarah Ferrante, 82 Pond Street, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the unexpired term of (D) David DeFlumeri (resigned) (term to expire 12/31/14). Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for appointment of (R) Gregory Smith, 235 Plains Road, as a member of the Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission (VFW) to fill the present vacancy (term to expire 12/31/16).

Ald. Giannattasio commented Mr. Smith is a former veteran and former chairman of the Board of Aldermen and that he could not think of a better person to fill this vacancy. He urged the Board to support this appointment.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (D) Teresa Nolan, 258 Oak Ridge Lane, as a member of the Milford Council on Aging to fill the present vacancy (two-year term expiring 12/31/16). Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant City Clerk Suzanne Paul swore in Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Ferrante.

8e. 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.

8f. 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.

8g. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board dated January 8, 2014, to use available funds in the amount of \$55,000.00 from the Open Space Fund, Account #0040-4142-0432, for the purpose of continuing the service of an Open Space and Natural Resource Agent; and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to take all steps necessary for the continuation of such Open Space and Natural Resource Agent.

Ald. Anderson stated the remarks of Mr. Poutry and Ms. Milton were some of the comments he was prepared to give. He stated there were a lot of concerns a year ago when this position was formulated. He also talked about the concerns he had after the fire at Beaverbrook and the many different ideas for that area. Ald. Anderson stated he was happy Beaverbrook remained an open space area. He stated the incumbent in this position has done some heavy lifting and bringing in additional dollars. He stated he was strongly in favor of this position and urged his colleagues to support it.

Ald. Giannattasio commented he wished to rise in support of continuing this position and that he has heard nothing but positive feedback from his constituents. He echoed the comments of Ald. Anderson and urged his colleagues to support this.

Ald. Stanford stated when you look at the report of what Mr. Johnson has done for the City of Milford it is monumental. She applauded his efforts and stated she too has heard all positive comments from her colleagues.

Ald. Vitali commented it has been a long haul and that he has received numerous positive calls regarding the work of Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Kubek stated she had the pleasure recently of doing a tour with Mr. Johnson and noted he has done a phenomenal job.

Ald. Smith stated he recalled that 15 years ago it was about acquiring open space. He stated what this Board is voting on is extending that office. He stated Mr. Johnson is the first person to occupy this office and he really is the Renaissance man the city was looking for. Ald. Smith stated he has only heard the highest praise for his work and that Milford was lucky to have him. He stated he would support this.

Ald. German echoed the comments of his colleagues and stated he was in favor of continuing this position.

Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board dated January 8, 2014 to use available funds in the amount of \$55,000 from the Open Space Fund, Account #0040-4142-0434-0434, for the purpose of continuing the service of an Open Space and Natural Resource Agent; and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to take all steps necessary for the continuation of such Open Space and Natural Resource Agent.

Ald. Giannattasio commented this is another example of the work of Steve Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously.

8j. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board dated January 8, 2014 to commence Sanitary Sewer Infill Project #2 to provide gravity sewers on Wilson Street, a portion of High Street from the Boston Post Road to the I-95 ramps, a portion of Plains Road from the vicinity of Tranquility Way to the railroad tracks and Raton Drive, in its entirety, and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Chairman of the Sewer Commission to sign any documents and take all steps necessary to effectuate said Sanitary Infill Project #2.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this was part of the bond Ordinance.

Mayor Blake stated this was an 8-24. He explained the infill project, even if the Board does not fund it is still the next project to move forward.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this is the way it has been done historically.

Mayor Blake stated it is per State Statute and the authority of the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Aldermen.

Motion carried unanimously.

8k. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution initiating Charter Revision.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he wished to be clear that a 2/3 majority was need. He questioned if it was a 2/3 vote of the whole Board or those Board members in attendance.

City Attorney Berchem stated it is of the entire Board.

The Board recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 9:15 p.m.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to table this matter.

Ald. Vitali raised a point of order and stated there is a motion on the table.

Ald. Anderson stated he believed a motion to table overrides.

Ald. Vitali read language from Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion to table carried unanimously.

8l. REMOVED (due to item 8k being tabled).

8m. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Confirming City of Milford's Commitment and Participation in a Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Motion carried unanimously.

8n. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the City to accept the Capacity Building Award (CBA) in the amount of \$3,500 from the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) and to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director and Health Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

8o. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education – Concerning Various Schools – Asbestos Abatement/Tile Replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Smith reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider six Ordinances. He stated the first Ordinance was to consider bonding for various school security upgrades, FF&E at East Shore Middle School, various school asbestos abatement/tile replacement and replacement of synthetic fields at Foran and Law High Schools for a total bonding Ordinance of \$3,973,000.

12a-1. Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,973,000 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,973,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he had a question regarding the school security.

Mayor Blake acknowledged Mr. Richetelli, Mr. Woods, Chairman of the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee and Mr. Silver, Silver Petrucelli Architects.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the security upgrades were for all schools.

Mr. Richetelli stated the \$1M was the municipal portion of the State Grant which was awarded to the City. He explained the money has to be put up front, but pointed out the projects are reimbursed at 46%.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the FF&E, where the East Shore Middle School project stood and the total amount of money spent at East Shore Middle School.

Mr. Woods stated on February 6, 2012 the Board of Aldermen appropriated \$12M for Phase I, then on February 4, 2013 the Board of Aldermen appropriated \$8,694,060 for Phase II. He stated the \$975,000 for Phase III would cover the bids for the FF&E, except for the media center furniture which was previously purchased; and the \$330,000 for renovation of the bathrooms and construction administration. Mr. Woods stated there was \$131,976 in contingency.

Ald. Giannattasio asked Mr. Woods is he was confident these monies would complete the project.

Mr. Woods replied yes.

Ald. Giannattasio asked Mr. Woods the total amount of the East Shore Middle School project.

Mr. Woods stated \$22M, which included financing.

Ald. Vitali asked about security. He stated he attended the public forum of the Long Range Planning Committee and that some of the proposals included closing schools. He asked how it was possible to make decisions regarding the schools when they did not know which schools may close.

Mr. Richetelli stated if the money is appropriated tonight it would still take four to six months to put the equipment in. He stated the Long Range Planning Committee will be making recommendations to the school board in late March, but that no decision has been made as yet. He stated the total cost of the security measures is \$2.8M, but this money would get them started.

Ald. Anderson asked if the security was funded entirely out of the bonding, either previously or through tonight's money or if it would be funded separately.

Mr. Richetelli stated the security would include mostly the cameras which he stated is reimbursable at 55%. He stated the district is taking its lead from the State Security Infra Structure.

Ald. Anderson asked about the timeframe.

Mr. Richetelli stated according to the grant you can apply for anything post Sandy Hook. He stated the lock sets, 911 direct link are all reimbursable. He stated the major bulk is upgrading camera and electronic access. Mr. Richetelli pointed out that Milford is far ahead of most school districts. He stated the next phase would be fortifying a self-contained vestibule area at the schools.

Ald. Anderson asked about the administration wing and if that was part of Phase I.

Mr. Woods replied yes. He reminded the Board that originally there were no phases to this project.

Ald. Anderson asked the cost of the administration wing.

Mr. Woods stated he did not have a breakdown.

Ald. Stanford stated she was delighted after all these years that all schools were getting a security system, adding it would make our students safer. She applauded the work of the school system.

Mayor Blake addressed the question regarding the Long Range Planning Committee. He stated those projects that have been identified will be part of the future of the Milford School District. He stated there still are a few more months of work before the project is complete. Mayor Blake also pointed out that historically bonding in the past has been around \$20M, however this year it is about \$3M less because planning is still ongoing. He reiterated all projects are part of Milford's educational future. He went on to explain the grant that became available after Sandy Hook.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-2. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$8,717,500 for Various Public Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$8,717,500 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Smith stated the bonding was for citywide road, sidewalk and curb repaving and construction, various erosion and flood control projects and repair work and the like at the Parsons Government Center and City Hall and for the construction of two multi-purpose athletic fields.

Ald. Giannattasio asked how much money has been spent to date on the clock tower at City Hall.

Mayor Blake stated the project actually started before he was in office. He stated to date the project has been done in-house by a seasonal temp. He stated he did not have the breakdown of man hours. He explained the final portion of the project involves specialty work which will be going out to bid shortly. Mayor Blake also spoke about the Parson's cupola which will be a larger project. He spoke of the environmental controls and

energy efficiency for both buildings once the work is completed. He also stated a portion of the work at Parsons is for the re-pointing of bricks.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the work that would be going out to bid for the clock tower would complete the work.

Mayor Blake replied yes.

Ald. Giannattasio asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the two proposed synthetic, multi-purpose athletic fields. He asked if it would be Public Works, and if so, if they would be properly trained.

Mayor Blake stated when the current synthetic fields were installed at the high schools they had a shelf life of 8-10 years. He stated the tier field proposed for the two new fields has a longer shelf life. He stated tonight the Board heard from many sports leagues. These sports, baseball, lacrosse, soccer are now played year round, adding that turf fields can be played on 24 hours a day/7 days a week. He explained one of the fields will replace the smaller kid's field. Mayor Blake stated if this moves forward the City would enter into a new contract with the YMCA. He stated this would be a savings of not having to maintain the grass fields.

Ald. Anderson commented much more could be done with Platt Tech's acreage, adding it is a good location which could provide a nexus. He also spoke to the monies the YMCA has spent to improve its facilities. He stated this is a win/win for all.

Ald. Kubek thanked all the speakers who came out tonight. She stated it was heartening to see so many adults coordinate and volunteering their time providing children with life lessons and getting them out and away from the video games, television, etc. He agreed with Ald. Anderson that this is a win/win.

Ald. Shaw stated she heard tonight of the economic benefits and agreed this could bring so many people into Milford, which is all part of the economic vitality of the City.

Ald. German thanked everyone for coming out to speak. He spoke to the importance of keeping our kids active. He asked if the \$3,330,000 was just for the fields at Orange Avenue.

Mayor Blake stated it was for two fields at Orange Avenue. He stated the hope is that there will be a cost savings bidding them at the same time, similar to when the high school fields went out to bid. As to the high school fields, he stated Law would be done this year and Foran next year, and that the work for both of those fields would be bid together.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-3. Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$4,441,000 for the Design and Construction of Sanitary Sewers and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,441,000 bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio questioned the decision as far as replacing and or repairing the piping.

Mr. Macaluso (Westcott and Mapes) explained the 15" pipe has to be upgraded to 18" to be able to take the flows. He stated there is an existing 8" there. He also spoke as to the force main and that the road is a DOT road. He explained work would be based on new technology which is a cost savings to the City. He continued with a detailed explanation of the work.

Motion carried unanimously.

8p. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various School Improvements – 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

8q. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various Public Improvements – 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

8r. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Kubek made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for the Design and construction of Sanitary Sewers – 2-14. 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

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfers #5 and #6, Fund 10 and Fund 12, FY 14. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$19,975.14. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Smith stated the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider six (6) Ordinances. He stated the Board has already addressed the first three Ordinance with the following being the final three Ordinances.

12a-4 Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Revenue and Finance, Division 2, Purchasing Department Bidding Procedure, Section 2-91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Requirements for Competitive Bidding). Motion carried unanimously.

12a-5 Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II, Sections 6-15 through 6-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Radio Amplification System).

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this was a public speaker.

Assistant Chief Baker stated it is a bi-directional amplifier re-transmitted inside the building to their radios. He explained they found buildings where the department did not have complete coverage. He stated this Ordinance puts the burden on contractors building new larger buildings.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this was used to communicate.

Assistant Chief Baker responded yes, adding it is for both police and fire frequency.

Ald. German asked the cost.

Assistant Chief Baker stated it is approximately \$4,500. He reiterated it is for new businesses larger than 10,000 square feet or bigger, or in renovations more than 50% of the existing building.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-6 Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.1, City of Milford Harbor Management Plan Rules and Regulations, Article III, General Regulations, Section 16.1-35 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (City Docks and Boat Ramps).

Ald. Smith stated the new rates were detailed in the Board of Aldermen packet.

Ald. Casey thanked Mr. Post and Mr. Swift for their work on this. He stated he planned on supporting this, but asked if there had ever been any discussions about incentives for lower rates on week days as compared to weekends.

Mr. Swift stated the same applies to the other side. He stated that consistently they see seasonal tickets and not much of a daily ticket. He also stated it is crowded on the weekends, but there is not enough of a turnover.

Ald. Shaw thanked both men for coming back and for all of their work. She thanked them for achieving this without putting the onus of the loss of PILOT funds on the homeowner.

Ald. Giannattasio stated it was good to see both men back. He stated he wished to make it clear the minority of the Board was advocating for this last month but it was not supported by the majority. He stated he hoped the Board could continue to help at the harbor in the future.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he disagreed there was any political pressure, but that this was reviewed and came back to this Board with smaller increases. He also asked about the two parking spaces down there and asked if there was any chance of increasing that to three spaces.

Ald. Anderson noted for the record that this is a fee of \$35 upon passage, going up \$5.00 each year through 2017. He also noted no one on this Board was looking to increase the rate for seniors and that rate remains flat.

Ald. Stanford stated she agreed with Ald. Anderson that the fees for seniors remain the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 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 – Ald. Vitali reported he attended the Board of Education meeting on January 13, 2014 where a discussion of the Governance policy took place with further discussions to take place. He also reported the Milford Education Foundation is seeking a partnership with the Board of Education and that they are in the process of applying for their 501(c)3. Ald. Vitali reported the Board of Education budget workshops recently took place. He reported the superintendent's proposed budget had an increase of 1.326%.

Ald. Kubek reported she attended a demonstration of the new computers on January 27, 2014.

- b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report
- 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.

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.

- 14a. Consideration of settlement of Gabrielli Realty of Milford, LLC v. City of Milford
Re: 401 Old Gate Lane

Chairman Vetro announced those individuals entering Executive Session would be the full Board, Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Smith made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the matter(s) announced by the Chairman above. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Fontana interjected; she asked if there would be any discussion as to Connecticut General Statute Section 13-224 regarding property tax exemptions.

Mayor Blake stated the city assessor has been monitoring this, but it is still a wait and see.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:25 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:35 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: Gabrielli Realty of Milford, LLC v. City of Milford Re: 401 Old Gate Lane, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden moved to adjourn at 10:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary