

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2019**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:43 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  
K. Fortunati  
C. Gaynor  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Grant  
F. Smith  
A. Sutton  
J. Tranquilli  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

J. Berchem, City Attorney  
P. Erodici, Finance Director  
J. Rohrig, City Clerk  
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused:

J. Golden

**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.

Alan Brewster, 115 Housatonic Drive, Chairman of the Milford Energy Advisory Board read from a prepared statement regarding the reduction of energy us in public buildings. He discussed energy saving devices installed by the City and other energy saving measures. Mr. Brewster reviewed programs for homeowners to install solar. He stated that approximately 800 households have installed solar to date. Mr. Brewster stated the advisory board will be sponsoring a workshop on how to save energy on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Milford Public Library.

**3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on February 4, 2019.**

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro reminded everyone that the 29<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day parade is this Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. He turned the floor to Ald. Hardiman who stated this second largest parade in Connecticut. He reminded everyone the parade steps off at 1:00 p.m. and the roads will be closed at 12:45 p.m. Ald. Hardiman invited all to come and march.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

None.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion for the appointment of (D) Sandra Cohen, 65 Beechwood Avenue, 0646, as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Review, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/21.

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. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve consideration of budget memo transfers #7 and #8, Fund 10, FY 19. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve consideration of refunds in the amount of \$324,057.67.

Ald. Anderson asked such a large refund for the Connecticut Post Mall. Peter Erodici, Finance Director stated the reason was due to a tax appeal settlement. Ald. Anderson asked if there would be any other appeals coming up in regard to the appeal. Mr. Erodici stated he was not aware of any at this time, but the Assessor may have some other tax appeals on a smaller scale.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee - Ald. Smith reported the Committee met earlier in the evening to consider one (1) ordinance and voted to forward the ordinance, as amended, to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an energy services agreement for the purchase of electricity. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Smith stated there were representatives from Bloom Energy present this evening and ask that they provide a short presentation.

John Carbone with Greenpoint Energy provided a short presentation. Ald. Smith asked what municipalities Bloom Energy serves. Mr. Carbone stated Hartford has an 800 kW system that supplies 4 locations. He also stated that are a number of regional school districts and municipal buildings that are served.

Ald. Vitali state this is a 20 year commitment with a penalty should the City not meet its goal or opt out. He asked for the fee structure. Mr. Carbone stated he does not see an issue with the City meeting the required loads. He further stated there is a schedule in the contract should the City opt out and the fees decrease each year.

Ald. German asked if there was any way to use the methane gas created by the digesters. Mr. Carbone stated that is not possible at this time.

Ald. Veccharelli asked what the other 5 areas for the fuel cell are. Mr. Carbone stated Beaverbrook is the host site with virtual net metering at Housatonic treatment plant, 2 pump station, police department and Foran High School.

Ald. Giannattasio asked what Greenpoint's relationship is to Bloom Energy. Mr. Carbone stated they worked with the City to identify savings opportunities and grants. He also stated they provided a feasibility study. Ald. Giannattasio asked how they were able to negotiate the digesters into the program. Mr. Carbone stated there was maintenance that was not being met and they packaged it into the agreement to address those issues. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the City would realize a savings. Mr. Carbone discussed the LREC's had been awarded in 2017 but it had been delayed by the State. Ald. Giannattasio asked that now we are able to move forward it was possible to package in the digesters. Mr. Saley stated that when the City partnered with Greenpoint they looked for benefits and the program included funds to fix the digesters. Ald. Giannattasio stated the digesters

had been bonded. Mr. Saley stated that the amount bonded also included anticipated funds to be received from the program. Attorney Berchem stated that when bonded, they were still negotiating. Now that this has been approved it will offset those costs. Mr. Saley discussed how Greenpoint has worked with the City and the Board of Education.

Ald. Smith asked why Beaverbrook was chosen as the host location. Mr. Saley stated during negotiation both treatment plants were considered and Beaverbrook was the one selected.

- 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. – 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.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – 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.

Chairman Vetro stated item 14(c) has been withdrawn from the agenda. He stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Executive Session on the following items.

14(a) Matthew LaVecchia v. City of Milford – Discussion concerning pending litigation. . He stated the full Board along with City Attorney Jonathan Berchem, Assistant City Attorney Debra Kelly and Fire Chief Doug Edo would join them.

14(b) Consideration of settlement of Milprop Realty, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 70 Bridgeport Avenue. He stated the full Board along with City Attorney Jonathan Berchem and Assessor Dan Thomas would join them.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve to enter Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:55 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Matthew LaVecchia v. City of Milford in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Milprop Realty, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 70 Bridgeport Avenue in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary