

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
MAY 29, 2007**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held a meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 regarding Budget Deliberations for FY 2007-2008 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Beirne asked everyone present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

P. Beckwith
T. Beirne
B. Bier
B. Blake
V. Ditchkus
J. Garbus
B. Genovese
M. Hardiman
B. Lambert
J. Patterson
J. Politi
K. Rowland
J. Toohey
N. Veccharelli, Jr.
P. Vetro

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
J. O'Connell, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
A. Jepson, City Clerk
J. Doneiko, Finance Director

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to come out of recess at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4133 Probate Court as recommended by the Board of Finance in the amount of \$13,635. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4141 Board of Finance as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4168 0000 Secretarial Fees reduce to \$750 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$750 and a new department total of \$900.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend Acct. 0010 4141 as follows: reduce line 4168 to \$650 and reduce line 4783 0000 to \$1.

By roll call vote, motion to amend carried 8 yes (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 7 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi, Toohey).

By roll call vote the main motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning. Motion and second withdrawn.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: reduce line item 4112 0000 Overtime to \$7,000; line item 4117 0000 Seasonal Temporary reduce to \$2,500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$340,631; and line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$2,500; line item 4772 0000 Publications to \$1,200; line item 4782 0000 Film & Photography to \$200; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses to \$4,000; line item 4797 0000 Junk Car Removal Service to \$2,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$33,500 and a new department total of \$378,331.

Ald Rowland and Ald. Blake moved to amend Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning with the following changes: line item 4331 Gas & Other Propellants reduce to \$1,400; line item 4712 Training reduce to \$1.00; line item 4714 Mileage reduce to \$50; line item 4718 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$0; line item 4772 Publications reduce to \$500; line item 4776 Cell Phones reduce to \$0; line item 4781 Duplicating Costs reduce to \$100; line item 4783 Office Supplies reduce to \$2,500; line item 4797 Junk Car Removal Service reduce to \$1.00; line item 4977 0190 Computer reduce to \$1,000.

Mayor Richetelli commented this was painstakingly wrong and are goal is midnight; he stated he believed the Board needed to divide the department since some of the numbers are irresponsible. He also pointed out this is a department of 10 with training required by law. He stated reducing training to \$0 is irresponsible. He also stated reducing publications and duplicating with two meetings per month is irresponsible since they have to duplicate agendas and also people come into the office to obtain copies, and is allowed copies, which is required by law. He stated they would be unable to run this department with these irresponsible cuts. He also stated they need to provide the services to our citizens which they deserve.

Ald. Ditchkus added for expediency it might be better if they kept changes separate. He also stated he reserved his right to continue after they have a subtotal.

Ald. Rowland stated the new department subtotal is \$340,631 and a new department total of \$368,483.

Ald Veccharelli suggested they forego sub-totals because they could be doing it two or three times.

Chairman Beirne stated it is a part of the motion.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he did not believe it was necessary and that they would be here a long time.

Mayor Richetelli stated Ald. Veccharelli's point is well taken and suggested the sub-total and totals be given at the end.

Ald. Blake raised a point of order and stated they are still on the amendment.

Ald. Ditchkus spoke as to some of the changes and stated he agreed they want to cut this budget, but need to be responsible. Reducing the line item for Junk Car Removal to \$1.00 he stated would leave no room to do anything. As to cell phones he stated he disagreed completely. He stated cell phones help us to be efficient and

when people are in the field they need to be able to be in contact with their office. He stated you want to manage but need to be responsible at the same time.

Ald. Blake commented the Mayor insinuated that the cuts may have not have been responsible, however he stated every cut was well thought and responsible. As an example he cited Training which he stated was based on the last two years to date. He also stated in Duplicating, zero money was expended. He reiterated these were well thought out ideas. He also stated he was referenced that these folks have to keep up training and spoke personally of his sister who pays for her own training. He also stated other municipalities do it as well.

Mayor Richetelli commented to Ald. Blake there thoughts may have been well thought out in their caucus and in their own minds but you did not think of the Board. He stated this is a 4-year Board and there might be new members who will need training. He also pointed out the year to date figures they are looking at are not absolutely true since this book was printed in January. He stated the City Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer are required to have training by law and it is provided by contract. He also spoke as to the Plan of Conservation. He stated the Zoning Enforcement Officer does a good job enforcing junk car removal but cannot do that if they don't have money to enforce. He also reminded the Board of an Ordinance on the books to remove. He stated the Ordinance is meaningless without any money to enforce. He stated he wanted the lowest tax possible for the citizens but we needed to be responsible.

Ald. Blake commented junk car removal was disingenuous.

Mayor Richetelli responded he took offense to that remark.

Ald. Blake stated it is the State that sets that and having money in that account is padding the budget.

Mayor Richetelli stated if they have a tow removal company that will do it, they will. He also stated by law they are to leave it a specific amount of time, but if they have a situation that they have to remove junk cars they will do it. He reiterated the Zoning Enforcement Officer does a fine job at removing and if we have to enforce the Ordinance they will.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he did not want to argue this but he has argued this with the Planning and Zoning Director and the problem is that it costs the company more money than we make. He stated because of this we do not currently and have been unsuccessful at doing this. Ald. Veccharelli stated he was "poked in the eye" because of the statement he made that we don't have money to enforce this. He stated he feels they should not put money in that account because everybody in Milford knows we don't enforce this.

Mayor Richetelli stated they were talking about one line item. He stated he wished to make it clear they remove many junk vehicles because of tenacious enforcement by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. He stated to take all of the money out of that line item is dismantling the program.

Ald. Toohey stated two points are being brought up here. She stated they were reminded that there is someone who has agreed to tow cars and stated she was under the impression that was what Mr. Sulkis said to this Board. She stated the other issue is cell phones and that there seems to be an issue that every cell phone is misused. She stated she would not want to have our Zoning Enforcement Officer out there without protection and stated we would be putting one of our officers in jeopardy. She also stated to zero out that line item would be putting an employee of the City in harms way.

Ald. Blake stated he has a number of cell phones and pointed out he would be willing to make them available. He also suggested the City investigate the plan the Board of Education has. He stated he further understood each department has different needs but it would certainly be a great investment.

Mayor Richetelli responded the program Ald. Blake alludes to is for teachers only and that the City is not eligible for that program.

Ald. Ditchkus remarked he could not believe we were suggesting giving our city employees used cell phones and joked we might as well give them two tin cans and string. He stated it is not always a 911 call for fire or police. He stated this is just management and what the other side was asking was just plain crazy.

Ald. Rowland stated if they don't do something different nothing will change. She stated she respectfully disagrees and that there are other plans out there for municipalities.

Mayor Richetelli asked if Ald. Rowland was making a suggestion, and if so, how would they get there with zero dollars in that line item.

Ald. Rowland countered there are a lot of plans out there and stated she wished to move the question.

Ald. Ditchkus raised a point of order stating they put \$ in.

Ald. Blake seconded the motion to move the question.

Mayor Richetelli raised a point of order and stated as Ald. Veccharelli has stated on many occasions they are not able to move the question until everyone has had a bite of the apple.

Ald. Bier stated he has been listening to this debate about cell phones for sometime. He stated the idea of rethinking how they can save money deserves some merit, but if you reduce that line item to zero how do you get anywhere. He asked if Ald. Rowland is against cell phones or if she wants to lower the cost. He stated he believes they save time in the field. He stated he believed some clarification as to what they are trying to achieve. He stated putting the account to zero or \$1.00 means you wish to eliminate cell phones.

Ald. Genovese stated she would like to see this budget move forward and for everyone to get along. She suggested it would be possible to cut other plans.

Ald. Genovese and Ald. Veccharelli moved to amend cell phones to one half.

Ald. Politi commented they were going to go at this all night and do this for every account. She stated she would support \$1,000 but nothing less.

Mayor Richetelli stated he thought the amendment had carried.

By roll call vote, the motion (Genovese) carried 9 yes (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi).

On the amendment, by roll call vote, motion (Rowland) fails 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, motion fails 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning with the following changes: reduce line item 4112 0000 Overtime to \$7,000; line item 4117 0000 Seasonal Temporary reduce to \$2,500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$340,631; and line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$2,500; line item 4772 0000 Publications to \$1,200; line item 4782 0000 Film & Photography to \$200; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses to \$4,000; line item 4797 0000 Junk Car Removal Service to \$2,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$33,500 and a new department total of \$378,331.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning as follows: line item 4771 reduce to \$450; line item 4718 reduce to \$2,000 from \$2,500; line item 4772 reduce to \$500 from \$1,250; line item 4797 reduce to \$500 from \$2,000.

By roll call vote the amended motion (Rowland) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

By roll call vote the main motion failed 6 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Toohey) and 9 no (Bier, Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Politi, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

The Board recessed at 8:15 p.m. Chairman Beirne reconvened the Board at 8:30 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning with the following changes: line item 4112 0000 Overtime to \$7,000; line item 4168 0000 Secretarial fees to \$2,500 for a new department sub-total for Personal Services of \$340,631; and line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conference to \$2,500; line item 4772 0000 Publications to \$1,250; line item 4776 0001 Cell Phones to \$750; line item 4782 0000 Film & Photography \$200; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses to \$4,000 and line item 4797 0000 Junk Car Removal Service to \$2,000.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning & Zoning with the following changes: line item 4797 0000 Junk Car Removal Service to \$500.00.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) carried 8 yes (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 7 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi, Toohey).

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moves to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning & Zoning with the following changes: line item 4776 0001 Cell Phones to \$500 from \$750.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) fails 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Gabrus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey).

Ms. Doneiko stated the new department total for Acct. 0010 4142 is \$376,581.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it was his understanding the Republicans motion had two changes include \$500 for junk cars.

Chairman Beirne interjected and stated he would have Ald. Ditchkus re-read the motion.

Ald. Ditchkus read the motion for Acct. 0010 4142 Planning and Zoning with the following changes: line item 4112 0000 Overtime to \$7,000; line item 4168 0000 Secretarial fees to \$2,500 for a new department sub-total for Personal Services of \$340,631; and line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conference to \$2,500; line item 4772 0000 Publications to \$1,250; line item 4776 0001 Cell Phones to \$750; line item 4782 0000 Film & Photography \$200; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses to \$4,000 and line item 4797 0000 Junk Car Removal Service to \$2,000.

By roll call vote, on the main motion, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Chairman Beirne stated due to the amount of people waiting for the Education budget he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring that item forward.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Hardiman moved to re-order the agenda and bring forward Acct. 4001 Education.

By roll call vote, the motion to re-order the agenda failed 7 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi, Toohey) and 8 no (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Mayor Richetelli commented he realized the motion failed but that most of the people here tonight are most interested in the Account and that he just didn't understand the reality of that vote.

Ald. Ditchkus and Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4143 Board of Assessment Appeals as recommended by the Board of Finance with a department total of \$4,350. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Blake moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4144 Zoning Board of Appeals as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4771 0000 reduce to \$14,000; line item 4774 0000 Postage reduce to \$750 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$15,675 and a new department total of \$16,175. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4153 Pension Board as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Bier moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4146 Flood and Erosion Board as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Bier moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4147 Tree Commission as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4151 Civil Service Commission as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4153 Park, Beach and Recreation Commission as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4155 Economic Development Commission as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4155 Economic Development Commission as follows: line item 4168 0000 reduce to \$50 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$50 and a new department total of \$50.

On the motion to amend, motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4156 Conservation Commission as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4168 0000 Secretarial Fees reduce to \$750 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$750.00; line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$400 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$560 and a new department total of \$1,310.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4156 Conservation Commission as follows: line item 4168 0000 reduce to \$600; line item 4713 0000 Membership reduce to \$45; line item 4782 0000 Film & Photograph reduce to \$0; and line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$0.

Ald. Politi asked the repercussions if this is reduced as amended and if it meant they would not have minutes.

Mayor Richetelli stated the people who sit on this Commission take their roll very seriously. He stated minutes can go on for a long time because they are dedicated people. He stated \$600 should cover it, but if they go over they many end up rushing to get through and not thoroughly be watchdogs for conservation in Milford. He commented we are hamstringing people really watching over our development.

Ald. Blake stated they were given a budget with overspending and found \$3,000,000. He stated they went by the year to date figures and feel are reasonable.

By roll call vote the amendment failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Genovese, Politi, Tohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4158 Inland Wetlands as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4189 0000 Misc. Professional Fees & Svcs. Reduce to \$2,000 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$102,530; line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$1,500; line item 4712 0000 Mileage & Parking reduce to \$100; line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$100; line item 4774 0000 Postage reduce to \$1,000; line item 4775 0000 Office & Equipment reduce to \$200; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$1,400;

line item 4784 0000 Printing & Binding reduce to \$500; line item 4798 0000 Other Supplies & Charges reduce to \$500 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$10,385 and a new department total of \$115,325.

Ald. Lambert and Ald. Blake moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4158 Inland Wetlands as follows: line item 4168 Secretarial Fees reduce to \$1,000; line item 4712 Training Expenses reduce to \$1,000; line item 4776 Cell Phones reduce to \$1.00; line item 4783 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$1,000; line item 4798 Other Supplies & Charges reduce to \$300 and line item 4977 Copier Rental reduce to \$0.

Mayor Richetelli stated that Ms. Palumbo gave him some justifications and also pointed out her budget even with Regular Wages came in under budget. He stated she is available tonight for any additional explanation. With regard to line item 4189, the Board of Finance recommended \$3,000, the majority \$2,000 and the minority \$1,000.

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order stating it is the aldermen's job to do business. He stated with all due respect to the Chairman to acknowledge anyone in the audience, this Board has already done that. He stated it is time for this Board to get down to business and it is not the Mayor's responsibility to bring anyone to the podium.

Ms. Palumbo stated that account, Misc. Professional Fees & Svcs. is the account they use for verbatim minutes as well as outside consulting fees, i.e. engineer, etc.

Mayor Richetelli spoke as to the amount of money expended during the Avalon case.

Ms. Palumbo added she believed the specialists in that case to be over \$70,000. She added other cases have also been around \$70,000.

Ald. Ditchkus asked about Training Expenses and if that is for members on Inland/Wetlands.

Ms. Palumbo explained the new commission takes three classes through DEP at a cost of \$60 per class.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if Ms. Palumbo would refresh the Board as to what happen about a year ago. He also asked if she periodically calls her office. He also asked if she could explain the copier rental and if it is under contract.

Ms. Palumbo spoke as to site visits and there are times when she will find herself on a site she did not expect to be on. On this one particular instance she stated she fell and slide into a pond about chest deep. She was able to call for help with the use of her cell phone. She stated there have been many times it has been necessary to have a cell phone.

Ald. Ditchkus asked about the copier rental.

Ms. Palumbo responded they are in year three of the copy rental. She explained the difficulties if the other offices are not open and they couldn't use that copier.

Ald. Blake asked if her cell phone is used for emergencies only.

Ms. Palumbo responded emergencies as well as to call her office.

Ald. Blake remarked a cell phone would suffice for a call to 911. He stated the issue of cell phones is being blown out of proportion. He also commented there are multiple copiers in Parsons and that a lot could be saved if they shared with other departments.

Ms. Palumbo spoke as to sharing a copy machine. She stated her office has only two people and if someone is out and they need to make a copy down the hall and someone from the public is there they have to close the office and lock it and putting the citizen in the hallway to wait.

Ald. Blake replied it is a two-person office.

Ms. Palumbo responded yes, but many times she is out of the office and the office must be secured if they need to leave the office.

Ald. Beckwith asked if there would be a penalty if they cancelled the copier contract.

Ms. Palumbo responded there would be as well as for the cell phone.

Mayor Richetelli stated approximately \$40-45,000 is spent on cell phones in the entire city and noted it is a \$160,000,000 budget. He also commented cell phones are the world of technology.

Ald. Lambert commented perhaps people should pay for the certification. She also commented it may only be \$45,000 and if the Mayor felt so strongly about cell phones perhaps people should provide their own.

By roll call vote the amendment fails 9 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Patterson, Politi, Toohey) and 6 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve Acct. 0010 4159 Fowler Memorial Commission as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Blake moved to amend Acct. 0010 4159 Fowler Memorial Commission as follows: line item 4783 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce \$50 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$50 and a new department total of \$400. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus started to read the motion . . .

Mayor Richetelli interjected and suggested they go category by category.

Ald. Rowland stated it should be read in its entirety.

Ald. Ditchkus (continued) and Ald. Garbus moved to approve Acct. 0010 4193 Public Library as recommended by the Board of finance with the following changes: line item 4189 0000 Professional Fees reduce to \$1,750 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$781,592; line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$400; line item 4714 0000 Mileage/Parking reduce to \$500; line item 4773 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$1,000; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies/Expenses reduce to \$7,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$82,000; and line item 4980 0165 Books reduce to \$105,000 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$134,000 for a new department total of \$997,692. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve Acct. 0010 4210 Finance Department as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4111 0000 Regular Wages reduce to \$1,346,491; line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week reduce to \$6,978 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$1,411,419; and line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$3,550; line item 4714 0000 Mileage/Parking reduce to \$1,000; line item 4771 0000 Advertising reduce to \$12,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$183,826; and line item 4977 0190 Computers reduce to \$6,500 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$7,250 and a new department total of \$1,603,595.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Rowland moved to amend Acct. 0010 4210 Finance Department as follows: line item 4151 reduce to \$15,000; line item 4189 reduce to \$25,000; and line item 4718 reduce to \$4,000.

Ms. Doneiko provided the justifications for the departments that fall within the Finance Department. She stated with regard to Misc. Professional Fees that \$2,000 was for the Gasby 34 implementation, assessor's appraisal support for court cases. She also spoke as to the appeals and a large number of personal property accounts. She stated there is \$10,000 to the DMV that was charged by DMV and also \$10,000 in foreclosure fees and advertising as required by State. She stated there is also the application fee of \$550 for the Certificate of Achievement this department has excelled in.

Mayor Richetelli also pointed out there are several divisions with the Finance Department, including the Accounting Department, Purchasing Department, Tax Office, Assessor's Office, Treasurer, etc. He stated it really amounts to 5 or 6 offices and Misc. Professional Fees and Svcs. will impact one or more of these divisions. He also spoke as to cutting the accounting position and noted at one time the Finance Department was greater than it is today. He stated each year the Finance Department and Accounting Departments are called on to do more and more with less and less.

Ald. Veccharelli stated when they decided to phase in property taxes it seemed it would put a lot more work on some of the departments, he asked how that would affect her department.

Ms. Doneiko stated she discussed this with the Assessor last week and concluded it will be a lot of extra work. She stated for every addition, such as a deck, it will have to be valued twice. She explained in detail the work involved in assessing properties and also spoke as to the formula to get this down. She stated it is the Assessor's Office that will be impacted the most.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Bier moved to divide the question.

Ald. Blake stated they are on the amendment and that they are voting only on the amendment.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if they were allowed to divide the amendment.

By roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 9:26 p.m. Chairman Beirne reconvened the Board at 9:38 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve Acct. 0010 4210 Finance Department, line item 4189 Misc. Professional Fees & Svs. in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Hardiman moved to approve Acct. 0010 4210 Finance Department, line item 4151 0000 Professional & Other Special Svcs. in the amount of \$15,000.

By roll call vote, motion fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Hardiman moved to approve Acct. 0010 4210 Finance Department, line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conference in the amount of \$4,000.

Ald. Ditchkus commented isn't true that at least 6-7 or more professionals that go to conferences and that they attend these seminars in order to keep there certification current.

Ms. Doneiko responded the Assessor, Payroll Clerk, City Accountant and Treasurer as well as herself go to 1 seminar a year. In addition, she maintains her CPA standing, however she noted she pays her license fee herself.

Mayor Richetelli also stated when he meets with each department heard they go over the budget line item by line item. He also reiterated what he has said earlier that the conferences we allow our professionals to attend are for professional training and development and spoke as to the information they bring back that we are able to use efficiently in our city and enhance our city for the citizens of Milford.

Ald. Ditchkus stated on the main motion the new department sub-total is \$1,410,969.

By roll call vote, the motion fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccarelli, Vetro).

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend Acct. 0010 4210 Finance Department, line item 4990 0529 Office Furniture in the amount of \$1.00 from \$750.

Ald. Ditchkus asked what \$1.00 would do.

Ald. Blake stated it keeps that line item open.

Ms. Doneiko reminded the Board that department heads cannot move the money around. She stated it is presented to the Mayor and also the Board of Finance and Board of Aldermen.

By roll call vote the amendment (Blake) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus stated the new department total for Acct. 0010 4210 is \$1,603,145.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve Acct. 0010 4215 Management Information Systems (MIS) as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$500; line item 4772 0000 Publications reduce to \$50; line item 4775 0000 Office Equipment & upkeep reduce to \$25,000; line item 4789 0000 Supply Exchange reduce to \$17,500; line item 4798 0000 Office Supplies & Charges reduce to \$4,500 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$182,535; and line item 4977 0190 Computer reduce to \$1,300 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$16,683 and a new department total of \$650,227.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Veccharelli moved to amend Acct. 0010 4215 Management Information Systems (MIS) as follows: line item 4189 0000 Professional Fees reduce to \$20,000; line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$3,000; line item 4713 0000 Membership reduce to \$1.00; line item 4714 0000 Mileage/Parking reduce to \$1.00; line item 4771 Publications reduce to \$1.00; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$250; line item 4796 0000 Software & Maintenance reduce to \$115,000; line item 4798 0000 Other Supplies & Charges reduce to \$2,000; line item 4977 0123 Computer Hardware reduce to \$3,245.

Mayor Richetelli spoke as to Professional Fees and explained the MIS Department is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep and general well being of over 600 computers. He stated although he himself is not technologically advanced, the City has made tremendous strides in automation through the various links, etc. He also stated the City does the payroll in-house and that it is an intricate system and from time to time there is a need to call in a professional. He stated by cutting 1/3 of professional fees from the budget it just won't work.

Ald. Veccharelli spoke as to professional fees stating they are for consulting purposes so if the need arises the MIS Director brings someone in at a rate of \$150, which amount they allocated is high. He stated there is also a new exchange server and they are now looking at \$150 for professional fees. He stated there is a new system up and running and to date only have used \$8,000, so he stated you would think \$30,000 is a little high. He stated he believed the \$20,000 would be more than sufficient.

Mayor Richetelli stated they have many buildings and many ways to interface that system. He stated if it goes down it goes down for the citizens.

Ald. Blake commented that again this is a year we are trying to cut corners. He stated it is a year of sacrifice and that these reductions would not have an impact on our citizens.

Mayor Richetelli commented on the Travel & Conference line item, which was cut to zero. He stated the MIS Coordinator is the Chairwoman of her professional group and essentially we are telling our professional she can no longer go. He stated if we are running our corporation like a business, this is just not the way to go. He stated he realizes we want to sacrifice but we need to make realistic cuts.

Ald. Politi stated she was concerning with Training and asked what \$6,000 would pay for.

Mayor Richetelli stated that is for all city employees who get training throughout the year. That amount would cut the training in half.

Ald. Politi stated she would be in favor of Professional fees at \$30,000 and commented it would be irresponsible to cut to \$20,000. She stated cutting an additional \$10,000 is just too much.

Ald. Genovese stated she brought this up before to the training director regarding training and that there are other ways to do it once you have one person trained. She stated if you are looking to save money this is the place to do it.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he thought the \$127,500 Software Maintenance was a contractual amount.

Mayor Richetelli stated these are bid items and that the software we have there is a license fee.

Ald. Rowland stated it was her recollection that the Republican caucus made a cut to that account last year. She stated if that is so, why was it cut last year.

Mayor Richetelli stated if there was a cut, the difference of the monies needed was made up from the Operational Expenses or from the Board of Aldermen account. He stated the Finance Director advises me this Board made a contingency transfer into that account.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) carried 9 yes (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi).

By roll call vote, the main motion carried 9 yes (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4219 Personnel as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce t \$1,000; line item 4771 0000 Advertising reduce to \$4,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$7,850 and a new department total of \$251,836.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4219 Personnel as follows: line item 4771 0000 Advertising reduce to \$2,500; line item 4774 0000 Postage reduce to \$400.

Ald. Blake stated legally you have to advertise for hiring. He stated within their recommended suggestion they are looking to reduce the number of new hires so that was part of the rationale behind these reductions.

Ald. Beckwith asked how they would fill vacated positions.

Ald. Blake responded that is why the left a substantial amount.

Mayor Richetelli noted they are already one half of the way through the year and have spent more than the minority wishes to spend. He stated these cuts would be irresponsible.

Ald. Ditchkus commented as to postage, which just went up. He also spoke of the analogies being used by the minority and that they are only used for some line items.

Ald. Blake responded they were not suggesting a stop to advertising but that there are creative ways to advertise. He stated he did not believe that Milford advertises on their website.

Mayor Richetelli stated they advertise on the web site when appropriate. He stated under civil service rules they have to advertise in the newspaper.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the main motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Mayor Richetelli stated the next department, Police Department, is a big department and suggested going category-by-category, line-by-line.

Ald. Bier asked if they could re-order the agenda to bring forward the Board of Education as that is what most of the people are here for tonight. He stated he wished to make that in the form of a motion. Ald. Beckwith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4996 Education Operations as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following change: line item 4001 0000 Lump Sum Appropriation reduce to \$77,914,815.

As the vote was being called after his name was called, Ald. Patterson changed his vote from a “No” vote to a “Yes” vote. Secretary asked if that could be done.

Ald. Veccharelli raised a point of order and stated when a member of this Board votes and wishes to change that vote as long as the secretary has not completed tally he may do so.

Chairman Beirne stated he believed you could only change a “yes” vote.

Ald. Ditchkus requested a 5-minute recess.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he was challenging the ruling of the Chairman.

A recess was requested at 10:31 p.m.

Chairman Beirne stated it did not make sense to change a vote during the tally. He stated if he wished to change and pass this as an amendment we could do that.

Ald. Ditchkus raised a point of order stating a recess was called and under Roberts Rules of Order a recess supercedes.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he wished to challenge the Chairman's decision.

The Board recessed at 10:33 p.m. Chairman Beirne reconvened the Board at 10:40 p.m.

Chairman Beirne allowed Ald. Patterson to change his vote to "yes" from "no".

By roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beirne, Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 7 no (Beckwith, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4112 9947 Overtime, Oper. Off Road reduce to \$5,000 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$8,653,316.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Lambert moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as follows: line item 4117 0000 reduce to \$60,000.

Mayor Richetelli stated the Police Chief testified with that cut he would lose one personnel that would be cut.

Ald. Rowland stated that is not a police office, correct?

Mayor Richetelli stated that is support staff that goes in the field with them.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police, Vehicle & Equipment Upkeep with a department sub-total of \$187,250 as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Lambert moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as follows: line item 4338 Motorcycle/ATV Maintenance reduce to \$1,500.

Mayor Richetelli stated the amount suggested is based on previous years. He explained this is the first full year of the vehicles and that the ATV's are getting more use even with off-road so they will require more maintenance.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he could not support this cut in maintenance. He stated these vehicles are expensive to maintain and that he will not put anyone's safety in jeopardy. He stated \$1,500 just does not leave you much.

Ald. Lambert stated when the Chief spoke on Monday he said they were not being used that much and that basically the program was not affective. She added this is not willy-nilly and the cut was made because the Chief said they would not be using these vehicles that much.

Mayor Richetelli stated the Chief made statements at the Special Meeting of the Leadership. He stated the Minority's document came out a week before. He stated the recommendation by the Majority to cut to \$10,000 was based on the Chief's recommendation.

Ald. Ditchkus asked how it was determined, which portion goes where with regard to maintenance and how you determine that number.

Ald. Blake responded it is your best guess. He stated they made it based on fact and reduced. He stated they believed it could be proportionately reduced.

Ald. Ditchkus commented motorcycles get a lot more wear and tear. He asked if he would put safety out on a best guess and stated he could not support this.

Ald. Blake asked what \$3,000 was. He stated \$3,000 to \$2,00 was a reduction of one-third. He stated the Majority's was less. He asked what their methodology was.

Mayor Richetelli assured Ald. Blake it was not a guess, but hours spent with the Chief.

Ald. Veccharelli asked who would service the vehicles, Public Works or if it would go to a dealership.

Mayor Richetelli responded he did not know at this time.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion (line item 4338 0000), by roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Rowland moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police, line item 4419 0000 Misc. Building Supplies as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following change: reduce to \$3,000 for a new department sub-total in Property Upkeep of \$3,000.

By roll call vote, motion carried 14 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Blake, Ditchkus, Garbus, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Politi, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 1 no (Genovese).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police, line item 4715 0000 Meal Allowance reduce to \$3,200.

By roll call vote, motion carried 14 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Blake, Ditchkus, Garbus, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Politi, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 1 no (Genovese).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$9,000; line item 4715 0000 Meal Allowance reduce to \$3,200; line item 4728 0000 Scuba Supplies & Costs reduce to \$3,500; line item 4746 0000 Communication Costs reduce to \$42,690; line item 4775 0000 Office Equipment

Upkeep reduce to \$31,000; line item 4776 0000 Telephone System Costs reduce to \$47,500; line item 4796 0000 Software & Maintenance reduce to \$44,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$356,342.

Ald. Beckwith stated he thought line item 4796 was a contractual number.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as follows: line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses, Non-Rep. Increase from \$9,000 to \$12,000 and line item 4776 0000 Telephone System Costs increase from \$47,500 to \$48,000.

Ald. Rowland remarked she did not have hours of discussion and that it only took a few minutes of discussion with the Chief. He stated he urged her how important it is to have these training expenses. She stated in the world today this is very important and urged the Board to put these monies back into the budget.

Mayor Richetelli stated any motion to increase takes a 2/3 vote.

Ald. Rowland withdrew her amendment concerning line item 4776 0000 Telephone System Costs.

Ald. Ditchkus clarified for the Board they were voting on only one amendment and that Ald. Rowland withdrew her amendment of \$48,000.

The amendment carried unanimously.

On the main motion, by roll call vote motion carried 14 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Blake, Ditchkus, Garbus, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Politi, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 1 no (Genovese).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4971 0214 Police Cruisers reduce to \$200,000; line item 4977 0100 Printer reduce to \$1,500; line item 4977 0110 Fire Cabinet reduce to \$0 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$303,233 and a new department total of \$9,640,521.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4310 Police as follows: line item 4990 0529 Office Furniture reduce from \$15,000 to \$3,500.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) carried 9 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Politi, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese).

The Board recessed at 11:11 p.m. Chairman Beirne reconvened the Board at 11:20 p.m.

Ald. Ditchkus stated the new department total for Acct. 0010 4310 is \$9,610,021.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4331 Civil Preparedness as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4331 Civil Preparedness as follows: line item 4442 0000 Electricity reduce to \$1,350; line item 4472 0309 General Maintenance reduce to

\$2,000; line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$1.00; line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$1.00; line item 4776 0000 Telephone System Costs reduce to \$6,000; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$5,000; line item 4977 0100 Computer printer reduce to \$0.

Ald. Ditchkus recognized the Chief who was present. He asked the Chief about Special Equipment and if he could refresh the Board as to what falls under that.

Chief LaVecchia explained these are large cost items used in technical rescue, confined space, building collapse, etc.

Ald. Beckwith asked about line item 4776 Telephone System and asked if that is a fixed cost.

Chief LaVecchia responded that account is used for the GIS wireless in the fire trucks.

Ald. Politi asked about electricity, line item 4442 and if that would be a problem.

Chief LaVecchia replied it would be a very tight budget.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote the motion carried 10 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Hardiman, Politi, Toohey, Veccharelli) and 5 no (Blake, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4340 Animal Control as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4112 0000 Overtime reduce to \$32,000; line item 4133 0000 Other Medical Fees & Svcs. reduce to \$14,000 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$283,304; line item 4471 0000 Building & Grounds Supplies reduce to \$7,000 for a new department sub-total in Property Upkeep of \$25,000; line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$1,100; line item 4748 0000 Promotional Expenses reduce to \$500; line item 4798 0000 Other Supplies & Charges reduce to \$5,500 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$31,950 and a new department total of \$350,804.

Mayor Richetelli asked about line item 4442 0000 Electricity. He stated it was \$6,500 the previous year. With an increase in rates how will they get by? He referred to the Mileage and Parking line item and noted the Animal Control Warden goes to training seminar and asked how she would pay for parking. With regard to the Advertising line item, he stated in 2005-2006 advertising costs were \$877 and now it is down to \$500 and questioned the logic behind that. He also reminded the minority that State Statute requires advertising in this department. He asked about the \$180 figure for cell phones. He also asked why they are dropping a computer from this department and noted this will hurt the department overall in not replacing a computer every 3-4 years.

Ald. Rowland stated electricity was address last time and that they will recognize a 19% savings so they are hoping they will see a decrease. She reiterated what she has stated all night that it is a year of sacrifice. She stated the figure for cell phones was based on emergency use only. With regard to mileage and parking, she stated it is unfortunate, but it is where they stand.

Mayor Richetelli stated the Animal Control Officer was present.

Ald. Ditchkus recognized Ms. Liptak.

Mayor Richetelli asked the consequences of the mileage and parking line item at \$0.

Ald. Blake raised a point of order and corrected him stating it is at \$1.00.

Ms. Liptak stated at conferences they might get a break on parking.

Mayor Richetelli asked about the Travel & Conference line item and asked the number of conferences she goes to and if she if these classes are required to keep up with certification.

Ms. Liptak spoke as to a new law passed by the Federal Government where animals have to be evacuated with people. She stated there are conferences coming up that will help train her people.

Mayor Richetelli asked if she could list some of her worries.

Ms. Liptak responded overtime is contractual. She stated if her employees' work then they have to be paid. She spoke as to seasonal/temporary and stated they would probably have to close on Saturdays if they are unable to get volunteers to work. She stated the money in the Building & Grounds account is for the chemicals that keep her building clean. As to cell phones, she stated that is there form of communication. She stated if she wants to talk to one of her employees in the field she would have to call the police department to call them. She stated a lot of their discussions are convoluted and there are some things you can not talk about on the phone. She also spoke as to a recent altercation involving one of her employees and stated thankfully he had a cell phone and she was able to get him help so he didn't get killed. She also spoke as to rabies and those monies from that account if for the feral cat program. She stated all that work would go to waste if you take it away.

Ald. Blake asked about Other Medical Fees and Services.

Ms. Liptak responded that money is for their veterinary bills.

Ald. Blake asked how the reduction would affect her department.

Ms. Liptak replied her department runs one half on donations. She spoke regarding her budget and stated the Mayor already took \$10,000 from her budget and now you want to take \$16,000. She stated she has always been proud to be a part of this City and tonight she stated she has seen a lot of disrespect.

By roll call vote the amendment (Rowland) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, motion failed 7 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi, Toohey) and 8 no (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Veccharelli asked about the majority's proposal with change and stated they would increase line item Building & Grounds (4471 0000) from \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if he would like him to read the motion with his changes.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he only wished to change 1 line item.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4340 Animal Control as stated with the change for line item 4471 0000, Building & Grounds as stated by Ald. Veccharelli.

By roll call vote the motion carried 10 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Hardiman, Politi, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 5 no (Blake, Genovese, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland).

Ald. Ditchkus stated the new department sub-total for Operational Expenses is \$31,100 and a new department total of \$350,101.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4350 Building Inspection as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4111 0000 Regular Wages reduce to \$370,584; line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week reduce to \$3,044 for a new department sub-total Personal Services of \$401,628; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$1,500; line item 4784 0000 Printing & Binding reduce to \$6,000 for a new department sub-total Operational Expenses of \$20,450; line item 4977 0121 Desk reduce to \$1,000; line item 4990 0501 Office Furniture reduce to \$500 for a new department sub-total Capital Outlays of \$5,000 and a new department total of \$435,078.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4350 Building Inspection as follows: line item 4111 0000 Regular Wages reduce to \$322,634 and line item 4180 0000 Other Professional Svcs. reduce to \$1,700 from \$2,000.

Mayor Richetelli stated, as this Board knows that the Building Department is the busiest department in the City. He spoke of the unprecedented building and construction at this time. He also commented people from the public have pleaded to have another person added in this department. He also spoke as to the revenue in this department that is by far the largest than any other department in the City. He also stated he believed there are a number of years more of growth. He stated if at some point they need to downsize there are people who will be getting ready to retire and we could also downsize with attrition.

Ald. Blake commented he agreed with what the Mayor was saying and that he too has heard the complaints. He stated this is also the only department that has added people in the last 3 years. He also stated the Building Inspector told this Board they were out one man because of workers compensation and another because he moved back to New York. He stated he thinks they should utilize a wait and see position to see where they are. He also commented they want to make sure that the department is running as smooth as possible and possibly find a way to streamline that department.

Mayor Richetelli stated they are looking for many ways to streamline that department. He stated they are working with the Building Inspector and contractors that use that department. He stated they have been at 4 inspectors for some time and they are still falling behind. He stated it is a situation that has to be addressed.

Ald. Ditchkus commented that department has been the biggest complaint for some time. He spoke of individuals who wait in line from 7:30 a.m. and then sometimes are not even getting in that day.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he sees the need for another inspector. He commented if 2-3 years down the road they see they can reduce the staff would we be able to do that without a lot of hardship, etc.

Mayor Richetelli replied yes, but of course we would have to consult with them. He stated if we can show the number of permits does not correlate they would be able to downsize.

Ald. Veccharelli added they received a lot of calls, however, he is not sure what the problem is. He expressed his concern if they put another guy in there and it doesn't resolve the problem they will have to look closely at that department. He also commented how he just did not like seeing the people out there waiting so long.

Mayor Richetelli stated he agreed with Ald. Veccharelli.

Ald. Lambert commented as to the difficulties in this department and expressed concern they may not have waited enough time. She also spoke regarding large projects that require extra people and that this Board just passed something regarding those types of projects. She stated she felt they could always add someone at another time and stated she believed they should wait on this.

Ald. Genovese commented the Building Inspector did bring up that they hired someone and found out he did not have the skills. She stated they should take the time to train the person. She stated she has also heard of people waiting in long lines and then having the doors closed. She also commented sometimes people may be short on staff but just are not organized. She stated they should find out if that is the problem.

Mayor Richetelli stated the person left because he could not afford his rent in New York and here and that he only left because of financial reasons. He stated the problem is now and specifically with the people that are there everyday attempting to get their permits. He stated it is a manpower problem. He also stated he has been working with the Building Inspector to come up with new ways to do things at the counter.

Ald. Beckwith spoke as to the Permanent Schools Committee and the role of the Building Inspector in the document review process. He also commented he has seen the Building Inspector out in the field doing inspections. He stated he wondered if a change in how they do things within the department would help with regard to the fieldwork and reviews. He added with a fourth inspector the Building Inspector may be able to stay in the office for reviews. He also stated he agreed they should look at this department again. He stated he would support this.

Ald. Politi commented it is important when they look at staffing levels to also look at other departments. She stated she recalled the Building Inspector compared Milford to other towns and we are understaffed.

Mayor Richetelli commented that according to the evidence the Building Inspector presented to this Board the number of permits divided by the number of inspectors is way out of whack.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 7 yes (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Toohey).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 9 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Politi, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 6 no (Blake, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland).

Ald Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4350 Building Inspection as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following change: line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$1,500.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Blake moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4350 Building Inspection as follows: line item 4713 0000 Membership reduce to \$500 from \$750; line item 4714 0000 Mileage/Parking reduce to \$1.00 from \$100; line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$0 from \$350; line item 4772 0000 Publications reduce to \$500 from \$3,000; line item 4776 0000 Office Equipment Upkeep reduce to \$1,750 from \$3,500; line item 4798 0000 Other Supplies & Charges reduce to \$500 from \$750.

Mayor Richetelli commented once again he had to shake his head. He stated every year they need a new set of building code publications. He commented they just can't buy 1/5 of the code and cutting it to \$500 is just irresponsible.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) fails 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4350 Building Inspection as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4977 0109 Computer reduce to \$1,300; line item 4990 0501 Office Furniture reduce to \$500.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Lambert moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4350 Building Inspection as follows: line item 4977 0121 Desk to \$0 from \$1,000; line item 4977 0109 reduce to \$2,000 from \$2,600; line item 4990 0501 Office Furniture reduce to \$0 from \$500.

Ald. Blake commented in anticipation of the Mayor saying "your are hiring someone but not giving them a desk". Ald. Blake stated he believed they could "bird dog" some equipment.

Mayor Richetelli asked what equipment?

Ald. Blake stated the city or Board of Education accepted furniture from Bayer.

Mayor Richetelli stated any donation that comes into the City has to be approved by this Board.

Ald. Beckwith stated at one time Bic might have offered some furniture.

Ald. Hardiman stated the Board of Education got offered some furniture from Bayer and the last he heard they got some furniture.

Ald. Ditchkus asked for an explanation regarding the computer at an amount of \$2,000.

Ald. Blake responded this has been discussed before and if you go on the Dell Web site you can find inexpensive computers.

Mayor Richetelli noted for standardization the City has Gateway and that they go out to bid. He stated last year's bid was just under \$1,300 for a complete package. He added they have had good success with them. He reiterated all the computers in the City are Gateway as it helps with standardization, learning curves, etc.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he wished to clarify that worked together to get that extra guy even if one of us on this side did not vote for that extra guy. He reiterated they worked together to get him.

Ald. Toohey and Ald. Patterson moved to amend line item 4977 0109 Computer and reduce that amount to \$1,300. Motion carried unanimously.

By roll call vote, on the amendment (Rowland), motion failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus noted the new department total \$433,778.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4420 Public Works Office as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4112 0000 Overtime reduce to \$3,600 for a new department sub-total in Personal Services of \$229,596 and a new department total of \$238,571.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4420 Public Works Office as follows: line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$0 from \$1,000; line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$0 from \$500; line item 4775 0000 Office Equipment Upkeep reduce to \$1,500 from \$3,000; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$1,000 from \$1,300; line item 4784 0000 Printing & Binding reduce to \$250 from \$500; line item 4796 0000 Software & Maintenance reduce to \$1,000 from \$1,600.

Mayor Richetelli commented he realized he sounded like a broken record but \$500 in Travel & Conferences just is not a lot of money when you consider the number of people that go to conferences to learn how to come up with ways to do things better in our City. He stated our goal is to keep moving forward but with \$0 in Travel & Conference we lose a lot of knowledge.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Genovese commented there are department heads sitting out there that have been there quite some time and asked if they could amend the agenda and bring forward those department heads still waiting.

Chairman Beirne asked her if she would like to make that in the form of a motion and which departments.

Ald. Genovese stated that Health, Recreation,

Chairman Beirne asked if she wanted them to all come forward together.

Ald. Genovese and Ald. Veccharelli moved to re-order the agenda and bring forward the Recreation Department, Engineering Department and Health Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Bier moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4610 Health Department for *Personal Services* as recommended by the Board of Finance with a department sub-total in that category of \$787,550 and Vehicle Upkeep is \$3,000.

Ald. Blake requested a 20-minute recess at 12:42 a.m. Chairman Beirne reconvened the Board at 1:20 a.m.

Chairman Beirne suggested due to the late hour that motions be made by the Majority and amended by the Minority with no debate.

Mayor Richetelli stated all the changes still have to be inputted into the computer and a program will calculate the mill rate. He also reported that Dr. McBride had informed him they have a contract for pest control in the amount of \$62,050 and that it was his responsibility to advise the Board of this.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Blake moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4610 Health Department as follows: line item 4112 0000 Overtime reduce to \$6,000 from \$8,000; line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$15,000 from \$17,500; line item 4331 0000 Gas & Other Propellants reduce to \$2,500 from \$3,000.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Rowland) failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4610 Health Department as recommended by the Board of Finance re: line item 4416 0000 in the amount of \$62,050. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4610 Health Department as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$2,740; line item 4772 0000 Publications reduce to \$900; line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$3,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$31,450.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Blake moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4610 Health Department as follows: line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$1,750 from \$2,750; line item 4723 0000 Uniforms & Weather Gear reduce to \$1 from \$200; line item 4731 0000 Laboratory Supplies/Expense reduce to \$50 from \$100; line item 4738 0000 Medical Lab Testing reduce to \$1,000 from \$1,500; line item 4776 0001 reduce to

\$2,125 from \$4,250; line item 4782 0000 Film & Photography reduce to \$1 from \$200; line item 4784 0000 Printing & Binding reduce to \$900 from \$1,000; line item 4798 0000 Other Supplies & Charges reduce to \$1 from \$100 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses in the amount of \$31,250.

By roll call vote, the amendment failed (Rowland) 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Blake moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4610 Health Department, Capital Outlays, as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4977 0000 Office Equipment reduce to \$700 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$2,500 and a new department total of \$882,960. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Blake moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses, as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes in *Personal Services*: line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$24,000 from \$25,700; line item 4131 0000 Medical & Dental reduce to \$44,000 from \$46,000 for a new department sub-total in *Personal Services* of \$1,220,643. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Patterson moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses, *Employee Fringe Benefits*, line item 4228 0000 Uniforms & Weather Gear, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Hardiman moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses, as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4718 0000 Travel & Conferences reduce to \$1,750; line item 4732 0000 Medical Supplies/Expenses reduce to \$11,000 for a new department sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$42,350.

By roll call vote, motion carried 14 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Blake, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro) and 1 no (Politi).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses, as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4977 0100 Computer Printer, reduce to \$500; line item 4998 0605 Lab/Medical equipment reduce to \$950 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$3,850.

Ald. Rowland and Ald. Patterson moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses as follows: 4977 0190 Computers reduce to \$2,000 from \$2,400.

By roll call vote, amendment failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Rowland moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4421 Highway/Parks as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4515 0000 Road & Drain Maintenance reduce to \$47,000 for a new department sub-total in Street & Highway Upkeep of \$219,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4421 Highway/Parks, *Operational Expenses*, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4421 Highway/Parks, *Capital Outlays*, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Beckwith moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance, *Personal Services*, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance, *Employee Fringe Benefits*, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance, *Property Upkeep*, as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4412 0000 Signs reduce to \$250; line item 4470 0001 Natatorium Operations reduce to \$25,000 for a new department sub-total of \$1,526,416.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Veccharelli moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance as follows: line item 4412 0000 reduce to \$1 from \$500; line item 4414 0000 Laundry reduce to \$1 from \$100; line item 4441 0000 Holiday Displays to \$1 from \$150; line item 4442 0000 Electricity reduce to \$720,000 from \$800,000; line item 4444 0000 Heating Fuel to \$350,000 from \$400,000; line item 4447 0000 Water Service to \$50,000 from \$58,000.

By roll call vote, amendment (Blake) failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance, *Operational Expenses*, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance as follows: line item 4742 0000 Traffic Signal Maintenance to \$20,000 from \$25,000; line item 4776 0001 Cell Phones to \$3,420 from \$6,800.

By roll call vote, the amendment failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Bier moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4423 Building Maintenance as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4923 0000 Building Improvements reduce to \$38,000 for a new department sub-total in Capital Outlays of \$55,000 and a new department total of \$2,987,672. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4429 General Garage as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4335 0000 Equipment Supply & Upkeep reduce to \$240,000 for a new department sub-total in Vehicle & Equipment Upkeep of \$688,000 and a new department total of \$1,201,541.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4429 General Garage as follows: line item 4331 0001 Gas & Other Propellants to \$275,000 from \$300,000; line item 4332 0002 Lubricants to \$16,000 from \$20,000.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) failed By roll call vote, the amendment failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 9 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey, Veccharelli) 6 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4431 Solid Waste as approved by the Board of Finance.

Mayor Richetelli reported there is a technical change. He stated CRFA that they were charging tipping fee. He stated they lowered the fee so the Board could go to \$2,275,000.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4431 Solid Waste as follows: line item 4790 9950 City Waste Removal Costs reduce to \$2,275,000.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct.0010 4431 Solid Waste as follows: line item 4112 0000 Overtime to \$510,000 from \$600,000; line item 4783 0000 Printing & Binding to \$2,000 from \$2,500. Ald. Blake stated line item 4790 9950 was already reduced.

Mayor Richetelli stated he was looking for direction on this and asked if the Minority was looking to cut back 1 bulky trash pickup.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) carried 7 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Toohey) and 8 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Politi, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Beckwith requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 2:18 a.m. Chairman Beirne reconvened the Board at 2:30 a.m.

By roll call vote, the main motion failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4431 Solid Waste with the following changes; line item 4784 0000 Printing & Binding in the amount of \$2,250; line item 4790 9950 City Waste Removal Costs \$2,275,000.

By roll call vote motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Ditchkus stated the new department sub-total in Operational Expenses reads \$28,206,044 and a new department total of \$4,736,144.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vetro moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4502 Equipment Reserve Allocation as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Garbus moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4503 Public Debt Service as recommended by the Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Vetro moved to recess. By roll call vote, motion failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 7 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Patterson, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Note: Ald. Patterson left at 2:36 a.m.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4710 Employee Benefits as recommended by the Board of Finance with the following changes: line item 4221 9919 Self Insurance Contribution reduced to \$101,127,382 for a new department sub-total in Employee Benefits of \$15,378,667 and a new department total of \$15,393,667. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Toohey moved to approve the budget for Acct. 0010 4720 Insurance and Bonds as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Rowland moved to amend the budget for Acct. 0010 4720 Insurance and Bonds as follows: line item 4825 0000 Workers Compensation to \$1,715,473 from \$2,083,954.

Ald. Blake stated he reviewed the actuary figures and it would be ok to reduce.

Mayor Richetelli stated if they go to that rate they would have to have a good surplus, which arbitrarily they don't. He further stated they would be taking an awful risk. He stated this is the amount the actuary recommended.

Ald. Blake stated he disagrees and that the actuary recommended and then different levels. The figure we have, he stated, represents three levels of being conservative with those numbers.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he just wanted to let the Board know that Ald. Patterson left to go to work.

Ald. Vetro and Blake moved to recess.

Ald. Vetro withdrew motion and Ald. Blake withdrew his second.

By roll call vote, the amendment (Blake) failed 8 no (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 6 yes (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

On the main motion, by roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Beckwith, Beirne, Bier, Ditchkus, Garbus, Genovese, Politi, Toohey) and 6 no (Blake, Hardiman, Lambert, Rowland, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blake moved to recess at 2:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Board Secretary