

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2018**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. 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
E. Beatty
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin Asst.
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
J. Berchem, City Attorney

Excused

M. Hardiman
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli

Mayor Blake, State Representatives Pam Staneski and Kim Rose presented the St. Mary's JV Basketball Team with citations and proclamations for becoming the New England 2018 CYO Champions.

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. He asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit.

Greta Stanford, 32 Spicebush Lane spoke thanked the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Staff for a job well done in preparing the budget and no increasing taxes.

Brad Sanchez, 6 Haystack Road stated he was petition for light to installed at Foote Field. He stated that with light at Foote Field it would reduce the work required by Public Works. He also spoke concerning the possibility of Astro turf at Washington field.

James Maroney, 22 Saranca Road provided an update on Founders Walk. He stated granite benches had been purchased and should be installed prior to the Kick-Off to Summer event.

Jeffrey (Inaudible) spoke in favor of installing lights at Foote Field and Astro turf at Washington Field. He stated the weather had caused many games to be cancelled and lights at Foote Field would help with scheduling make up games.

George Massidavidge, 138 Meadows End Road, spoke in favor of installing lights at Foote Field and Astro turf. He stated with rainouts turf fields would be a benefit. Also he stated that with lights at Foote Field it would be easier for Public Works to only maintain two fields.

Dawn Fanara, 291 Fresh Meadow Road, stated she runs the softball tournament and is limited because of lighting at Foote Field. She stated that the tournament raises a lot of money that is used for scholarships. She also stated that she has played on turf fields and believes it would be a benefit to Milford.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 2, 2018.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2018.

Ald. Tranquilli stated he would like the minutes corrected to reflect he was in attendance at the May 2, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting. None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro wished all Fathers and Grandfathers a happy Fathers' Day. He reminded everyone that June 9th is the United Way and YMCA duck race, and that June 10th is Pirates Day and the Firemen's Memorial downtown.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake advised the Board that Gail Uberti had been appointed as the tenant representative for the Housing Partnership. Mayor Blake stated that after hearing the requests for lighting at Foote Field this evening he would speak with the Recreation Director. He wished everyone a great summer and reminded everyone of the Kick-Off to Summer event on June 30th at the harbor. Mayor Blake stated tonight's agenda was rather light and requested the Board's consideration of item 8a-8b.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a-8b)

8a. Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Agreement between Yale New Haven Hospital and the Milford Fire Department for clinical learning experience for health care professionals and to authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission dated May 2, 2018, pursuant to CGS §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for an amendment to the lease between the State of Connecticut and City of Milford for office space located at 44-64 River Street and to authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said amendment.

Ald. Giannattasio asked how many tenants still occupied the building. Mayor Blake stated 4 tenants remain and that the State Probation Office is the largest tenant. He further explained they are looking to extend temporarily during the pre-development period. Mayor Blake advised that the Downtown River Street Development Committee has been interviewing developers for the project and working to narrow and present the proposed development to the Board. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the lease is temporary and open-ended allowing the State to leave on short notice. Mayor Blake stated each party has a 90 day notice provision. Ald. Vitali asked how the other tenants were being handled. City Attorney Jonathan Berchem the State requires a resolution and that is why the lease amendment is before the Board. The other tenants are more flexible and can go month to month. Ald. Vitali asked if the convenience store left on its own. Attorney Berchem stated they left without any notice.

Ald. Golden stated she was recusing herself from voting on this issue. Ald. Vitali made a point of order asking why Ald. Golden was recusing herself from voting. Chairman Vetro stated Ald. Golden works for a tenant in the building.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #11 and #12, Funds 10 & 12, FY 18. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$36,873.73. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Sutton reported the committee met earlier in the evening to consider two Ordinances.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation Article VI, Eisenhower Park, Section 16-191(B)(6) (Motor-Operated Model Airplanes). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 23, Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV, Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection to Public Stormwater Drainage System §§23-102 through 23-122 of the Milford Code of Ordinances.

Ald. Giannattasio asked Mayor Blake to discuss this unfunded mandated. He asked that since the City only has 1 vac truck did the Mayor anticipate having to purchase another truck or update the existing truck. Mayor Blake stated that if necessary the City would supplement with contractors. He further stated the City had purchased a new truck in 2014 and it was very expensive. Public Works run it all the time because there are over 8,000 catch basins. He further stated some of the requirements will be difficult, but he believed Public Works is up to the task. Ald. Giannattasio asked if we have received any quotes on how we will be charged. Steve Johnson, Acting Assistant Public Works Director stated quotes had not yet been obtained that Public Works is still looking at the requirements and their capabilities. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the cost will be in line with what other municipalities will be paying. Mr. Johnson stated it would.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.
- c. Public Works Committee – no report.
- d. Claims Committee – no report
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education.

Ald. Vitali reported on the hiring of a new superintendent of schools. He also stated that the \$80,000 put back into the Board of Education budget would be allocated as \$10,000 to each elementary school in order to complete one project close to that dollar amount.

- b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report
- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.

- f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.
- g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT)– no report.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.

14. Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any item to be considered in executive session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required to go into executive session.

The Chairman shall announce, in public session, those items to be covered in executive session and call for a vote to enter executive session. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to enter executive session, is obtained, the hall shall be cleared and executive session declared.

- 14a. Consideration of settlement of:
MDC Milford Associates LLC v. City of Milford
RE: 500 Bic Drive

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Blake and City Attorney.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

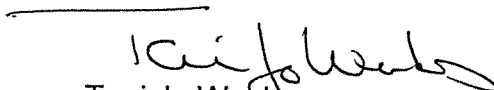
Chairman Vetro adjourned to Executive Session and reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:33 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Anderson and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of MDC Milford Associates, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 500 Bic Drive, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Vitali and Ald. Giannattassio moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary