

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 5, 2012**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, March 5, 2012. Chairman F. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Smith, Chairman
S. Shaw
A. Giannattasio
P. Smith
P. Vetro for G. Gasper

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney

Excused: G. Gasper (ill)

Chairman F. Smith stated the Committee was here tonight to consider 5 Ordinances as posted in the New Haven Register on February 28, 2012. He went on to read the title of each Ordinance. Chairman F. Smith stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety.

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

Chairman F. Smith opened the public session of the Ordinance Committee at 7:06 p.m. regarding the following Ordinances. He stated the public hearing portion of the meeting is held in accordance with the City Charter. He reminded those present that they are also welcome to speak during the public comment portion of the Board of Aldermen meeting, which he stated follows tonight.

Chairman F. Smith opened the public session of the Ordinance Committee at 7:04 p.m. regarding the following Ordinances:

- 1) An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers in opposition – None.

- 2) An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City of Milford (Registrars).

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers in Opposition – None.

- 3) An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford (Mayor, City Clerk.

Chairman F. Smith noted this takes place after the current term.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers in Opposition – None.

- 4) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford, Article II, Public Safety Employees And Article V, General Provisions.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers in Opposition – None.

- 5) An Ordinance Establishing Article III Of Chapter 2, Division 4 §2-60 Through §2-63 Of The Code Of Ordinances (City Historian).

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers in Opposition – None.

6. An Ordinance Appropriating \$534,000 For Various Public Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$534,000 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 in Opposition – None.

Chairman F. Smith closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford

Ald. Giannattasio asked why this Ordinance was in front of this Board at this time and before them before a budget session.

Mayor Blake explained the City of Milford's 8/9 collective bargaining groups have been negotiating since last year. He stated over the last two months this Board approved four contracts including MSA & MEA. He went on to explain the non-reps then follow through a U2 Ordinance. He stated the City Attorney upon ratification of those contracts drafted the U2 Ordinance before the Committee tonight. He stated the Ordinance mirrors the contract which this Board has already approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City of Milford (Registrars). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford (Mayor, City Clerk).

Ald. P. Smith commented it was her understanding it has been awhile since either of these two positions has had an increase. She asked when the last time was that they received an increase.

Mayor Blake responded 2006.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the Mayor if he brought this Ordinance forward.

Mayor Blake explained the increase would be for the following term, so it would not affect his salary. He also pointed out this following what has been done traditionally in the past following the approval of union contracts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford, Article II, Public Safety Employees And Article V, General Provisions. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Establishing Article III Of Chapter 2, Division 4 §2-60 Through §2-63 Of The Code Of Ordinances (City Historian).

Chairman F. Smith commented this Ordinance establishes some tail on the position of the City Historian.

Ald. P. Smith stated under Sec. 2-62 Appointment and Term, the second sentence "The same person may be reappointed for additional terms" should be removed. She commented the language is not clear with that language.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio moved to amend the motion to remove the language "The same person may be reappointed for additional terms".

Chairman F. Smith asked if the objection is that it is not consistent.

Ald. P. Smith responded yes, that it cleans up the language.

The amendment carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Appropriating \$534,000 For Various Public Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$534,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ald. P. Smith asked if the Borough of Woodmont is receiving funding from FEMA.

Mayor Blake explained Milford is bonding upfront which includes the contingency and financing. He stated they have been approved for and assured that the application will be approved. He spoke of Hurricane Beth some years ago after that storm there was an agreement that the City of Milford would maintain the beach through a contract with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Ald. P. Smith asked if the City of Milford has an application in for reimbursement.

Mayor Blake stated it was his understanding that the application has already been approved.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the percentage of reimbursement.

Mayor Blake responded 75%.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the Borough of Woodmont would be reimbursing the City.

Mayor Blake responded yes, for the entire amount. He added there is an agreement that memorializes that understanding.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary