

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2011 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for those men and women serving our country. He also acknowledged the recent passing of Elvera Kennedy, mother of the Board's secretary, Dick Palmer and Margaret Filakowsky.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bevan
B. Bier
B. Blake
D. German
F. Goodrich
A. Giannattasio
B. Joy
J. Patterson
G. Smith
P. Smith
P. Staneski
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
L. Stock, City Clerk
W. Smith, Jr., City Attorney

Excused

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.

J. Jeffrey – stated he is a Deacon in West Haven, residing at 60 Richmond Street. He stated he was speaking tonight on behalf of his parents who are long time residents residing at 17 Grove Street. He stated he was speaking concerning the proposed sewer station, which is currently on hold due to legal issues because the city does not own the street. He went on to explain the diagram he brought stating his parents will look right at this proposed sewer station from their home. He stated the building being proposed is more like a tower at 22' tall that will be built on a ledge toward the wetland. He also stated the residents of Grove Street have signed a petition requesting an ejector pump be considered as an option.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – spoke regarding an estate sale he recently attended and an item called a "snow rake". He also shared a story regarding taxes and the amount folks in Florida pay as compared to folks in Connecticut noting taxes in Florida were going down. Mr. Petrahai stated he is on a fixed income and finding it

increasingly difficult, noting the increase of oil prices recently. He commented municipal and state workers make more money in retirement than what most people make in a 40 hour work week.

S. Joslin – 7 Warren Street – stated she was here regarding the budget increase and taxes and voice her objection to the increase in taxes. She stated it was horrible the City could not come in under budget and stated the Federal, State and Local government should do all they can to do this. She stated she works part time in the senior center and spoke of what she sees each day. She stated people are just not making it and ending up unemployed, losing their jobs, etc., adding these are good people so have fallen victim to the economy.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – spoke regarding the television/video recording. He stated it is still difficult to hear through the television. He stated if the system cannot be fixed it should be removed from the budget. He also stated he is against any tax increase. He stated everyone needs to make sacrifices. He stated he was speaking tonight for seniors and that they just cannot take another tax increase. He asked the Board to start to think of the taxpayers.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on January 3, 2011.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith offered condolences to the Board secretary on the death of her mother. He also stated he was proud to acknowledge Tom Acri, the recipient of the VFW's teacher of the year.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he respectfully asked for the Board's acting regarding items 8a and 8q and that he would be happy to discuss each as they come up on the agenda. Additionally, Mayor Richetelli stated there would be a brief presentation from the SMART/PAYT Committee. He also updated the Board regarding snow removal and the snow budget. He stated to date snow removal costs totaled \$292,758, which he stated is more than budgeted. He stated they have expended all the money in the reserve and that they are currently using county road grant funds. He stated crews have been out 24 hours at a time and added they have had to rent pay loaders to truck snow to Eisenhower Park. Mayor Richetelli also reported the DEP has relaxed their rules if the need arises that they have to dump snow into Long Island Sound. He stated as of right now they are not coming to the Board for any additional funds. He also made the Board aware of two roof collapses in Milford and stated thankfully there were no injuries. He commended the Public Works department and the work they have done during this unprecedented winter.

Mayor Richetelli deferred to Ms. Roberta Silver for her presentation. He also acknowledged Daniel Hooks and that the both of them and the committee for their hard work.

Ms. Silver explained the charge of the SMART/PAYT Committee was to explore options of reducing trash. Reading from a prepared statement she explained where the committee is to date. She also distributed a handout which explained the switch over to single stream #1-7 items, such as chipboard, cardboard, glass, newspaper, etc.

Ald. Bevan thanked Ms. Silver and the Committee for their work. He asked if switching over to single stream would require additional people to perform the additional tasks.

Ms. Silver responded no. She explained the totes would be lifted with lifts and that additional staff would not be necessary. She also stated pick-up would be every other week.

Ald. Bevan asked if it would take the employees longer.

Ms. Silver stated she would defer to Mr. Hooks for that response.

Mr. Hooks stated no, adding with any new system there is an adjustment period.

Ald. Bevan asked if they would be getting any new trucks.

Ms. Silver replied one which would be retrofitted. She stated some of the other trucks are much older.

Ald. Blake noted there are four new trucks. He asked if the committee had investigated retrofitting the present trucks.

Mayor Richetelli replied they had. He stated the new trucks have a hydraulic lift. He explained with each truck there would be a driver and one person to hook the tote. He stated the current trucks are obsolete.

Chairman G. Smith asked how reducing the tipping fee would save Milford money. He also stated it was his understanding the estimated time would be four years.

Mayor Richetelli explained the current contract they have with Wheelebrator. He stated they pay by the ton and that it is a fixed rate by contract. He explained by not having to separate the items it would reduce the weight going to the scales. He pointed out the committee has done comparisons and there is no doubt it is a money reducer. Mayor Richetelli also stated a very important part of the entire process is educating the citizens of Milford, which is an important component.

Ms. Silver added with advertising and having a web site they would be able to get the information to the public.

Ald. Vitali asked the cost of the 96 gallon tote.

Ms. Silver responded \$58.00

Ald. Vitali asked the cost of the 60 gallon tore.

Ms. Silver responded \$49.55.

Ald. Vitali asked about the last page of the handout and if she could explain what is actually acceptable.

Ms. Silver explained they items would need to be small enough to fit into the container.

Ald. Staneski expressed concern with enforcement of dumping the contents.

Ms. Silver explained what happens in other towns.

Mayor Richetelli reiterated it is through education and letting people know how much easier it will be.

Ald. German explained how the materials are separated at the facility through a conveyor belt.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if a homeowner would be able to load their newspapers into a plastic bag and then into the recycling bin.

Ms. Silver explained the items do not need to be separated, but that she was unsure plastic was allowed.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about the assignment of the totes in light of our society being so mobile, there being renters, etc. He asked who would keep track of the bins.

Ms. Silver stated it would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Ald. Veccharelli asked what happens if the tote is compromised in any way or cracked and how it is repaired.

Ms. Silver explained there is full replacement on the totes for 18 years for normal wear and tear. She reiterated it is the homeowners' responsibility.

Ald. P. Smith stated it is her understanding telephone books are not recyclable.

Ms. Silver stated old telephone books can be dropped off at the facility just off the Green and also at the transfer station at certain times.

Ald. Giannattasio commented he is a fan of single stream recycling. He stated he wanted reassurance they would not be penalized.

Mayor Richetelli stated they should recognize some payment, but it depends on the market.

Ald. Blake stated the 2011-2012 proposed budget has \$2.3 million in the budget and asked if that figure could be changed.

Mayor Richetelli stated it was too early to tell. He stated they have some information from other towns as to what they saved, but reiterated it would be premature to say. He also commented they are waiting for the completion of the plant in Stratford before they can get started with the program.

Ms. Silver pointed out the projections shown in the handouts is just that a projection.

Chairman G. Smith thanked Ms. Silver and Mr. Hooks for all of the information and the hard work of the committee.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

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

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Grant application for Department of Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Grant Application for Youth and Family Services Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Application for State Department of Social Services.

Ald. Staneski commented the filing is through the department, but it really is Good Sheppard.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Grnat Application for Police and Youth Service Coordination Project. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 5 (Reimbursement General Fund for Eastside Fire Station Advance from Allocation Transfer No. 1 – 9/13/10). Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the request to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$289,725 to be used to purchase forty-five (45)+/- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (air packs) and sixty-nine (69)+/- face pieces; and to authorize the expenditure of the City's twenty (20) percent cost share of \$57,945; and to authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the acceptance of this grant and implementation of the program.

Chairman G. Smith asked if the Mayor could enlighten the Board regarding this application.

Mayor Richetelli stated they were looking for the Board's approval to apply for this. He stated if they did not receive this grant it would likely be from the general operating budget. He deferred to Chief LaVecchia for further comment.

Chief LaVecchia stated the standards call for air packs to be updated every 15 years. He went on to explain some of the upgrades.

Ald. Blake noted the same line item in the budget and asked if that line item could be reduced to \$0.

Chief LaVecchia responded no explaining that line item is for the maintenance account. He stated the grant allows them to replace front line equipment. He explained when the recruits go to the academy they use old equipment, which then needs to be replaced.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 6 (City's Share – FEMA 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant). Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 7 (Internal Fund Transfer – Workers Compensation Fund to Health Insurance Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Milford Fire Department and the City of Milford to apply for the FEMA 2010 Fire Prevention Grant in an estimated amount of \$54,319 of which the cost share to the City would be twenty (20) percent or an estimated \$10,864 for a Fire Prevention Safety/Smoke Trailer and to authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents to effectuate the application of this grant (per memo from Assistant Chief Alan Zingaro dated January 19, 2011).

Ald. Blake asked if this was something the City really needed.

Chief LaVecchia stated the department has had a very active Fire Prevention Program for the last 40 years. He stated the program teaches not only prevention, but awareness. He stated he understands that asking for \$10,000 is an issue during tough times. He stated if this were approved tonight they would attempt to obtain additional funds to offset the cost.

Ald. Blake agreed it is a robust program, but that they have gotten by without it for all these years. He stated it seems like another piece of apparatus that will need to be maintained and stored.

Chief LaVecchia stated it would be proactive in their program. He pointed out the city has had 4 fire fatalities in the last 7 years and stated training children to get out of a fire is important.

Chairman Smith asked if they could share the cost with another town.

Chief LaVecchia reminded the Board the action tonight was only to apply.

Ald. P. Smith pointed out the motion is just to allow the department to apply for the grant.

Ald. Vitali asked how they planned to implement this in the education piece and if they had consulted with the administrators.

Chief LaVecchia replied they have a commitment to the program.

Ald. Vitali suggested to the Chief it would behoove them to work in concert with the Board of Education that any extension to the program is warranted.

Ald. Joy expressed concern regarding the maintenance issue, manning issues and storage. He stated he understood the request tonight was the ability to go forward with the grant. He stated he would not want to see the department proceed with the grant only to come back later and not receive a favorable response.

Chief LaVecchia stated the vehicle is a low cost maintenance item and that it would be stored outside.

Chairman G. Smith stated the cost of this item is \$54,000. He stated they were reminded tonight the city's tax share is unknown and that he did not believe he could vote to move forward with this given the current economy.

Chief LaVecchia stated the Board would understand the value of this vehicle if they were to view it firsthand.

Chairman G. Smith stated he did not say it did not have value; just that it was not something the taxpayers could afford right now.

Ald. Veccharelli applauded the Chief. He stated as a retired firefighter he recalled going into the classroom and educating the children what to do in the event of a fire. He stated the trailer is a phenomenal piece of equipment and a small price to pay to further educate kids. He stated it is a well thought out plan and expressed his hope the Board would vote in favor of it.

Chief LaVecchia explained a firefighter is assigned to the schools and conducts the program on their own time.

Ald. Staneski asked if it was a competitive grant and whether it was a federal grant.

Chief LaVecchia responded yes.

Ald. Staneski asked if the department could loan it out other departments and charge a fee. She also asked what the State charges to use their trailer.

Fire Inspector A. Vargo stated the State charges \$300 to \$350, but that they only own one.

Ald. Staneski applauded the efforts of the department for looking into this.

Ald. Giannattasio commented he could support it, but it was unfortunate the Board was not provided with detailed information on the trailer, photographs, etc.

The recessed at 9:08 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 9:16 p.m.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, G. Smith).

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 12a 1-3. Motion carried unanimously.

12a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Giannattasio reported the committee met earlier in the evening to discuss three Ordinances and voted favorably to forward the Ordinances to the full Board as follows:

12a-1 Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$5,630,000 For Various School Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance of \$5,630,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ald. Blake commented that a few months ago Tom Beirne came before this Board with a number of facts and figures regarding the city's bonding and spending levels. He stated the Board is being asked tonight to consider a lot of money. She also stated during public comment the Board heard from a woman who comes across more and more people who have lost jobs, had hours cut, etc. Ald. Blake stated the economy really has not rebounded and further the bonding being considered just is not balanced with the economy and not realistic. He stated while many of the items may be warranted, it was hard to swallow as a \$20,000 nugget.

Mayor Richetelli stated he wished to correct Ald. Blake as to the number and that it was not \$20,000. He also pointed out there are many items that are responsible items and part of the city's infrastructure. Mayor Richetelli stated the City of Milford is a well managed community with a low to moderate debt burden. He also explained the need to plan for the future so that taxpayers down the road will not have to pay many times more. He also pointed out that many of the items have been in the Capital Improvement Plan for many years and challenged anyone to say they were not responsible. He stated the roof at Jonathan Law High School is over 30 years old and part of the roof at Joseph A. Foran High School is the original roof. He stated the teachers and students at East Shore Middle School are in a building that was built over 50 years ago as a small elementary school. Mayor Richetelli stated it was Ald. Blake himself who last year pushed for the work at Law evening during difficult times. He stated it is nice to say it is bad economic times, but that is why you put a plan in place. He also stated for clarification that the debt burden is low with total bonded indebtedness at \$82,985,000. He stated the city's limit is \$1,000,027.07 and that Milford has a long history of being conservative and doing work in a planned thought out manner. He stated it would be irresponsible to compromise the infrastructure and that they needed to stick to the plan.

Ald. Blake responded that 3 years ago they did not go forward with bonding until the Board of Aldermen pushed through \$4,000,000 for the health and safety of our children. He also pointed out they received a 30% reduction in savings. He also clarified that he stated \$20,000,000 because \$3,000,000 has already been bonded for the new fire station, although tonight's number is roughly \$17,000,000 and further the mayor was somewhat disingenuous with what was being put forth.

Mayor Richetelli countered that two years ago the economy tanked and that in 2009 he suspended all bonding because of the uncertainty of the economy and they had no idea where it was going. He stated the Law project did need to be done, but that he felt they should have waited. He stated all of that is water under the bridge and that it was time to focus on the items being bonded tonight as part of the Capital Improvement Plan and the city's infrastructure.

Chairman G. Smith commented what resonates most with him is the road work, asbestos and some of the school work that is not discretionary. He agreed there is work that needs to be addressed and that it is the responsible thing to do.

Ald. Giannattasio commented with this work comes an added benefit – jobs.

By roll call vote the motion carried 11 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 3 no (Blake, Patterson, Vetro).

12a-2. Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$4,625,000 For The Construction Of Sanitary Sewers And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,625,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof the Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

12a-3. Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,588,000 Various Public Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,588,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof the Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ald. Staneski stated she still had concerns with the penalty part of not complying.

Ald. Veccharelli stated initially he had concerns with the single stream recycling, but understands they are looking to become more responsible with our recycling. He stated recycling has taken a new look and that they learned that tonight. He expressed his hope this would be a move forward and money well spent. He also stated it had great reluctance spending \$20,000,000, but that he hoped in his heart this would be for the best of the community and monies well spent.

Ald. P. Smith echoed some of the comments of Ald. Veccharelli and stated in the long run it would be good. She stated in looking at the projects such as the town dock, roads, etc. these are project that really are “pay me now or pay me later”. She asked about the reimbursement program continuing from the State.

Mayor Richetelli explained in the paving program they have spent \$1,000,000 per year. He also stated he continues to lobby the Milford legislative delegation.

Ald. Staneski stated she too had reservations about bonding this money. Speaking to the single-stream recycling and recouping costs she asked if in the 5th year of the program they would be able to reduce costs.

Mayor Richetelli explained there would be an initial capital outlay, but with the savings and tipping fees and change in manpower he was hoping it would be 4 year turn around.

Chairman G. Smith commented how the State of Connecticut extracts taxes from the taxpayer i.e. boating fees, etc. He stated Milford is a coastal town/community and they tax those who use the harbor, but the city doesn't see any reimbursement.

Mayor Richetelli responded they were basically on their own. He also addressed the dredging of the marina which is the City's responsibility. He stated they applied for a DEP grant for one half of the cost for the ponds, but they were not successful this year, but were hopeful for next year.

Ald. Blake recalled a few years back a portion of the dredging costs came from the Harbor Management Fund.

Mayor Richetelli stated it was the Harbor Management Commission who asked for and this Board who approved a transfer for approximately \$22,000.

Ald. Bevan cited each item in the Ordinance, stating he wanted to general public watching to know the works was being done.

Ald. German commented as to single-stream recycling. He stated the United States is the #1 consumer in the world. He also stated we are a wasteful society producing 4-5 pounds of garbage a day, with 40% waste in all food purchases. He stated this is a great opportunity for Milford residents to recycle more.

By roll call vote the motion carried 11 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 3 no (Blake, Patterson, Vetro).

8j. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various School Improvements – 2011.

By roll call vote the motion carried 11 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 3 no (Blake, Patterson, Vetro).

8k. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Cash Advance for the Design, Engineering and Construction of Sanitary Sewers – Infill No. 1 - 2011.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8l. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Cash Advance for Various Public Improvements – 2011.

By roll call vote the motion carried 11 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 3 no (Blake, Patterson, Vetro).

8m. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning East Shore Middle School.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8n. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning Jonathan Law High School.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8o. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning Joseph A. Foran High School.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8p. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve request for Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning Joseph A. Foran High School (Asbestos/Lead Abatement).

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

8q. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Resolution Re: Milford Board of Education Concerning East Shore Middle School, Harborside Middle School, West Shore Middle School, Calf Pen Meadow Elementary School, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Live Oaks Elementary School, Meadowside Elementary School and Pumpkin Delight Elementary School.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Bevan, Bier, German, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Joy, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneski, Veccharelli, Vitali) and 2 no (Blake, Vetro).

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. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer #6, Fund 10, FY 11. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer #7, Fund 10, FY 11. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$43,249.43. 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 –Ald. Joy applauded the work of the Public Works crews in their snow removal efforts.

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Vitali reported the Committee met earlier this evening to consider two claims. He reported Consideration of employee Joseph Milici (PPD Award) (Executive Session) had been tabled. He stated the second matter regarding employee Gregory Gaffney was a calculation correction to last month's PPD Award.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee Gregory Gaffney (calculation correction to PPD Award) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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. – 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) – Ald. Goodrich reported the DVD player had failed and that the committee is trying to replace it.

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) Status report and consideration of settlement of Harold Smith v. City of Milford, RE: 41 Merwin Avenue, Milford, Connecticut.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session RE: Status report and consideration of settlement in the matter of Harold Smith v. City of Milford, Re: 41 Merwin Avenue, Milford, Connecticut.

Chairman G. Smith announced those attending the Executive Session would be the full Board, along with the Mayor, City Attorney W. Smith and City Assessor D. Thomas.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:06 p.m.

Ald. Goodrich and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 10:13 p.m.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Harold Smith v. City of Milford (41 Merwin Avenue) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro moved to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary