

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public session on Monday, February 5, 2007. Chairman V. Ditchkus, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. and read the public notice as posted in the New Haven Register.

MEMBERS PRESENT

V. Ditchkus, Jr., Chairman
J. Garbus, Vice Chairman
B. Blake
J. Politi
N. Veccharelli

Chairman V. Ditchkus, Jr. opened the public session of the Ordinance Committee at 6:48 p.m. regarding the following Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance appropriating \$12,937,000 for various school improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$12,937,000 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 Opposed – None.

2. An Ordinance appropriating \$3,300,000 for the East/West interceptor replacement and authorizing the issuance of \$3,300,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Speakers in Favor:

S. Borer – 204 Anderson Avenue – asked if there was anything in this for Rosemary Court.

Attorney Lipton replied no.

Speakers Opposed – None.

3. An Ordinance appropriating \$4,650,000 for various public improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$4,650,000 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 Opposed – None

4. An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance appropriating \$3,400,000 for various public improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$3,400,000 bonds for the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers Opposed – None

5. An Ordinance Establishing Article XI.A of Chapter 18 of the Milford Code of Ordinances Establishing Milford Historic District No. 2.

Speakers in Favor:

A. Jepson, City Clerk – 77 Plains Road – reported to the Committee that in accordance with State law he conducted a secret ballot vote on January 5, 2006 as follows: 194 ballots mailed, 149 returned, 4 rejected for technical reasons and 145 counted. He reported this was conducted for the proposed No. 2 Historic District with the results as follows: 111 approved, 34 disapproved. He stated a 2/3 vote was required or 76.45% and it was approved based on these numbers.

Speakers Opposed – None.

6. An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance creating Article XVII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Tree Commission, Appointment of Alternates).

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Ditchkus closed the public session at 6:35 p.m.

Ald. Politi and Ald. Garbus moved to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Garbus and Ald. Politi moved to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance appropriating \$12,937,000 for various school improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$12,937,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Blake raised questions regarding the Building Committee and discussions at Foran regarding the building of new classrooms and new bathrooms and stated the classrooms were the result of the new bathrooms being built.

Mayor Richetelli referred the members of the Committee to the their packages where an explanation is provided for all these items that will take place in Phase II. He also stated that Mike Cummings, Principal at Foran was present.

Mr. Cummings stated there is a link between the bathrooms to the classroom and that these are separate needs. He stated the current bathrooms are small and unventilated. He stated in the next phase bathrooms were to be renovated. He stated the projection is that they were be ok for a few years but these needs as listed are the priorities.

Ald. Politi spoke of Phase I and Phase II and asked if Phase III encompasses this plan.

Mr. Cummings stated it would depend on the future work. He explained Phase I is the stairwells and sprinklers.

Ald. Politi asked about the cafeteria and if that if Phase II.

Mr. Cummings replied no.

Mayor Richetelli stated this was intended to be a three-phase project, however it will probably be four. He stated the lead dust put them back a year. He explained in order to maximum reimbursement from the State it makes sense to do the asbestos with the lead.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Garbus and Ald. Politi moved to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance appropriating \$3,300,000 for the East/West interceptor replacement and authorizing the issuance of \$3,300,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Chairman Ditchkus commented this is the section that will be replaced for the pump house West to Bridgeport.

Mayor Richetelli replied this was that section and that it is approximately 5,000 linear feet. He reminded the Committee that the full Board approved \$5,000 to do an investigation of the pipe and it was found the pipe needed to be replaced from Bridgeport Avenue to West Avenue pump station. He also stated that 2/3 of the sewage of the entire city flows through this pipe and a failure of this pipe could result in a major environmental problem.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Garbus and Ald. Politi moved to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance appropriating \$4,650,000 for various public improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$4,650,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Blake noted the appropriations for a fire department pumper and engine and asked if this was just for the pumper and engine or two other vehicles as well.

Mayor Richetelli stated this is for the pumper and explained the fire department vehicle is from the vehicle acquisition program although some is bonded.

Chairman Ditchkus commented this is to replace the engine that was sent to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Mayor Richetelli added they are on a schedule to replace on every 1 to 2 ½ years which would be the 20 years.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Beirne recognized Ald. Blake. Ald. Blake stated he wished to reserve his questions and/or comments for the full Board.

Mayor Richetelli stated he wished to make it clear to the members of the Committee that this is an amendment to an Ordinance from 2005 and stated the are not bonding \$3,400,000. He stated that project (2005) cam in \$600,000 under budget. He stated he was proposing by amendment to allow up to \$400,000 to go toward much needed dredging of the channel. He also commented that although this is a federal responsibility that we have been discussing for many years there is not enough money in the federal budget to come to Milford and at this point we just can't wait. He stated this is a navigational hazard and if we don't do something it will have a bigger problem. He explained we are taking advantage of money from a previous project that came in much lower. He also commented he received a favorable response from Rep. R. Roy and Speaker of the House J. Amann that they would put in for reimbursement but there are no guarantees.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the monies for the bulkhead repair are from a Fund 40 account.

Mayor Richetelli responded no and explained if they don't need it they don't bond for it. He stated if this is authorized tonight they would be able to move forward with the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Garbus and Ald. Politi moved to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Establishing Article XI.A of Chapter 18 of the Milford Code of Ordinances Establishing Milford Historic District No. 2.

Chairman Ditchkus explained this is the item Mr. Jepson referred to during the public session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Garbus and Ald. Polit moved to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance creating Article XVII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Tree Commission, Appointment of Alternates).

Chairman Ditchkus explained this allows for two alternates and that they already have an existing Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Politi and Ald. Garbus moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Board Secretary