

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
BUDGET DELIBERATIONS SESSION  
MAY 12, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen resumed their budget deliberation session on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the April 28, 2014 meeting of the proposed budget for the City and Board of Education for fiscal year 2014-2015. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Anderson  
B. Bier  
M. Casey  
S. Fontana  
D. German (7:06 p.m.)  
M. Hardiman  
D. Kubek  
S. Shaw  
F. Smith  
G. Stanford  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
P. Erodici, Finance Director  
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin Asst.

Excused

A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to come out of recess at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**4215 Management Information Systems** – Jean Lasczak, MIS Coordinator was present for questions/comments. She stated she would be happy to answer any questions regarding her budget.

Ald. Stanford asked about line item 4977 0193 Server, computer and questioned the cost of \$24,000.

Ms. Lasczak stated last year they bought one server and this year they would be buying four. She stated the servers were for the library, MIS (2) and the health department.

Ald. Alderson asked about the software allocation, and if it was related or separate.

Ms. Lasczak explained the servers would include the operating system.

Ald. Kubek commented regarding the software in the Registrar of Voters office and questioned if that was a different operating system. She stated she recalled them saying they were having problems with their current software.

Ms. Lasczak stated it is a separate system, adding that depending when the system was purchased it could be different from another department. She also explained that each department budgets for their own equipment.

Ald. German asked about line item 4796 0000 software and maintenance and asked if the amount recommended by the Board of Finance would be enough.

Ms. Lasczak stated that account is used to support the department use and some central maintenance. She stated it is a contract and it depends on the renewal of the contract. She cited some of the various systems in the city, i.e. view software, etc.

**4210 Finance Department** – Peter Erodici, Finance Director was present, along with Ariane Swift, Accountant, Daniel Thomas, Assessor, Judy Haley, Tax collector for question/comments. Mr. Erodici stated the budget represented a 2.25% increase. He also addressed the request for an accountant position and reminded the Board this was approved by both the Board of Finance and Board of Aldermen in fiscal year 2008. Mr. Erodici stated they never had a chance to fill the position because of the retirement of the city accountant and his predecessor and the work continues to increase. He stated it is always difficult to ask for a position, but the need continues to grow each year. He stated each year they are hit with more mandates. He stated he understands that all departments deal with changes, but the problem is that they are hit with a flood of new mandates. Mr. Erodici also spoke of the conversion of the financial system, which is server based that they have had to put off.

Ms. Swift agreed the need continues to grow, with significant increase of disclosure requirements, the Affordable Care Act, OPEP, etc. She also spoke of the responsibilities for the administration of employee benefits. She explained all employees have cost share, and much of that work is manual. She also pointed out they work with active employees as well as retirees, as well as medicare reimbursement program for the retirees. Ms. Swift also stated their department also provides support to the pension office. She stated the biggest hurdle remains with the Affordable Care Act. She explained they manually calculate 600 totals which you see on the W2 form. She stated it is all done manually. She stated the bottom line is that they manage all of this will carrying on their daily work of processing vouchers, etc.

Mr. Thomas stated he wished to provide the Board with information regarding line item 4977 0142 Computer Software. He stated this is a request for software enhancement to assist the processing of the local applications (approximately 1,500) for elderly tax relief veterans, the totally disabled and blind relief. He stated this program would greatly assist his office.

Ald. Anderson asked Mr. Erodici which positions were directly in his office.

Mr. Erodici explained their 5 divisions of the Finance as follows: Accounting (accountant, 2 accounting clerks), Assessors (assessor, 3 deputy assessors, 4 clerks), Finance (finance director, treasurer, administrative assistant, clerk A, accounting clerk – payroll), Purchasing (purchasing agent, senior clerk) and Tax (tax collector, deputy tax collector, 1 certified clerk and 3 clerk A)

Ald. Anderson asked about line item 4752 0000 Revaluation Operations in the amount of \$26,500.

Mr. Thomas explained these are for revaluations for court and can include appraisals, consultants they may need for various cases.

Ald. Vitali asked Mr. Erodici if he could provide the Board with a breakdown of the each department.

Ald. Shaw asked if the impact of overtime with the possible addition of the accountant position.

Mr. Erodici stated his office does not use much overtime, if any. He stated there could be a small amount of overtime if someone is on vacation and someone else is doing that work. He also stated there could be a small amount of overtime at the end of the fiscal year as various reports are completed.

Ald. Shaw asked about professional fees.

Mr. Erodici explained a small portion of that is for help in the accounting department.

Ald. German asked Mr. Erodici to provide a list of the duties and responsibilities as outlined tonight by Ms. Swift.

**4141 Board of Assessment Appeals** – Daniel K. Thomas, City Assessor was present for questions/comment.

None.

**4320 Fire Department** – Chief Douglas Edo, Assistant Chief Gary Baker and Battalion Chief Daniel Wassmer were present for questions/comments. Chief Edo stated when he met with the Mayor the mayor had asked all departments to hold the line and think outside the box. Chief Edo stated his budget represents a 2.25% increase in wages and that their total budget is just under \$200,000 from last year's budget, which is contractual due to wage increase.

Ald. Shaw asked about line item 4923 0350 Fire Station Improvements.

Chief Edo explained that is maintenance for each of their building, primarily due to their age.

Ald. Hardiman asked about line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary.

Chief Edo explained they have a retired firefighter that does the department's mapping, i.e. when there are new roads, sub-divisions, etc. He also stated they pay the per diem dispatchers from this account.

Ald. Smith commended Chief Edo and his staff for holding the line and rising to the challenge of the mayor. He asked if there was any line item where the department request has gone line. Also, in following Ald. Vitali's line of questioning at previous meetings he asked about line item 4782 0000 Film and Photographs.

Chief Edo stated line items for the life packs, lucas, etc are big ticket items that they need to purchase. Regarding film and photographs, he stated that is used for fire investigations exclusively. He stated there can be as many as 100 photographs taken at a fire scene.

Ald. Smith thanked Chief Edo and the department and recognized the department's ISO certification.

Chairman Vetro asked if there could be some savings expected with the consolidation of Stations 5 and 6.

Chief Edo stated there are some issues with the new fire house with regard to electric and heating that they are addressing. He also pointed out they are still paying utilities at Station 5 and 6.

Ald. Anderson asked about calls as compared to last year and asked if they were up, down or the same.

Battalion Chief Wassmer stated because of the two recent storms there was a spike in calls, but overall they are up 100 calls a year. He noted generally the trend is upward.

Chief Edo stated he would be able to run a report and provide it to the aldermen.

**4360 Lights, Hydrants, Water** – Chief Douglas Edo was present for questions/comments. Chief Edo stated these accounts are the same as last year. He also stated he met with the Regional Water Authority to discuss how they arrived at the numbers.

Ald. German asked about street lighting and if the cost is negotiated.

Mayor Blake stated they budget the amount which is what is billed from United Illuminating. He stated they do an audit each year. He pointed out the city received a small credit last year.

**4331 Civil Preparedness** – Chief Douglas Edo was present for questions/comments. Chief Edo stated the budget is basically the same as last year.

Ald. Stanford asked about line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary. She stated last year it was \$2,750 and this year it is \$6,750.

Chief Edo stated the fire department has implemented a SWAT/medic program. He explained they are paying their paramedics to go for training with the police department for mass casualty, SWAT teams, etc.

Ald. Shaw asked about line items 4721 0001 Temporary Emergency Shelter and 4977 0002 Emergency Shelter and asked the difference.

Mayor Blake explained one account is for cots, etc which are used during an emergency. He stated the other account is an account which was established by the Board of Aldermen a few years ago for vouchers for temporary housing. He stated the Red Cross is now regionalized out of Wallingford, so their presence is not what it used to be in Milford.

**4805 C-Med** – Chief Douglas Edo was present for questions/comments. Battalion Chief Wassmer stated this account is for the radio coordination of medical calls. He explained they are required by State Statute to maintain a recording system. As to the rate, he stated it is calculated by EMS based on call volume and populations.

**4420 Public Works Office** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions. Mr. Saley stated he has been the Public Works Director since April 14 and has been transitioning into the position with the help of Ms. Hammill. He stated the budget is essentially the same as last year and was in place when he got here. He stated there is a lot going on in the Public Works Department, both small and

big. He stated the residents have been great and especially his staff who has welcomed him. He stated they tend to receive a lot of criticism, but the department has done a lot of great work. Mr. Saley stated he was excited to work with a good team and bring services to Milford.

Ald. Anderson welcomed Mr. Saley. He asked about sidewalks, referring to line item 4518 0000 (Highway/Parks).

Mr. Saley spoke of the Mayor's walk initiative regarding sidewalks and the opportunity to improve Milford's sidewalks.

Ald. Stanford welcomed Mr. Saley. She expressed concern regarding the roadways and expressed her hope that would be a priority.

Mr. Saley stated Wheelers Farm Road is one priority. He stated Mr. Wassmer is working with all involved and they hope to be very aggressive this year with road improvements.

Mayor Blake stated the city received additional money from a grant from the State. He stated it is slightly less than what they have normally received for road work. Mayor Blake pointed out Milford has 240 miles of center lane road with over 1200 streets. He explained there are a lot of variables that go into this.

Ald. Smith asked about the additional office position in the public works office. He asked how that was working out.

Ms. Hammill stated the position is currently being filled by a seasonal temporary person until the position can be filled permanently.

Ald. Shaw asked if the position would be filled by the fall.

Ms. Hammill stated that was the hope.

Ald. Hardiman congratulated Mr. Saley on his appointment. He praised Ms. Hammill and her work.

Ald. Kubek welcomed Mr. Saley. He commented regarding the sidewalks on Gulf Street and stated it was unfortunate they were not extended past the curve.

Mr. Saley stated they are continuing to work on the area as well as a number of other areas in conjunction with the mayor's walk initiative.

**4421 Highway/Parks** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions.

Chairman Vetro asked the aldermen that to keep their questions to the department being discussed. He stated they would now move to 4423 Building Maintenance, as Highway/Parks were discussed with the Public Works Office.

**4423 Building Maintenance** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions. No questions were asked.

**4424 Engineering** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions.

Ald. Smith recalled a time when the Engineering Department was separate entity and now it is part of the Public Works Department. He stated it appears the city engineering is called upon by a number of other departments, i.e. Flood & Erosion Control Board, Coastal Management, etc. Ald. Smith asked Mr. Wassmer about his responsibilities within the domain of the public works department and his advisory capacity to other departments.

Mr. Wassmer stated he works with many departments, such as Recreation Department, Inland Wetlands Agency, Community Development, Planning and Zoning, Flood and Erosion Control Board, etc.

Ald. Smith asked Mr. Wassmer if he reports to the public works director.

Mr. Wassmer replied yes. He also spoke of an opening in his department which he hoped to fill.

**4429 General Garage** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions. Chairman Vetro commented the new roof is taking a while, but is looking good.

Ald. Stanford asked about line item 4331 0000 Gas & Other Propellants and noted it had gone up considerably. She asked if it was due to the gas increase.

Mayor Blake stated overall this line item is actually down from last year.

Ald. Bier stated he recalled in the past many of the line items in this department had run out of money and the department would be unable to do repairs. He asked if the department needed new equipment or how they would proceed.

Mr. Saley noted some of the line items are underfunded, plus they have an aging fleet. He stated the garage supervisors have extended the warranties on the newer fleet, which has been a help. Mr. Saley stated they also have a better preventive maintenance system in place.

Ald. Vitali welcomed Mr. Saley aboard. He asked about the acquisition of the rolling stock and the possibility of looking into buying more fuel efficient vehicles.

Mr. Saley stated he is looking at fuel efficiency in all of their vehicles. He stated they also need to be mindful that the department does not always have the technology to repair those types of vehicles and it gets costly, so it is something they need to balance.

Mayor Blake stated the city has applied for a grant that would pay the difference of a vehicle as compared to the high bred vehicles.

**4431 Solid Waste** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions.

Ald. Anderson asked if the department has looked into a new scale at the transfer station and if there was a potential for capturing additional savings.

Mr. Saley stated they have an opportunity to look at their solid waste as well as increasing recycling, composting. This would reduce what they pay and possibly increase revenue.

Mayor Blake stated in June the city would complete its contract with solid waste. He stated he believed they could get a better deal from the previous year. He also spoke regarding more streamlining.

Ald. German congratulated Mr. Saley on his appointment. Ald. German stated he was glad to hear there will be a push to make Milford more “green”, adding he recently saw an article which stated Milford was one of the least green cities in Connecticut.

Mr. Saley commented as to the amount of paper Milford generates and stated they needed to be more automated.

Ald. German stated in some towns they offer a Good Will type trailer so people could leave various items. He asked if Milford had every looked into this.

Mr. Saley explained there is a permitting process for this type of trailer, but that they were in the process of working on it and hoped to have a trailer in place in the near future.

**4426 Wastewater** – Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions.

Ald. Stanford asked about line item 4741 0000 Nitrogen Credits.

Mr. Saley stated Mr. Cooper who is the Wastewater Superintendent has been very proactive in this area. He explained this is a chemical process that treats raw sewage to remove the chemicals. He stated with a lot of rain it can really throw off the numbers.

Ald. Stanford asked how they could go from \$376,431 to \$0 to \$25,000.

Mr. Cooper stated he is predicting next year will likely be \$0. He stated in a very wet year, so the numbers will be very high. He also spoke of the number of improvements to the system.

Ald. Veccharelli stated \$376,000 was a lot of money spent in 2012. He also stated he recalled for years Milford was getting money. He stated for future’s sake that Milford would get money back and would not have to pay out. He reiterated he would rather Milford receive money and not just \$0. Ald. Veccharelli also asked about line item 4997 0190 Computer.

Mr. Cooper stated they are replacing the computerized control systems in the plants.

Ald. Veccharelli also expressed concern regarding this line item because the request of \$82,400 reduced to \$2,400 and how that would affect the functionality.

Mr. Cooper stated the \$2,400 is the cost for a computer. He stated the computerized controls would come out of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Ald. German asked about line item 4442 0000 Electricity.

Mr. Cooper explained a study was done by Fuss & O'Neil for fuel sensors. He stated they are looking at other ways to reduce their consumption.

Mr. Saley spoke of the amount of work done in this department and that they always looking at alternatives.

**4154 Sewer Commission** - Christopher Saley, Public Works Director, Kelly Hammill, Public Works Administrator, Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Wastewater Superintendent were present for questions. No questions were asked.

**4819 Milford Progress, Inc.** – Tina DeNapoles, President, Kathy Alagno, Glenn Beck and Scott Moulton were present for questions/comments. Ms. Alagno provided an explanation of their executive summary (handout) explaining what is run out of the Chamber of Commerce. Continuing with an explanation of the handout, she explained how they chose their projects and their long and short term goals.

Ms. DeNapoles stated the handout shows the history of everything MPI has worked on.

Ald. Anderson referred to p. 16 of the handout and asked the panel to provide details regarding the design work, what it is for and if that project was complete.

Ms. DeNapoles explained Stockmal had done a design of what the signs would look like.

Ms. Alagno stated there were 5-6 designs and that they came to this Board several years ago as to what those signs would look like.

Ald. Vitali asked if it is a contingency of about \$60,000 they have received.

Ms. DeNapoles replied yes.

Ald. Vitali stated the Economic Development Director came to the Board of Aldermen last week announcing she had applied for a grant for the signage project for the downtown. He also stated in looking briefly at the handout received tonight there were projects at Café Atlantique and the Stonebridge.

Ms. Alagno explained they have had people who will come to them with a project looking for support. She stated as to the \$60,000, there is an administrative fee paid to the Chamber over the course of a year which



amounts to about \$333 per month. She went on to explain how the agendas and minutes are processed and the outside meetings she attends.

Ald. Vitali asked if they were asking for an additional \$10,000 on top of the \$60,000 they already receive for a total of \$70,000.

Ms. Alagno stated the downtown area has new lamplights, the brick along the sidewalks, the new sidewalks in front of the Milford camera, the widening of Daniel Street, the added left lane turn on Prospect to name some of the many projects. She also stated they help with the bows on the lamppost during the holidays and donate towards the holiday lights.

Ms. DeNapoles stated the handout references in detail the numerous projects that have been completed, all of which are a part of the plan of development.

Ald. Vitali stated there appears to be a lot of good planning, but questioned where the implementation is.

Ms. DeNapoles stated the wayfinding was a huge project and that they just got stuck on that one project.

Ms. Alagno stated the original plan was for signage in the downtown area, but then they were asked to expand to the entire city which was an immense project. She stated after putting a lot of time their work was rendered useless because of the regulations by the DOT. She stated they were also sidetracked by two severe storms, Irene and Sandy. Ms. Alagno stated they were through all the proper channels and hit a lot of bureaucratic red tape. She acknowledged the help they received from Mayor Blake and also the grant applied for by the Community Development Director.

Ms. DeNapoles stated with regard to grants that they have not spent money foolishly.

Ald. Shaw acknowledged a lot of great work. She stated there still are some concerns and that the Board's interest is not just in the \$10,000, but the work they do not just downtown. She stated it was her understanding they were set up under State Statute and Ordinance, but that her understanding of the operation is different than what is being explained.

Ms. DeNapoles stated the projects MPI has undertaken are very large projects that won't be done with just \$10,000, nor would they be done in one year.

Ald. Shaw stated she was concerned overall when they talk about economic development.

Mr. Moulton stated the meetings are open to the public and the minutes are available. He stated the \$10,000 was not for a specific project, but was to help run MPI.

Ald. Anderson stated in 2007 MPI was asked to expand beyond the downtown. He also stated by statute the MPI Board is comprised of 7 board members, however the list provided in the handout lists over 22 board members. He questioned how they got past the 7 members and if that was mandated.

Ms. Alagno stated there have been a number of changes to their bylaws, which tell them how many can sit on the Board.

Ald. German asked if she could explain the difference between the downtown merchants association and the work of MPI.

Ms. Alagno explained the downtown merchants association is an independent membership to promote the downtown area and businesses in that area. She stated MPI is the bigger part of that.

Ald. Veccharelli referring to the handout asked what the administrative fees were for.

Ms. Alagno stated that is what they are discussing and that is what the Chamber does for MPI, ie meeting agendas, minutes, attendance at meetings.

Ald. Anderson stated he appreciated the history provided tonight along with the handout and the progress in downtown Milford.

**4310 Police Department** – Chief Keith Mello and Assistant Chief Tracey Mooney were present for questions. Chief Mello stated the budget has a marginal increase of 2.8%, most of which is due to the 2.25% wage increase. He pointed out 80% of the budget is wages. He also stated there are fixed costs of approximately \$3,600. Chief Mello stated he wished to point out several accounts which he believed are underfunded.

Ald. Vitali asked about the overtime account and an estimate of shortage.

Chief Mello stated he expected a shortfall of \$225,000. He stated the current budget is short \$200,000.

Ald. Stanford asked about line item 4971 0214 Police Cruisers. She asked how many vehicles they would purchase, the cost and how many vehicles they currently have.

Chief Mello stated they currently have 62 vehicles, which includes 27 cruisers. He stated they also have unmarked vehicles and specialty vehicles. He went on to explain how they rotate their fleet. Chief Mello stated he hopes to purchase 8-10 vehicles. He stated the vehicles will last 2-3 years on the road and then they go to the detective bureau.

Ald. Anderson asked about line item 4944 0001 Personal Protective Equipment, which shows \$0. He asked what the original request was for.

Chief Mello stated that particular line item has been \$0 for the last few years. He explained after 9/11 there was federal government money available so that officers were able to get gas masks, suits, etc.

Ald. Anderson asked about the school bus red light program and its progress.

Chief Mello stated the implementation has been very slow, however they have seen a number of violations.

Ald. Smith asked about the police sub-stations and their status.

Chief Mello stated the sub-station at the Connecticut Post Mall is still open and helps with computer technology, as a holding cell and bathroom facilities. He noted it is not manned all the time, but that it has been

terrific not just for the mall, but all of that general area. Chief Mello stated having the facility at Simon Lake has also been a great help, especially in light of the number of calls in that area in the summer.

Ald. Fontana asked about line item 4944 0213 Divider Cages.

Chief Mello stated they purchase them for the new vehicles.

Ald. Fontana asked if there is a separate fee for the installation.

Chief Mello replied yes, due to the sophistication of the system.

Chairman Vetro commended Chief Mello and his staff on the recent citizen's academy graduation. He stated it is a great program and an opportunity to see the operations of the police department.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about line item 4944 0002 Patrol Ballistic Shield.

Chief Mello explained it is used to defend against gunfire, sharp objects, etc. He stated they are looking to buy these slowly. He stated this account would be one.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about line item 4977 0171 Personal Video Camera.

Chief Mello explained the person video and the varying models. He explained how an incident is videotaped and then downloaded. Chief Mello stated it is great for evidence and explained officers are required to wear them as part of their probation.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about line item 4980 0601 Video Camera.

Chief Mello explained there was a state law that required police departments to record an arrest confession. He stated this was a mandate that provided no money. He stated it has since been taken out.

Chairman Vetro asked where the department stood with regard to canines.

Chief Mello stated they have four canines in total. He stated two would be retiring this year and that they are looking for donations. He stated the cost for two canines is approximately \$7,000 and that the training class is approximately 16 weeks.

Ald. Fontana asked about line item 4944 0212 Shotgun lock.

Chief Mello explained it is actually a long gun. He stated the department recently received a donation for six and this additional requested weapon would put the department where they need to be. He stated if they have the ability to do so they attempt to purchase one a year.

**4131 Law Department** – Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney was present for questions/comments. Attorney Berchem stated his budget is essentially the same as last year. He pointed out an increase of \$79,409 from last year which he explained is due to the addition of the risk manager who is under the auspicious of his office. He explained a conversation was started prior to his coming to the City Attorney's Office about having the risk

manager's office in the law department. Attorney Berchem stated he works with the risk manager on a day to day basis regarding claims, workers compensation, insurance rates, etc. He stated having her in his office has been a bonus. He stated the only other change in the budget is a contractual wage adjustment.

Ald. Stanford asked what department the risk manager had been in.

Attorney Berchem stated she was in the personnel office, but her position was found as a line item in the Finance Department.

Mr. Erodici added that technically the risk manager was in the personnel department, now the human resources department, but she reports to the Finance Director.

Ald. Anderson asked how many bargaining units were in negotiations at this time. He also asked if negotiations were now being handled in-house.

Attorney Berchem stated the department is not spending less in outside counsel fees. He stated there are two big ticket expenditures, Other Legal Fees and Misc. Professional Fees. He also stated there are no open contacts at this time, but there are a number of contracts expiring in June. Attorney Berchem also stated there are two open pension agreements.

Ald. Casey asked the role of the trial attorney.

Attorney Berchem stated the person in that office is the longest tenured member of his office. He stated trial counsel handles all of the tax appeals, land use appeals and zoning appeals.

Ald. Casey asked about attorneys in the office.

Attorney Berchem stated it is himself and the Assistant City Attorney. He explained anything covered by insurance is covered by CIRMA.

Ald. Vitali asked about line items 4122 0000 and 4189 0000 and asked if either of these line items had been exceeded.

Attorney Berchem stated those two line items are used exclusively for outsourcing work. He stated it can be anything from court fees, marshal fees, outside experts, etc.

Ald. Vitali asked if there would ever be a time that the law department would take over completely.

Attorney Berchem stated it seems to be one more go around with regard to contract negotiations.

Ald. German asked about the risk manager position and if that would mean a reduction in the Finance Department.

Mr. Erodici stated the actual reduction could be found in the personnel department, now known as the human resources department. He stated the finance department was mentioned because the risk manager reports to the finance director.

Ald. Casey asked if the town is insured for bodily injury claims.

Attorney Berchem replied yes, it is with CIRMA.

**4132 Ethics Commission** – Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney was present for questions/comments.

Ald. Vitali asked how many cases went to the Ethics Commission.

Attorney Berchem stated he was aware of only one.

**4503 Public Debt Service** – no questions asked.

**4710 Employee Benefits** – no questions asked.

**4740 Claims and Refunds** – no questions asked.

**4720 Insurance and Bonds** – no questions asked.

**4790 Benefit & Salary Reserve** – no questions asked.

**4992 Private School Textbook** – no questions asked.

**4799 Unallocated Contingency** – no questions asked.

**4993 Education Audit Fees** – no questions asked.

**4994 School Debt** – no questions asked.

**4995 Employee Benefits, Non-Teaching** – no questions asked.

**4997 Education Health Insurance Contribution** – no questions asked.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to recess at 10:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary