

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for our men and women serving our country.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
A. Giannattasio  
F. Goodrich  
M. Hardiman  
B. Joy, Jr.  
J. Patterson  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
P. Staneski  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

Excused

D. German

**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. Ald. G. Smith thanked the public for taking the time to address their Board of Aldermen.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – stated he was before his favorite group of people. He thanked the Board for the amount of hours they have put in. He spoke about the last meeting at the budget vote where it was discussed the possibility of putting \$2,000,000 back into the budget. He spoke regarding an article that appeared in the New Haven Register concerning high school graduation requirements and read that article. He also spoke about pensions and how they had been reduced in Stratford. He stated he is a senior citizen. He stated closing Simon Lake School was a difficult decision but stated it was important to look to the future. He acknowledged the Milford Fire Department stating they are one of the finest departments in the country. He spoke of the fire on Broadway and how that could have been disastrous to that area, but the fire department was able to contain it. He spoke of accountability and stated the Board of Education needs to show accountability in the future. He stated we are paying for taxes and should get results.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 3, 2010.

Ald. Goodrich and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith stated his report was short. He wished everyone a happy, healthy summer. He also commended Milford's local proud and encouraged our Milford residents to support are local groups and stop by a shop in Milford Center, Devon or Walnut Beach.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he was submitting for the Board's support and consideration items 8a-h on the agenda and stated he would be happy to answer any questions. He stated for informational purposes he wished to make the Board aware of two training workshops the City is sponsoring on the Freedom of Information Act. He stated Thomas Hennick, Public Information Officer of the Freedom of Information Commission will be presenting FOI 101 on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 in the City Hall Auditorium. He stated the 2:00 p.m. session is mandatory for all department heads and the other for personnel who may have involvement with FOI requests. He stated the second session at 6:00 p.m. is for all members of City boards and commissions and encouraged all Board members to attend.

Mayor Richetelli also extended an invitation to the Board to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations. On July 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in front of City Hall, then walk to the cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony; at 1:00 p.m. the annual bell ringing ceremony and on July 3, 2010, the Westfield Mall hosts the city's annual fireworks display and honors our veterans. He stated in addition, Boys and Girls Clubs of American/Milford branch will is this year's honor's recipient. Mayor Richetelli stated the annual Mayor's Youth Awards will also be given that night.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

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

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the reappointment of (R) Kevin J. Curseaden, 77 Orland Street, 06460, as Milford's representative to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy board (RPB). (Three-year term to expire June 30, 2013.. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) C. Robert Vargo, 272 Housatonic Drive, 06460, to the Devon Revitalization Committee to complete the unexpired term of Christina D’Arcangelo (resigned). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk, Linda Stock swore in Mr. Curseaden and Mr. Vargo.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Programs – 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to use up to \$21,000 from the UI Energy Reimbursement for continuation of library renovations/improvements ad approved by the Milford Public Library Renovations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 11 (Requested by Harbor Management Commission – RE: marina dredging).

Ald. Blake recognized Mr. Swift, Harbormaster and Mr. Montano from the Harbor Commission. He asked the anticipated cost for the dredging.

Mr. Swift stated the first issue is getting the depth survey done to determine cubic yards. He explained once they have the cubic yards they will have a better idea. He stated a guesstimate would be \$15-20 per cubic yard, which he stated is a ballpark figure based on the dredging that was done at the mouth of the harbor several years ago.

Ald. Blake asked if they had a place to deposit.

Mr. Swift responded they were probably looking at Long Island Sound, which was used last time. He reiterated the first step is the depth survey.

Ald. Staneski asked if there were any future clean up plans and if so, would they impact this work.

Mr. Swift acknowledged the need to have the ponds dredged. He stated that would be an entirely separate project, but with the same procedures in place.

Chairman G. Smith commented during the budget process there was discussion regarding permits and boater registration fees collected by the State of Connecticut and the reduction in reimbursement. He asked the status of funding from the State for a project such as this.

Mr. Swift replied at this point it was unclear if they would receive any funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Milford Fire Department and the City of Milford to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in an estimated amount of \$289,725 of which the cost share to the City would be twenty percent (20%) or an estimated \$57,945, for forty-five (45)+/- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and sixty-nine (69)+/- additional face pieces; and to authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the applications of this grant (per memo from Battalion Chief Alan J. Zingaro dated May 24, 2010).

Ald. Blake asked if there was an action plan in place in the budget in the event this \$300,000 grant was not awarded.

Chief LaVecchia explained these are air packs which are used by the firefighters when they go into a burning building. He stated the money in the budget is for small items or parts. He stated the grant will replace all air packs and masks in the department. He also noted the current air packs do not meet NFPA standards.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to sign four (4) agreements with United Illuminating Company as follows: The United Illuminating Company Demand Resource Customer Agreement for: 1) Housatonic Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1255 Oronoque Road (250kW generator); 2) Gulf Pond Pump Station, 138 Shadyside Lane (100kW generator); 3) West Avenue Pump Station, 590 West Avenue (100kW generator); and 4) Beaverbrook Wastewater Treatment Facility, 75 Deerwood Avenue (100kW generator).

Mayor Richetelli noted Rick Woline (sp); the UI municipal liaison was present.

Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Amendment No. 1, dated as of June 1, 2009, to the Inter-Community Agreement, dated as of September 15, 1989, as amended (the "Agreement") by and among the Cities of Bridgeport, Milford, Norwalk, Shelton and Stamford, and the towns of Darien, East Haven, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Orange, Stratford, Trumbull, Westport and Woodbridge, creating the Southwest Regional Recycling Operating Committee (SWEROC) as attached and to authorize the Mayor to sign said Agreement and to take all steps necessary to effectuate the Agreement (Single-Stream Recycling).

Chairman G. Smith commended the Mayor this for stating a lot of hard work went into the plan which will be better for everyone and for our environment.

Mayor Richetelli provided a history of this to the Board. He stated this single stream recycling which has been purposed will be easier for the homeowner and also increase the city's tonnage numbers the city generates. He stated the agreement proposes to extend the agreement to 2018. He reiterated it would be easier for the homeowner. He stated this Board would have to address such things such as education, bins, and how it is collected. He stated the current vehicles are specialized because the items had to be separated when they were collected.

Ald. Staneski asked if the minimum tonnage commitment would be impacted in the long run.

Mayor Richetelli stated there is a minimum tonnage, but that he did not feel there would be any penalties in meeting the tonnage requirements. He also explained how those numbers are arrived at. He went on to read some of the things that will now be collected that could not before, such as cardboard, cereal boxes, aluminum foil, etc.

Ald. Patterson stated he had two questions. He stated he heard the Mayor state the contract expired 2018 and the signage page states 2022. Also, the Mayor stated 17 different cities and the signage page has only 12 towns.

Mayor Richetelli apologized for the confusion. He stated the contract was extended to 2022 and stated it was a 10-year extension. He also stated he was not sure why it listed only 12 towns.

Ald. P. Smith stated referred Ald. Patterson and the members of the Board to p. 2 of the agreement and read the language wherein it states 5 towns are withdrawing.

Ald. Blake asked about tipping fees and asked if the city would be making any money or if there would be charges against the city.

Mayor Richetelli responded the city now would be paid; however the rates had not been determined.

Ald. Blake also noted Ald. German and State Senator Lambert were appointed to a recycling committee. He asked if that committee had forwarded their recommendation.

Mayor Richetelli replied he did not believe they had made any recommendation. He went on to explain the task of that committee.

Chairman G. Smith stated he spoke earlier today with Ald. German who was very pleased with this agreement and supported this amendment.

Ald. Goodrich commented the city would be looking at increasing recycling and getting paid and could not think of anything better than that.

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.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer 13, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010.

Ald. Staneski stated she had several questions, specifically, regarding regular wages for the police department and if they would be cut short; highways and park the \$150,000 regular wages; and waste removal services \$135,000.

Mayor Richetelli explained in all departments there are temporary vacant positions and that they occur for a number of reasons. He stated in Highway/Parks there are union rules that dictate as to how those positions are filled and that there can be a lag time. Regarding waste removal he referred to Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Cooper stated there is a new system, so there is not much sludge.

Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer No. 14, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010.

Ald. Joy commented regarding the \$140,000 waste removal transfer. He stated the city generally has a good idea but this figure seems to be way off.

Mayor Richetelli explained it is an estimate and explained the formula. He stated last year \$2,300,000 was recommended, but the Board reduced it to \$1,200,000. Mayor Richetelli stated it was explained to the Board last year that they would likely come back for additional monies.

Ald. Staneski asked if this was the true cost or if another transfer may be necessary. She also asked about the personal property audit and also promotional costs for Animal Control.

Mayor Richetelli replied the funds should be adequate. With regard to the personal property audit explained how it was budgeted for, but that they collected more than anticipated, therefore, they needed to be paid those additional monies. Mayor Richetelli deferred to Mr. George for the final part of the question.

Mr. George explained the educational piece is when they go into the schools and conduct various presentations and instruction for the children. He stated they provide gold badges, coloring books.

Chairman G. Smith asked the percentage of labor that is volunteer based.

Mr. George responded they have a volunteer group of about 25-30. He also thanked the Board for their continued support of the animal shelter.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Refunds

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$23,974.15. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Giannattasio reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider one Ordinance and that the Ordinance Committee voted unanimously to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the service of the City of Milford (Director, Department of Permitting and Land Use). Motion carried unanimously.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – Ald. Bevan reported the Committee met this evening regarding an unregistered vehicle in a driveway and voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Assistant City Planner.

c. Public Works Committee –no report

d. Claims Committee – no meeting.

e. Rules Committee – no meeting.

f. Personnel Committee – no meeting.

13. Report of Special Committees. Vice Chairman P. Smith noted the minutes of the following Committees can be found on the city's web-site or are available at the next meeting. She stated if any liaison would like to give a report on the following committees, they may do so.

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education

b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.

c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – Ald. Bevan reported at the recent meeting the Milford International Little League (MILL) presented a proposal to install lights at Brewster Field. He also reported the Committee recently approved a recommendation to allow individuals to apply for a permit to have alcoholic beverages in the parks.

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 – Ald. Staneski reported the Senior Center held their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 23, 2010.

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

- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT)

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.

Ald. Goodrich and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary