BOARD OF ALDERMEN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 27, 2011

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, June 27, 2011. Chairman Giannattasio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. stating the meeting was duly noticed in the New Haven Register on June 20, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT

A. Giannattasio, Chairman

Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr.

- P. Smith
- J. Patterson
- N. Veccharelli
- P. Staneski

Chairman Giannattasio opened the public session of the Ordinance Committee at 7:01 p.m. regarding the following Ordinances:

1) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.1, Article III, Section 17.1.38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Buy-In Provisions).

Speakers in favor – none. Speakers in opposition – none.

2) An Ordinance Repealing An Ordinance Establishing Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford And Adopting Chapter 19, Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of Milford.

Speakers in favor – none. Speakers in opposition – none.

Chairman Giannattasio closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Ald. Staneski and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.1, Article III, Section 17.1.38 of The Code of Ordinances of the City (Buy-In Provisions).

Ald. Patterson asked how many were affected by this application and if it would be retro-active to those who have already put in their papers.

Mayor Richetelli stated it would apply to anyone whose pension has not been acted on by the Pension Board. He explained the city had promised to do everything they could regarding staff reductions so that those reductions would be through attrition. He stated in the police department because one of the dispatchers elected to take a voluntary retirement, a position was saved and in the recreation department a position would have been lost, had it not be for another voluntary retirement. He stated this Ordinance helped achieve this. Mayor Richetelli also stated there have been multiple buy-ins throughout the years and they are clearly spelled out.

He also stated there is no cost to the city budget, with the only negligible cost down the road being life expectancy.

Ald. Patterson asked if the Pension board weighed-in on this Ordinance.

Mayor Richetelli stated they checked with legal counsel as to the manner to do this. He explained authority rests with the legislative body of the City, with the Pension Board being the legislative arm whereby they accept and administer the pension.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Staneski and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Repealing An Ordinance Establishing Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford And Adopting Chapter 19, Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of Milford.

Ald. Staneski commented it was her understanding this was a cleanup of previous language and asked the process going forward.

Mayor Richetelli stated a vast majority of city employees are represented by bargaining units. He stated this Ordinance is for those employees who are non-represented and whose positions are spelled out in this Ordinance. He went on to explain the history of this Ordinance since 1976, where there have been at least a dozen amendments since that date. Mayor Richetelli stated he asked the legal department to consolidate all of those amendments. He stated this product is a consolidation of all of those amendments and puts it into one cohesive Ordinance. He pointed out there is not changes in compensation. He explained going forward when administration asks for a change in compensation; the change would become one amendment. He stated if there is another, the first amendment would be appealed so there would always be one amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Ald. Staneski and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber Recording Secretary