

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, February 3, 2014. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Smith, Chairman
S. Shaw
A. Giannattasio
B. Anderson
M. Casey

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Chairman F. Smith stated the Ordinance Committee would consider 6 separate Ordinances in accordance with the legal notice posted in the New Haven Register on January 28, 2014.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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).
6. 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).

Chairman Smith stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

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.

Chairman Smith stated part of this Ordinance was for security improvements, also furniture, fixtures and equipment at East Shore Middle School, asbestos abatement and the high school athletic fields.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

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.

Chairman Smith stated this amount is for various flood and erosion control projects. He stated it also included road paving and curb repairs, as well as sidewalks. Chairman Smith stated this Ordinance also included monies for City Hall building and the Parsons Complex building and consideration of two new synthetic fields at Orange Avenue at the YMCA.

Speakers in Favor – none

Speakers in Opposition – none.

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.

Chairman Smith stated this was being requested for the infill project #2 at Plains Road, Wilson Road and Edgefield Avenue.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

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.

Chairman Smith explained this Ordinance amendment would make the City consistent with Connecticut General Statutes §7-148, which he stated was enacted last June. He stated it would also make Milford consistent with most other municipalities.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

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).

Mayor Blake stated this would be for new construction buildings that are more than 10,000 sq. ft.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

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).

Chairman Smith commented this puts forth a new schedule for city docks and is a revision to the fees requested by the Harbor Management Commission.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation 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 Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he had several questions that he would bring up during the full Board of Aldermen meeting. He stated with the possibility of one or more schools being closed he would like to discuss this more at the full Board of Aldermen meeting.

Chairman Smith stated it was his understanding this Ordinance was for security upgrades, FF&E and reminded the Board that they will receive 44% reimbursement from the State. He pointed out reimbursement for the FF&E was 55%.

Ald. Anderson stated it was also his understanding the City would receive \$1.3M and that the City funds would help with security upgrades.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ald. Giannattasio stated he had some reservations and would voice his concerns at the full Board of Aldermen meeting.

Chairman Smith stated there were members from Public Works, as well as Mr. Wassmer, City Engineer, available this evening that could speak at the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ald. Giannattasio stated he would like the liberty to ask questions at the full Board of Aldermen meeting regarding the pipe lining v. pipe replacement.

Chairman Smith noted the presence tonight of Mr. Macaluso from Westcott and Mapes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation 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.

Chairman Smith commented regarding the threshold for competitive bidding.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he was happy to see the City being proactive and updating its regulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation 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 how this Ordinance came about.

Mayor Blake stated this was brought up by the Fire Department, Chief Edo and Assistant Chief Baker. He stated other municipalities have adopted this Ordinance as well. Mayor Blake added it would allow for much better coverage.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there are dead zones in the City.

Mayor Blake stated there are zones with less than 100% coverage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation 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. Giannattasio commented he was happy to see this Ordinance back before the Board. He stated the Minority felt the Harbor Commission was due an increase and reiterated he was happy to see it and stated he would support it.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary