

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2009**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman B. Blake called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Blake asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance lead by the new Assistant Fire Chief Dan Johnson.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bier
J. Blacketter
B. Blake
V. Ditchkus, Jr.
A. Giannattasio
M. Hardiman
S. Manning
R. Nunno
J. Patterson
J. Rosen
J. Toohey
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
S. Willey

Also Present

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

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.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Street – stated he is the City's Historian and that he wished to speak concerning four items all of which have to do with the history of Milford. He stated the demolition delay Ordinance was submitted to the Board to be looked at and that he has also discussed this with the City Attorney and Chairman of the Ordinance Committee. Second, he stated concerned the proposed sale of the John Downs House. He distributed to the Board two documents (attached). Reading from a prepared statement he stated the entire property is located in the historic district and that it would not be appropriate to divide the property for a parking lot. He referred to the handout "River Park National Register" and explained the handout pointing out #139 on the handout is the Downs house. He stated the third item concerned the creation of the second Historic District, South of the Green and that it was his understanding they would also be looking at Gulf Street for the possible creation of a third historic district. Mr. Platt stated the fourth item he had concerned the Connecticut

Statute – Historic Properties Study. He asked the Board to consider establishing a Historic Properties Commission to protect homes in Milford not necessarily in a district.

S. Glennon – 99 Carlson Drive – stated she was here tonight on behalf of One Voice High School PTSA and that they fully support seeing the school renovations to completion. She expressed her concern the bonding was not moving forward. Reading from a prepared statement she cited the numerous positive ways this would help a struggling economy, i.e. jobs, etc. She also pointed out the low bid for the job as well as a higher reimbursement rate from the State.

R. Cahill – 32 Pumpkin Delight Road – stated although it does not appear on the agenda she was speaking concerning the Downs House and asked the Board to not support the sale of the property. She continued reading from a prepared statement as to the historic value of the John Downs house.

L. Flannigan – 38 Prospect Street – asked the Board to leave the John Downs homestead as is. She stated it is the north anchor of our colonial town. She also talked of a portion of the wooded property being turned into a parking lot. Reading from a prepared statement she also talked of how it could be used as the beginning of a walking tour ending at the historical homes in the center of town. She implored the Board not to take away any more of Milford's history.

T. Botelho – 72 Victory Crescent – asked the Board to support item 8i on the Agenda. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke of the importance of spending on products and services that create jobs.

T. Chaucer – 104 Hawley Avenue – commented he would rather be at Fenway Park for opening day. He stated he felt compelled to speak to the Board regarding the proposed threats to our historic homes, specifically the John Downs house. Reading from a prepared statement he spoke of the recent loss of three homes and also the extensive history of the John Downs home and its features. He asked the Board to keep the homestead as was the original intent of former Mayor Lisman. He continued on as to the true value of the home.

B. Genovese – 19 Belmont Street – stated she was here tonight on behalf of the Downs house. She stated she sat on this Board for many years so she knows how hard it is to make these decisions. She stated she had several questions she would like the Board to research: 1) \$400,000 refund? 2) open space? 3) watershed properties are treated differently. She asked what the State considers to be forests. 4) hospital no longer needs the Downs house for parking?; 5) why did we not get the \$200,000 deduction? 6) Cadley property was supposed to be a replica, will that happen to the Downs house? 7) She asked all Ordinances be followed with no exceptions. She went on to speak regarding freedom and our history here.

J. Gray – 44 Ettadore Parkway – stated she continues to wonder if she is the only person to question the Health Department, also known as the “golden” department. She commented everyone wants to work there because of their high salaries and that it is a department employees try to transfer to. She also stated the Health Department purchased that building which was then destroyed and a custom made building built. She also spoke as to their hiring of retirees for their big activities, one of which is an Anti-Hoarding seminar. She asked when something would be done about this department, why they are being considered for another location and why they are so untouchable.

D. Gregory – 74 Point Beach Drive – stated he was speaking regarding the Downs house. He stated the City took money to save this building and shore up the roof that was falling down. He suggested the City now try to get a family into that house to live.

R. Hiltz – 8 Julia Court – stated she had a petition regarding the proposed cell tower on the property of the YMCA. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke of the reasons why this should not go onto this site, which would affect the value of their homes. She suggested an alternate location could be Eisenhower Park where there already are high towers.

T. Laychak – 24 Julia Court – spoke regarding the proposal for the cell phone tower. She stated she is opposed to this request in a residential area. She read a quote from Attorney General Blumenthal concerning a proposed cell tower in another town. She stated this is not a partisan issue, but about safety and the development of their children in the community.

L. Toomey – 114 Maple Street – stated she is President of the Nurses Association and she wished to state why their union agreed to the concessions. She explained they are a small union of only 22 and that they have worked very hard over the years to make sure there is a nurse in every school. She stated they wanted to make sure they did not lose everything they had worked so hard for to benefit our children in school.

G. Box – 110 Erna – asked the Board if the address sounded familiar. She stated they have made the headlines for the last few weeks because of the recent fire on that street. She stated she came tonight to bring to the attention of this Board the desperate need to upgrade water on this street. She stated the fire the other day was a 4-alarm fire which was very scary. She stated she has lived on the street for over 50 years and it was once a quiet street until zoning changed, but during development one thing never changed, the small water main that service. She went on to explain what she has done in documenting the number of fires that have occurred on that street where buildings have burnt to the ground. She also stated she called the fire chief who told her to call the Mayor's office. Mrs. Box stated she spoke with the Mayor's Assistant who provided her with great assistance and that something would be done shortly. Mrs. Box stated she also wished to point out to the Board that Erna Street is a dead end street. She reiterated she wished to thank Mayor Richetelli and Lisa Bull who reassured her that the CEO of the water company had been contacted. She asked the Board to please take this matter seriously.

J. Lanese – 19 Julia Court – stated she came tonight regarding the cell tower at the YMCA and also as a frightened parent. She stated this tower would be located close to their homes and a school, Platt Technical. She asked the Board to take their concerns to task and prevent this cell tower from becoming a reality with the goal being to work together and finding another location.

V. Campanelli – 59 Christine Terrace – stated he too wished to speak regarding the cell tower. He pointed out the YMCA is a summer camp as well as an after school program. He also stated there are a number of soccer fields there. He stated a cell tower and our children is not a good mix.

P. Geer – President of Local 944 - urged the Board to vote in favor of their contract this evening. He stated although this was tough to take their Local realized it was the right thing to do.

T. Hunt – President Local 1566 – stated that due to the economic crisis their union was willing to sacrifice like most around the State. He urged the Board to approve the contract.

S. Studer – 80 Christine Terrace – stated he was here tonight on behalf of himself and his wife and that he wished to voice his opposition to the proposed cell tower. He stated the tower is intrusive and inappropriate in a residential area and that mixing it with a YMCA with children just is not a good idea.

J. Laychak – 24 Julia Court – stated he too wanted to voice his opinion tonight regarding the cell tower. He referenced an IAFF Firefighters website concerning the health effects from radio frequency. He asked as a father, husband and taxpayer that the Board consider a Resolution.

J. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – urged the Board to preserve the John Downs house.

P. Hanna – 5 Gibson Road – expressed her concern about the future and the future of our children and the potential of possible health hazards in their neighborhood. She stated she is opposed to the cell tower in their neighborhood. Reading from a prepared statement she questioned the value of their homes and how this cell tower could affect their health. She stated she is also a member of the YMCA and if this is approved she would discontinue her membership. She stated she is adamantly opposed to the proposed cell tower stating it would cause a decrease in quality of life for the residents of this area and also health.

M. Martin – 171 Burnt Plains Road – stated he is Cubmaster of Pack 13 and their main focus is interaction and protection. He stated regarding the Downs house, this is a potential resource for history and if it is lost would be a loss for the children. With regard to the protection of children, he commented as to the number of children who live in the area where this cell tower is being proposed.

S. Borer – 204 Anderson Avenue – thanked the Ordinance Committee for knocking down tonight's Ordinance. He stated he also wished to show his support of the Downs homestead adding it is worth keeping as a part of Milford's history. He stated he also wished to comment on item 8i on the agenda and express his support of this Resolution of Ald. Manning and Ald. Blacketter, stating anything we can do is worthwhile.

R. Chapman – 44 Riverdale Road – thanked the unions and groups willing to take zero increase in pay. He stated he didn't feel good about those that still want an increase and went on to speak about the number of people who worry about if they will have a job next week, and those who worry about their mortgage, benefits and even if they will eat tomorrow. He stated he would like to see zero increase in both budgets and stated all budgets have "pork" fat. He stated to the Board he did not want to see that good cop/bad cop guy as he saw last year and asked the Board not to repeat that scenario. He also asked if anyone has a conflict he would like to see them recuse themselves, adding that are not required to, but he would like to see it. He stated he would like to know how much it cost the City for the Alternative Education "trashing". He also asked what the bottom line figure was for the Milford Academy refurbishing. He stated he has asked to get that bottom line figure, but still has been unable to. Mr. Chapman stated he also wished to speak regarding the parking lot behind the Academy and suggested the City lease spaces and finally he stated his last concern was with the BB gun range in Eisenhower Park and questioned who would pick all those shells up.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – asked that safety in Milford be addressed. He spoke of the hazards down there on Anderson Avenue near Riverdale Road to Chaucer and the lack of guardrails. He also stated there is no curbing there and that a car could easily end up in the swamp or in the playground by Anderson Avenue. He referred to his area as the last outpost in Milford that no one seems to care about.

G. Box – 110 Erna Avenue – spoke regarding the fire that took down jobs, but also jobs. She stated fires not only destroy buildings, but they take away jobs. He pleaded with the Board to upgrade the hydrants and water mains on that street.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 2, 2009.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 2, 2009. 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 Blake announced the appointment of aldermanic liaisons to the Police Commission Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey and to the Pension Board Ald. Willey and Ald. Rosen. He also stated last month he and the mayor announced the implementation of the KRIT (Kimball Report Implementation Team) Committee. He introduced those members Steve Studer, Ray Oliver, Doug Novak and Dave Ruben.

Mr. Studer reported the Committee has already met on several occasions over the last few weeks. He also reported they had a general meeting with all the City department head as well as an in depth meeting with some of the department heads. Mr. Studer stated they have three more meetings in the next few weeks and that they would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Oliver added the Committee would be visiting cities and towns that have adopted some new policies.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he wished to clarify that it would not just be the permitting process, but all departments when they go to other cities.

Mr. Oliver responded yes.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he respectfully was submitting items 8a-8i for the Board's consideration and that he would be happy to answer any questions. He also commented regarding the Milford Fabricating fire stating they had been in contact with the Regional Water Authority before the fire, as well as the fire chief. Mayor Richetelli also reported he met with our State Representatives, Governor Rell and the employees of Milford Fabricating as well as the owner and the Connecticut Department of Labor's Rapid Response Team. He stated they were able to address questions the employees had. In addition, he reported the Community Development Director is also involved and has had additional meetings. Mayor Richetelli reported the owner has found a temporary space to rent from Bic and that they hope to be up and running within a few weeks. He stated the positive attitude of the Pohl family and their tenacity has been truly heartening.

Mayor Richetelli also called the Board's attention to item 14c, Executive Session. He explained they asked the unions for concessions and all of these employees have agreed to forego a raise because they wanted to be part of a solution and relieve the burden of the taxpayers. He stated five bargaining units have agreed and expressed his thanks. He added the contracts before the Board tonight are a representation that we all need to be a part of the solution and reiterated his thanks.

Mayor Richetelli also made the Board aware of item 6a, Mayor's appointment as follows:

Conservation Commission, term as noted

(U) Keith Dunn, 38 Sherbrooke Road, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/10.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business:

8a. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for approval of the reappointment of (U) Linda Smith-Tellier, 125 Seemans Lane, Unit #11, Milford, CT 06460, to the Greater New Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau. Term to expire 6/30/2012. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request of the Police Department's acceptance of a federal forfeiture of a 1999 Jeep Wrangler for use as a surveillance vehicle (per correspondence from Police Chief Mello). Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Fire Marshal's Department to a non-matching fund grant in the amount of \$500 from the Fair Plan of Connecticut for acquisition of camera equipment to be used for arson and fire investigations (per correspondence from Senior Fire Inspector Vargo). Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the abandonment of a portion of Barbara Drive (4,133 square feet (SF) of the former cul-de-sac) – to 42 Barbara Drive (Map 81, Block 709, Parcel 88A) and to 48 Barbara Drive (Map 81, Block 709, Parcel 87A). The Planning and zoning Board voted on October 4, 1994 to approve a 13-lot subdivision which extended Barbara Drive from a cul-de-sac to the road it is today. The abandonment of the 4,133 SF was supposed to be added to the adjacent lots, making them rectangular in shape. This request was inadvertently never brought before then Board of Aldermen at that time (per attached correspondence from City Planner Sulkis. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the purchase of a vacant lot at 120 Bridgeport Avenue (Map 18, Block 365, Parcel 5) from Christina D'Arcangelo and Daniel Bagley, per request of the Devon Revitalization Committee, to be utilized as a municipal parking lot. In addition, (8e) Board of Aldermen approval is requested for the purchase of a vacant lot at 120 Bridgeport Avenue (Map 18, Block, 365, Parcel 5) from Christina D'Arcangelo and Daniel Bagley, per request of the Devon Revitalization Committee, to be utilized as a municipal parking lot. In addition, approval is requested to accept right-of-way (driveway) easements through the adjoining property located at 128 Bridgeport Avenue

(Map 18, Block 365), Parcel 7) of which Joseph P. Arcudi is the owner. Funding will be from State Grant from Devon Revitalization Phase III (Per Planning and Zoning Board recommendation).

Ald. Manning stated she wished to make the Board aware this is through the Devon Revitalization and that this item was approved at their March 12, 2009 meeting.

Ald. Bier stated he would be recusing himself from this vote as he is related to one of the owners.

Ald. Ditchkus expressed concern with the easement and that he would like to have something in writing that it is not blocked off at any time.

Mayor Richetelli stated it was included in the stipulations. He also reported a survey has been done and that it is a consideration of the sale.

Motion carried 14 yes (Blacketter, Blake, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Rosen, Toohey, Vecchareeli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 1 abstention (Bier).

8f. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement among the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the DEMHS Region 2 Regional Emergency Team, the City of Milford and the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Foundation, Inc. Connecticut State Animal Response Team and to take all steps necessary to effectuate the agreement.

Ald. Rosen asked about costs, if any, with accepting this agreement.

Mayor Richetelli responded this is a request from the Animal Control Officer who he noted was present.

Mr. George explained this is in the wake of Katrina and an unfunded mandate put on by the federal government. He explained he had put this in his budget for disaster preparedness and that another town backed out so this arose. He stated it is a win/win for Milford. He stated the only cost would be the maintenance of the equipment, which is minimal and an insurance policy on the equipment.

Mayor Richetelli added with regard to the insurance that it had not been priced as yet, but they expected the cost to be minimal.

Ald. Vetro asked where the vehicle would be parked.

Mr. George responded they are negotiating at this time and not at liberty to elaborate, but in short it would be at Animal Control.

Ald. Vetro asked how many other towns are involved.

Mr. George replied he did not have the exact number in front of him, but explained Region II is from Durham to Milford and all the towns in-between. He added these are temporary shelters that are able to withstand high winds.

Ald. Vetro asked if we had a vehicle that would be able to handle and pull this.

Mr. George responded they have two vehicles that can tow, but that they may have to add electric brakes.

Mayor Richetelli explained Homeland Security dollars and the federal mandate which states we have to shelter animals as well as humans.

Ald. Toohey commented it was a wonderful idea and recalled a lot of people did not leave their homes during Hurricane Katrina because they had nowhere to go with their animals.

Ald. Ditchkus recalled a severe storm in 1992 or 1993 and asked if the trailer could be used to rescue animals as well.

Mr. George responded yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the revised Redevelopment Plan of the Army Repair Facility located at 26 Seemans Lane, Milford – namely – the LRA voted on 2/23/2009 to eliminate the Senior Housing component and instead, to utilize the existing building for the Health Department and use as storage of Homeland Security Vehicles and other related activities for which a Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC) would be possible.

Ald. Toohey commented there was much discussion on this last time it was on the agenda and that she was happy to see this proposal come before this Board. She stated she would like to see this approved and thanked everyone for their work.

Ald. Ditchkus stated this was still contingent upon Brac Commission's approval and is still a work in progress.

Ald. Veccharelli questioned what would happen if they acquire this property and find out down the road the funds are not there.

Mr. Gregory explained if they don't carry out with the plans then it reverts back to the Army and they could then sell it for a purpose that fits the zoning for that area. He added the retrofitting of the building is for specific needs and that the cost could be less. He stated they are talking at least 3-5 years down the road, but his office would continue to look for grant money for the retrofitting.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the property would be eligible if the health department was not included in the proposal and if they would still qualify or if it is the health department that qualifies them.

Mr. Gregory replied the health department has already been qualified, but both do qualify for the City to receive if for nothing. He explained what the approval is asking for permission to apply.

Ald. Veccharelli expressed his concern that he did not want to commit to spending any money.

Mr. Gregory stated it would be pre-mature to answer that question and noted they are not talking about building a new building, but retrofitting the existing building. He stated they have to submit a plan now and noted it is a plan the committee worked long and hard to put together.

Chairman Blake commented as to the significant restrictions and terms with the handout of this property. He stated he wanted to make sure the property does not end up owning us.

Mayor Richetelli stated it was important to keep in prospective the City can control what goes there or they can see it on the open market. He stated LRA worked on and came up with a plan. He also noted State Representative and former alderwoman Lambert worked very hard on the plan as did Ald. Toohey, who was a part of this committee since the beginning and now Ald. Rosen has come on board. He stated this should be a bipartisan effort and is a plan is not submitted they could lose all rights.

Ald. Toohey stated she wished to clarify these are difficult economic times, but this is 3-5 years down the road. She stated with his proposal there is very little the City has to do, but if this Board does not take action and allow the council to come in we will lose control over what happens to that property. She stated she did not want to lose control adding this Board had lengthy discussions about the possibility of a 40ft building, which she stated she did not want to see.

Ald. Vitali asked about the timeline to acquire the property and then the next time line for development.

Mr. Gregory stated the acquisition depends on the Army developing another site, whether it be Middletown or wherever and then they still have to build their site.

Ald. Vitali stated he would be in favor of this because it is that far out and they would have control over the building.

Ald. Manning noted the presence of Dr. McBride and asked if he could come forward to hear his thoughts and how it fits.

Dr. McBride commented there has been a lot of good discussion. He stated there is a need adding they have grown particularly in the area of preparedness. He stated they are cramped in this area and their current location is not good for the type of business they conduct, i.e. patients, staff meetings, etc. Dr. McBride explained they have included some of this into a plan for a regional center and explained the health demands locally and the need to have capacity to start partnering with other business, i.e. mental health, etc. He also spoke of the strong infrastructure. He stated they need to monitor this closely to see what happens with regard to grants, etc. noting there are a lot of opportunities.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he believed it was the parents who were in favor of this plan because of traffic concerns, etc. He also stated this is something that could be 3-5 years down the road. He pointed out Middletown has been turned down, so they are looking for a new location. He also emphasized if this Board turns this down, we will see a lot of developers in line to takeover that land.

Mayor Richetelli stated he wished to make the Board aware that the LRA felt strongly regarding the wishes of Meadowside School PTA and that they meet with the PTA and heard their concerns. He stated the new piece of this is the fire part which has changed and deferred to Chief LaVecchia for further comments.

Chief LaVecchia stated they are in desperate need of vehicle storage and that all of the station bays are full. He stated there is also the possibility of moving the repair facility there as well as the possibility of a joint 911 center.

Ald. Nunno requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 10:03 p.m.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board at 10:16 p.m.

Ald. Vitali recognized this as a school zone and stressed the kids were the utmost of importance in this decision. He also reiterated he did not want to see the Board just give it back.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he is in favor of acquiring this property for the way it is written and that he is ok with the Health Department. He stated regardless of how this turns out, he did not want to have a property built there. He stated he was in favor of taking custody of the building, but would like to see it done in a cost prudent way. He reiterated he supports buying this property.

Ald. Nunno and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to add the word “or” for the motion to read as follows: Board of Aldermen approval is requested for the revised Redevelopment Plan of the Army Repair Facility located at 26 Seemans Lane, Milford – namely – the LRA voted on 2/23/09 to eliminate the Seneior Housing component and, instead, to utilize the existing building for the Health Department **and/or** use as storage of Homeland Security Vehicles and other related activities for which a Public Benefit conveyance (PBC) would be possible.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he did not want the language to be ambiguous and asked if the language gave justification to either one.

Attorney Smith stated he could live with either, adding its conjunctive you could do both. He stated the question would be whether the Army accepts it.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the wording should be removed.

Attorney Smith responded he did not think it would be.

Mr. Gregory pointed out they have to make a specific application with the Federal agency, specific for Homeland Security. He expressed his concern with using “and/or” because it did not tell them a specific.

Mayor Richetelli stated there is always the possibility the Army or Homeland Security may not agree with it and turn it down. He stated if they turn it down the control may not be there.

By roll call vote, the amendment carried 9 yes (Blacketter, Blake, Hardiman, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Rosen, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Bier, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Toohey, Vitali, Willey).

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a request for the use of Eisenhower Park, including all adjoining fields, for the 38th Annual Engine 260 Antique Fire apparatus show and Muster on September 12, 2009 (rain date September 13, 2009) and further permission is requested for engine 260 and muster participants to camp at the Park from September 7, 2009 through September 13, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution Re: Spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants (Requested by Alderwoman Suzanne Manning and Jessica Blacketter).

Ald. Ditchkus commended his fellow aldermen for the Resolution, but stated he just could not support it because he did not truly believe in it because he just doesn't believe in the stimulus package. He stated we are just spending our children's money and that it is our grandchildren who will be left with this debt. He spoke as to the restrictions and also commented he does not the best for the City price wise, but this does not necessarily achieve that.

Ald. Blacketter stated this Resolution was drafted to stimulate money here in the economy. She stated she looked into the restrictions. She stated this works toward making sure the stimulus package does what it intends to do and creates jobs here.

Ald. Patterson added this piggybacks on what the State has done to encourage bids.

Ald. Toohey asked for clarification in the language beginning "be it further resolved" and asked what that portion of the Resolution meant.

Ald. Blacketter explained if we find something we cannot purchase here, that it is published so people would know there is a need for that.

Ald. Toohey stated she thought it referred to a waiver of bid if it were American.

Ald. Manning stated it is not a waiver of bid. She thanked the aldermen for their support and for federal dollars that may trickle down.

Ald. Willey commented he agreed with Ald. Ditchkus that the stimulus package is just a waste, but stated he would support it to spend money here.

Ald. Nunno chided it is better to waste here in the United States than bombing other countries.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he never said "wasting" money. He questioned a situation where it is an American company, but there products come from out of the country. He stated he just did not feel we should be wasting our kids money.

Ald. Veccharelli commented the stimulus money coming to us helps companies in our country. This stated this Resolution basically is saying we would like to keep American work here. He also commented the federal stimulus package will not allow money to go out of our country.

By roll call vote the motion carried 14 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Rosen, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 1 no (Ditchkus).

9. New Business not on the Agenda which may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

Ald. Bier and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to add to the agenda a Resolution Opposing the Construction of a Cell Tower located at the YMCA in Milford. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Bier and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: A Resolution Opposing the Construction of a Cell Tower located at the YMCA in Milford (proposed by Alderman B. Bier, J. Patterson and A. Giannattasio).

Ald. Bier stated he is opposed to the construction of a cell tower in this area and that he has spoken with a number of his neighbors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to add to the agenda a request for Allocation Transfer No. 10. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for approval for Allocation Transfer No. 10. These funds will be transferred to the Open Space Account for the purposes of performing appraisals of the Burnt Plains Road open space property. The City is pursuing applying to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. Two appraisals are required by the State of Connecticut to be considered for this grant.

Ald. Manning asked about the classification of open space and if the monies and if this would come out of that account.

Mayor Richetelli explained the only account this Board can approve without input from the other Boards is this account. He stated in order to move forward with this grant application this transfer is needed.

Ald. Manning asked when the grant is due.

Mayor Richetelli responded June 30, 2009.

Ald. Blacketter asked if a typical appraisal cost runs about \$5,000.

Mayor Richetelli responded the amount is in the range of \$3,000 or more, but any monies not used would stay in the open space account.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

(a) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer 13, Fund 10, FY 2008-2009. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer No. 14, Fund 10, FY 2008-2009. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$54,500.14. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Chairman Patterson reported the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss one Ordinance and that the motion failed.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Vetro thanked the Public Works crews for all their hard work with their snow removal. He added it is taking a toll on their budget, but they continue to do their best.

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Hardiman reported the Claims Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss one claim.

Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee Victor Daniels (PPD Award)(Executive Session) as discussed in Executive Session in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney. 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 – Ald. Hardiman reported the Commission has been discussing projects coming up, i.e. repairs to the clubhouse and painting of the building. He also report the Commission voted to go into contract for the leasing of two carts. He stated the City Attorney reviewed the language of the contract and found it not to be in the best interest of the City. Ald. Hardiman reported the Commission is looking at other options, perhaps going to another company.

- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – no report
- o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report.
- p. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- q. Milford Legislative Action Committee – no report.

r. Devon Revitalization Committee – Ald. Manning reported the Committee met on March 12, 2009. She reported phase III work has begun, which includes the sidewalks, granite curbs. She also reported the Committee is interviewing firms for the existing drainage work on Naugatuck Avenue.

Mayor Richetelli pointed out as a follow up that the meeting scheduled for Thursday has been cancelled.

s. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro reported they are still taking applications for the energy program. He also reported FEMA funding is not available. He stated the Commission is seeing an increase in the number of calls for food. Ald. Vetro also reported the annual Mayor's Youth Awards Ceremony was held last month and he also reported citizens can call inquire regarding the Rent-a-Kid programs.

Ald. Nunno stated the MGAT Committee had its first meeting last week. He asked they be added to the monthly agenda under Report of Standing Committees.

Ald. Vitali asked that the three new Committee liaisons announced tonight also be added to the monthly agenda.

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. Consideration of Ratification of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements between the city of Milford and:

- i. Milford Professional Firefighters Association – Local 944 (Firefighters)
- ii. Milford Professional Telecommunicators IAFF – Local 4260 (Fire Dispatchers)
- iii. Local 3322, AFSCME Council 4 (Milford Employees Association)
- iv. Local 1566, AFSCME Council 5 (Public Works Employees)
- v. Milford Registered Professional Nurses Association (School Nurses)

14b. Consideration of Ratification of successor Pension Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 3322, AFSCME Council 4 (Milford Employees Association).

14c. Status report and consideration of settlement of
The Connecticut Post Limited Partnership v. City of Milford
RE: 1201 Boston Post Road

Chairman Blake announced the Board would be going into Executive Session with the City Attorney, Personnel Director, John O'Connell and outside counsel as well as the Mayor and full Board regarding items 14a i, ii, iii, iv. and 14b. He also stated for the record that the City Assessor, D. Thomas, Matthew Woods, Trial Counsel and the Mayor and full Board would be in Executive Session for item 14c.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session regarding the announced items above.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he may have a conflict with item 14a-i and that he would like to ask through the City Attorney if this would be a conflict of interest for him as he is retired from the Milford Fire Department.

Attorney Smith asked Ald. Veccharelli if his pension is tied to the resolution of these collective bargaining units.

Ald. Veccharelli responded he did not want there to be a question, rest of comment inaudible.

Attorney Smith referenced the City's Ethics policy; however, he stated he would need more time to research this. He suggested perhaps is Ald. Veccharelli wished to recuse himself it should be his own decision.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he would recuse himself from item 14a-i.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 11:13 p.m.

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

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board in Public Session at 12:14 a.m.

14a-i Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Milford Professional Firefighters Association – Local 944 (Firefighters) Ratification of

Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried 14 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Rosen, Toohey, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 1 abstention (Veccharelli).

14a-ii Ald. Vetro and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Milford Professional Telecommunicators IAFF – Local 4260 (Fire Dispatchers) Ratification of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14a-iii Ald. Vetro and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Local 3322, FSCME Council 4 (Milford Employees Association) Ratification of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14a-iv Ald. Vetro and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Local 1566, AFSCME Council 4 (Public Works Employees) Ratification of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14a-v Ald. Vetro and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Milford Registered Professional Nurses Association (School Nurses) Ratification of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreements in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Local 3322, AFSCME Council 4 (Milford Employees Association) Ratification of Successor Pension Agreements in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14c. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement RE: The Connecticut Post Limited Partnership v. City of Milford (1201 Boston Post Road). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Patterson moved to adjourn at Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary