

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
BUDGET DELIBERATIONS – FINAL VOTE  
MAY 17, 2012**

The Board of Aldermen held a budget deliberation session on Thursday, May 17, 2012 in City Hall for Consideration and Voting RE: the proposed general budget, revenues and appropriations for fiscal year 2012-2013, establishment of the 2012-2013 mill rate and the tax due dates. 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  
B. Bier (7:19 p.m.)  
R. Dickman  
G. Gasper  
D. German (7:21 p.m.)  
A. Giannattasio  
R. Nunno  
S. Shaw  
F. Smith  
P. Smith  
G. Stanford (7:17 p.m.)  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor B. Blake  
P. Erodict, Finance Director  
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
B. Peloso, Asst. City Clerk

Excused

J. Golden

Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the May 17, 2012 meeting of the Board of Aldermen regarding the final budget vote.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to come out of recess at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro went on to thank the Board for their hard work and recognized the work of the Mayor, department heads, Superintendent of Schools and many others who worked so hard. He stated the Board tonight would make a final and binding decision to what is funded and what is not. He asked the Board to put away all political agendas and do what is best for the City.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4111 Board of Aldermen in the amount of \$6,304, Acct. 4112 Elections in the amount of \$75,000, Acct. 4115 Registrar of Voters in the amount of and Acct. 4116 MGAT in the amount of \$15,700 as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. P. Smith raised a point of order, stating there were some technical corrections that needed to be made.

Mayor Blake directed the Board to the handout regarding the health care numbers and on the reverse side the library side.

Ald. P. Smith asked about collection rates. She stated last year it was 97.85% and asked what the rate was for fiscal year 2012.

Mr. Erodici stated he would be reluctant to give a specific figure until all numbers were finalized and the final audit completed. He stated the collection rate in 2011 was 97.6%, in 2010 it was 98% and in 2009 it was 77.6%. He stated the left the late the same as last year.

Ald. P. Smith asked about any surplus.

Mr. Erodici stated there is a projected surplus, but that figure was not figured into the mill rate.

Ald. P. Smith asked about the reval surplus and recollected there was a litigation settlement.

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order. He stated there currently is a motion on the table and that he was not sure where Ald. P. Smith was going with her questioning, which was not addressing the accounts currently on the table.

Ald. P. Smith stated she wanted to clarify some of the technical correction items.

Mr. Erodici explained the \$416,000 was related to the settlement with the mall and the City was able to recognize that for three years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4121 Mayor's Office in the amount of \$252,047 and Acct. 4122 General Expenses in the amount of \$544,162 as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4123 Community Development in the amount of \$105,910 as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4129 City Clerk in the amount of \$341,411 as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. P. Smith stated subsequent to these numbers being finalized there was a budget transfer. She stated it was her impression that would continue to next year.

Mayor Blake stated there was a transfer done to cover the cost of the Republican primary held in April. He stated they have learned there will be both a Republican and Democratic presidential primaries this summer.

Ald. P. Smith asked if that falls under the Elections account.

Mayor Blake stated it would take into account the Elections, City Clerk and Registrars accounts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4131 Law Department in the amount of \$505,611, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4132 Ethics Commission in the amount of \$700, Acct. 4133 Probate Court in the amount of \$16,166, Acct. 4141 Board of Finance in the amount of \$1,050, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4142 Permitting and Land Use in the amount of \$950,544, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4143 Board of Assessment Appeals in the amount of \$2,650, Acct. 4144 Zoning Board of Appeals in the amount of \$14,485, Acct. 4145 Pension Board in the amount of \$3,850, Acct. 4146 Flood and Erosion Board in the amount of \$53, and Acct. 4147 Tree Commission in the amount of \$1,121, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4151 Civil Service Commission in the amount of \$200, Acct. 4153 Park, Beach and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$600 and Acct. 4155 Economic Development Commission in the amount of \$1, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budgets for Acct. 4156 Conservation Commission in the amount of \$1,105, Acct. 4159 Veterans, Ceremony & Parade Commission in the amount of \$4,187, Acct. 4160 Housing Code Board of Appeals in the amount of \$400, and Acct. 4161 Housatonic River Estuary Commission in the amount of \$1,049, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Nunno moved to amend the motion for Acct. 4159 with the following change: line item 4798 0000 Other Supplies & Charges from \$3,387 to \$4,800 for a new sub-total in *Operational Expenses* of \$5,100 and a new department total of \$5,600.

Ald. Bier asked if Ald. Anderson could explain the reason for the increase.

Ald. Anderson stated they had indicated during their budget session that they are unable to provide the necessary wreaths and flags for the veterans' graves and during ceremonies.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he would support this amendment and that it was a noble amendment.

On the amendment, motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4193 Public Library in the amount of \$1,026,493, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4210 Finance Department in the amount of \$1,544,310, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4215 Management Information Systems (MIS) in the amount of \$660,120, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4219 Personnel in the amount of \$266,944, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4310 Police Department in the amount of \$10,408,976, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. P. Smith moved to amend the motion to increase line item 4745 Ordnance to read \$35,000 from \$30,000; and line item 4971 0214 Police Cruisers to read \$200,000 from \$160,000 for a new department total of \$10,473,976.

Ald. P. Smith stated for the past few years they have budgeted \$200,000 and that she did not want to see them deferring the purchase of cars for a year. She also stated with regard to Ordnance, she was not comfortable telling the Chief of Police how many bullets they could use. She stated they also offered the decrease in Gas/Propellants.

Mayor Blake stated it the Chief testified about gas/propellants and that there is a special reserve account for private duty work which is used for gas. He stated they can draw from that account if gas/propellants account was low. With regard to Ordnance, he stated he worked with the Chief during the budget process and he stated he was comfortable with the amount. He also explained how the vehicles are purchased and that he was comfortable with the figure for this account.

Ald. Anderson stated the Mayor's comments were in line with what the Chief was saying. He pointed out with the change in the type of vehicle that they were not ready to switch. He also stated when they do switch the make of the vehicle they will be entirely different and require a retro fit.

Ald. P. Smith explained the reason for lowering the gas/propellants account. He stressed it was important to budget appropriately so that they do not end up drawing down other accounts to compensate.

By roll call vote, the amendment failed 8 no (Anderson, Gasper, Nunno, Shaw, F. Smith, Stanford, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 yes (Bier, Dickman, German, Giannattasio, P. Smith, Vitali).

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budgets for Acct. 4320 Fire Department in the amount of \$10,568,704, and Acct. 4331 Civil Preparedness in the amount of \$90,150, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Bier moved to amend the motion for Acct. 4320 Fire as follows: line item 4942 0254 Life Packs to read \$28,000 from \$0; and line item 4942 0259 to read \$24,000 from \$0 for a new sub-total in *Capital Outlays* of \$175,000 and a new department total of \$10,620,704.

Mayor Blake stated it was his recollection the Chief was comfortable with these accounts. He noted the Chief was present and asked if he could come forward for comment.

Chief LaVecchia stated he was comfortable with these accounts due to the fact the department was looking for alternative funding. He stated one possible source of funding could come from charging for EMS services. He stated if that does not happen, they would fall short.

Ald. Giannattasio stated it was his understanding there is current legislation regarding life packs and that they will be mandatory in all public areas.

Chief LaVecchia stated that is for the automatic defibrillators, not the life pack.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there is any legislation coming that would require life packs at ball fields. He stated his point is that it is important to be prudent now and not wait for legislation.

Chief LaVecchia replied there is no legislation to his knowledge, but that it is defibrillators, not life packs. He explained the department, through grants has been switching over their life packs. He stated they have life packs in all vehicles, but that this request is an upgrade to the Lucas life pack, which is not on all their vehicles.

Ald. Dickman asked about the proposal to change over for their EMS service. He asked if it is billed directly through the insurance company or if that is out-of-pocket expenses for the patient. He asked how many of the patients are uninsured.

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order, stating they were talking about two specific accounts. He stated this discussion has no bearing on these account. He stated this Board has had ample time to speak with department heads and that questions have been answered.

Mayor Blake stated since the Chief was present tonight, he could answer some of these questions that have arisen.

Ald. Dickman asked how many people are uninsured.

Chief LaVecchia stated that number is relatively low. He went on to explain the procedure in order to go to the EMS billing which will take time. He stated they are in the process of beginning discussions with AMR.

Mayor Blake stated many municipalities charge for advanced life support. He stated AMR charges as well for transport. He stated basically Milford is looking to do this to generate funds. He reiterated that currently residents or insurance companies are being charged but through AMR.

Ald. P. Smith applauded the Chief for pursuing this program, but pointed out it will take time to put it in place. She stated she did not want the department to fall behind in purchasing equipment.

Mayor Blake stated it is his goal to get this done by the new fiscal year. He stated these are items that found on an ambulance.

Chief LaVecchia stated yes, but just not the Lucas life pack, which AMR does not carry.

Ald. P. Smith pointed out the fire department is the first responder and that the trucks should have all the equipment they need.

Chairman Vetro stated the trucks already have these items on their trucks, but that you will continue to add the Lucas chest compression through other means of funding.

Ald. P. Smith stated the goal is to have all pieces of apparatus have the Lucas chest compression. She stated this is an issue of public safety and one she feels strongly about.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the ambulances have the Lucas chest compression.

Chief LaVecchia replied no.

Ald. Giannattasio stated the Board needed to be responsible and support this.

By roll call vote, the amendment failed 8 no (Anderson, Gasper, Nunno, Shaw, F. Smith, Stanford, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 yes (Bier, Dickman, German, Giannattasio, P. Smith, Vitali).

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4340 Animal Control in the amount of \$355,487, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4360 Lighting, Hydrants, Water in the amount of \$1,745,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Giannattasio requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 7:56 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:06 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4420 Public Works Office as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following change: line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary to read \$19,250 from \$250 for a new sub-total in *Personal Services* in the amount of \$220,256 and a new department total of \$227,032.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he is in support of this and that any help this Board could give this department was sorely needed.

On the amendment, motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4421 Highway/Parks in the amount of \$2,438,572, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4423 Building Maintenance in the amount of \$2,815,244, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4424 Engineering in the amount of \$354,477, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4429 General Garage in the amount of \$1,211,230, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4431 Solid Waste in the amount of \$4,268,077, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4502 Equipment Reserve Allocation as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4503 Public Debt Service in the amount of \$8,427,725, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4610 Health Department in the amount of \$884,080, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4620 Recreation Department in the amount \$769,762, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4710 Employee Benefits as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013, with the following change: line item 4221 9919 Self Insurance Contribution to read \$12,166,242 from \$12,456,033, for a new sub-total in *Employee Benefits* of \$17,326,740 and a new department total of \$17,348,140. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4720 Insurance and Bonds in the amount of \$2,271,923, Acct. 4740 Claims and Refunds in the amount of \$485,000, and Acct. 4790 Benefit & Salary Reserve in the amount of \$647,500, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4799 Unallocated Contingency in the amount of \$0, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Dickman moved to amend the motion to increase line item 4899 0000 Contingency Account to \$100,000 from \$0, for a new sub-total in *General Charges* of \$100,000 and a new department total of \$100,000.

Ald. Shaw stated she agreed this number should be worked on, but thought \$100,000 was too high. She asked Ald. P. Smith if she could re-consider her motion and consider \$50,000.

Ald. P. Smith stated this number is based on some of the accounts they discussed tonight, i.e. the upcoming primary election, Registrar's Office, City Clerk's Office and the Elections account. She also stated she was concerned with the Public Works budget, pointing out they are already out of money. Ald. P. Smith stated the Public Works department has not been properly funded in the Building Maintenance and General Garage accounts. She stated there are other departments that are operating their accounts at a near zero balance. She stated she would not be comfortable going as low as \$50,000. She also stated it was important for this Board to be transparent with their transfers.

Mr. Erodici explained the issue of taking money out of the undesignated account would not be in the general fund, so it would go into a Fund 40 or Fund 76.

Ald. P. Smith stated she was looking at this as attempting to be transparent. She reiterated she was concerned \$50,000 would not be enough.

Ald. Anderson stated in addition to those items that have been mentioned by Ald. P. Smith, the City of Milford has to match funds for any grants approved.

Ald. Shaw stated she agreed Public Works does have a very tight budget, adding she has spent time with that department, but pointed out that department received all they asked for. She asked Ald. P. Smith if she would re-consider her amendment to \$75,000.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio moved to amend the amendment to increase line item 4899 0000 Contingency Account to \$75,000 from \$0, for a new sub-total in *General Charges* of \$75,000 and a new department total of \$75.00.

Ald. Bier commented it is a great amendment and that it was a nice discussion. He added hopefully the \$75,000 would carry over.

By roll call vote, the amendment carried 13 yes (Anderson, Bier, Dickman, Gasper, German, Giannattasio, Nunno, Shaw, F. Smith, P. Smith, Stanford, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Veccharelli).

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4801 Council on Aging in the amount of \$1,345,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4803 Fine Arts Council in the amount of \$67,500, Acct. 4805 C-MED in the amount of \$98,782, and Acct. 4807 Regional Mental Health Board in the amount of \$2,996, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4811 Borough of Woodmont in the amount of \$220,000, Acct. 4812 Transit Authority in the amount of \$345,242, and Acct. 4813 Bridges Community Support in the amount of \$350,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4815 Historic District in the amount of \$2,850 and Acct. 4816 Milford Flotilla 73 in the amount of \$10,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4817 Human Services Department in the amount of \$490,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets: Acct. 4818 Historic District in the amount of \$650, Acct. 4819 Milford Progress, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000, Acct. 4820 Historic District II in the amount of \$650, Acct. 4821 Health Services/VNA in the amount of \$41,000, Acct. 4822 Cemetery Association in the amount of \$9,250, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4825 Beth El Shelter in the amount of \$70,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Stanford and Ald. Anderson moved to amend the motion to increase line item 4708 0000 Grant to read \$75,000 from \$70,000 for a new sub-total in *Operational Expenses* of \$75,000 and a new department total of \$75,000.

Ald. Bier asked if Ald. Stanford could elaborate on the additional funding.

Ald. Stanford cited the increase in the number of lunches being served which she stated is in excess of 700. She also stated in this time of high unemployment their services have been stretched to the limit.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he would rise in support of this amendment and stated he was all for helping out the less fortunate.

The amendment carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4826 Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$60,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. F. Smith and Ald. Nunno moved to amend the motion to increase line item 4708 0000 Grant to read \$65,000 from \$60,000, for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$65,000 and a new department total of \$65,000.

Ald. P. Smith stated she would wholeheartedly support this amendment. She stated they have a wait list 37. She also stated they do an amazing amount of great work and that she was very pleased to support this amendment.

On the amendment, motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the following budgets for Acct. 4992 Private School Textbook in the amount of \$20,000, Acct. 4993 Education Audit Fees in the amount of \$22,300, Acct. 4994 School Debt in the amount of \$3,983,119, Acct. 4995 Employee Benefits, Non-Teaching in the amount of \$1,077,100, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4996 Education Operations in the amount of \$86,882,363, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4997 Education Health Insurance Contribution, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013, with the following change: line item 4221 0000 Contribution, Self Insurance to read \$17,567,385 from \$17,957,594, for a new sub-total in *Employee Fringe Benefits* of \$17,567,385, and a new department total of \$17,567,385. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the budget for Acct. 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses in the amount of \$1,246,026, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve expenditures and revenue for Acct. 0012 0000 Sewer Fund in the amount of \$7,950,782, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. P. Smith asked about the credit for nitrogen credits which she stated seemed low.

Mayor Blake stated this is the amount charged by the State and that it is an actual amount. He stated the Board of Finance changed this amount because they knew the number at the time of they voted. Mayor Blake stated he was hopeful this number would increase, adding he would be meeting with Fuss and O'Neil.

Ald. P. Smith stated the practice had been to pay this bill in the following year. She stated seeing this reduced number is very concerning and that she would be more comfortable it to fiscal year 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve expenditures and revenue for Acct. 0036 4157 Harbor Management Commission in the amount of \$259,423, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve expenditures and revenue for Acct. 0018 4121 Golf Course in the amount of \$70,000, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Acct. 4154 Sewer Commission in the amount of \$1,770,110, as recommended by the Board of Finance for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Acct. 0010 0000 General Fund Revenue as approved by the Board of Finance, with the following technical changes: line item 3611 0000 Fees and Fines to read \$0, line item 3612 0000 Copying Fees to read \$0, line item 3614 0000 Non-Resident Fees to read \$0 and line item 3615 0000 Sale of Discards to read \$0, for a new sub-total in Public Library Revenue of \$0 and a new total revenue of \$186,349,964.

Ald. P. Smith asked for clarification of these funds going to \$0 because they are going into a new fund for the library, essentially this Board would be approving a budget increase of \$30,000.

Mayor Blake responded yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blake suggested the Board take a recess at this time to allow the Finance Director to calculate the figures for the final budget.

The Board recessed at 8:44 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 9:11 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance establishing a budget for the City of Milford for fiscal year 2012-2013, setting the mill rate and establishing a due date in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the City of Milford.

**Whereas:** The Board of Finance of the City of Milford has made estimates of the income and amount of money necessary to appropriate for the expenses of the City of Milford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending July 20, 2013, and has classified such expenses under appropriate headings, departments and appropriations as more fully appears in the proposed Fiscal Budget submitted to the Board of Aldermen in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the charter of the City of Milford; and,

**Whereas:** The Board of Aldermen, having met and conducted a public hearing, has considered said proposed fiscal budget and has made changes therein pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Milford; and

**Whereas:** The Board of Aldermen, in its deliberations and voting on said budget, has estimated revenues for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$185,807,382 and authorized appropriations for 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$185,807,382.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MILFORD AS FOLLOW:**

That the proposed fiscal budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, as amended by the action of the Board of Aldermen pursuant to law, is hereby adopted and ordered to be filed with the City Clerk.

The taxes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, at the rate of 25.60 mills upon the ratable estate within the limits of the City of Milford, are hereby laid and levied to meet the expenses of said budget. Said mill rate is set on the predication that it is estimated that \$479,755 of said levy will be granted for Elderly Exemptions (State of Connecticut), \$772,657 will be granted for a local tax relief program for the elderly, \$606,380 will be granted for a local tax relief program for Veterans and 97.85 % of the resulting levy will be collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, provided that if the taxes of any person shall exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), the first installment thereof, but not less than one-half of the amount of such taxes shall be due and payable on the first day of July 2012 and the remainder due and payable on the first day of January 2013, but any taxpayer may pay the total amount of the tax for which he or she is liable at the time when the first installment shall become payable. Such tax rate shall apply to all districts of the City of Milford.

<b><u>TAXES TO BE RAISED</u></b>	<b><u>\$159,059,142</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</u></b>	<b><u>\$185,807,382</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>\$185,807,382</u></b>

This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the Charter of the City of Milford

Ald. Dickman and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to adjourn the budget deliberations sessions for 2012-2013 at 9:17 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary