

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2009**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2009 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman B. Blake called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Chairman Blake asked those present to join in saluting our flag and recognized former Majority Leader Barbara Genovese to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bier
J. Blacketter
B. Blake
V. Ditchkus, Jr.
A. Giannattasio
M. Hardiman
S. Manning
R. Nunno
J. Patterson
J. Rosen
J. Toohey
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
S. Willey (8:34 p.m.)

Also Present

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

Ald. Giannattasio noted Ald. Willey had a work conflict and was running late.

Chairman Blake welcomed everyone and extended best wishes that everyone had a nice 4th of July. He stated they had several presentations tonight. First; on the 45th anniversary of our State Flag a presentation; also a report from Senator G. Slossberg regarding the State of the State and finally a presentation by Kristen Brown, a DEP consultant, regarding a recycling presentation. He deferred to Mayor Richetelli.

Mayor Richetelli stated the first presentation is at the request of the City Clerk on the 45th anniversary to the date of our State flag. He explained a contest for students to design our flag. He introduced Karen Saloomey who was a student at Jonathan Law High School when she won the contest. Mayor Richetelli proceeded to read the proclamation presented to Ms. Saloomey.

Ms. Saloomey thanked the Mayor and especially Mr. Jepson stating this evening was a tribute to Mr. Jepson who has been a dear friend.

Chairman Blake thanked Ms. Saloomey as well as Mr. Jepson. He recognized Senator Slossberg for an update.

Senator Slossberg also extended congratulations to Ms. Salomey commenting it just goes to show you never know what will happen when you invest in the education of a child. She also saluted Mr. Jepson for bringing this forward. Senator Slossberg stated she was here tonight to address the economy and the State budget and the toll it has taken on all budgets. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke of the projected deficits and went on to explain the normal process of the State budget. She stated because of the fiscal difficulties the process has been different. Continuing reading from her statement she went on to explain why she voted against the legislative budget which she stated would have decimate many programs as well as put more cars on the road. She stated both legislative leadership and the governor have been meeting every day and that the State is currently running under executive order, which means the governor decides what bills are being paid. She stated if there is not an agreement by the end of July she would advocate that basic funding be provided to Milford as it currently is. She continued reading her statement and concluded by saying she would be happy to address any questions and that she could be reached at home (203) 878-6412, at her office (860) 240-0482 or via e-mail at slossberg@senatedems.gov.

Chairman Blake thanked Senator Slossberg for the update. He next introduced Kristen Brown, a consultant for the State Department of Environmental Protection to address the Board regarding DEP initiatives.

Ms. Brown thanked the Mayor and the Board for the opportunity to speak this evening. She stated she wished to discuss initiatives concerning PAYT (Pay as You Throw) and SMART (Save Money and Reduce Trash). She explained the DEP along with the Environmental Concerns Coalition (ECC) are requesting the Mayor and Board of Aldermen appoint an Advisory Committee to investigate the feasibility and implementation of these two programs. She continued with her presentation. She stated the Town of Greenwich has committed to doing this and that the towns of Trumbull, Easton and Monroe were going to do it together. She stated they are looking to Milford as an example in Southern Connecticut.

Chairman Blake thanked Ms. Brown. He stated he and the Mayor had discussed this and will look to do this here in Milford.

Ms. Brown stated she would be happy to email her presentation to the Board if they wish.

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.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – stated he has been a resident and taxpayer since 1965 and that he came here tonight to thank the Board for the nice tax cut. He also referenced an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal regarding unemployment and stimulus programs. He also spoke regarding shovel ready projects and possibly Law and Foran could receive some of these monies and then the Board would not have to bond as much. He spoke personally regarding his own children that went to school here. He commented the Board of Education builds pyramids and stated kindergarten classes will go down and that the City can give just so much. He also stated we would not come out of this economy in 1-2 years. He thanked the Board for doing a good job.

A. Berman – 77 Pelham Street – thanked the Board and the Mayor for the opportunity to have Kristen Brown here. She also thanked Ms. Brown and the DEP for educating us on SMART. Ms. Berman stated the program is non-political, ethical and moral and that it connects the dots regarding recycling. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke as to our responsibility for protecting our environment and being stewards of the earth. She reiterated her thanks to the Board on this very important issue and urged the Board to appoint an Advisory Committee soon.

D. Hourigan – 45 Carmen Road – stated he is the Chairman of the Board of Education. He stated he wished to thank the Board for agreeing to put the Jonathan Law bonding on the agenda, adding he is a quasi ex officio member of the Permanent School Facilities Committee. He stated the project is Phase III of 5 phases and would accommodate student enrollment and supported by the Board of Education. He state they have dropped plans for the portables at East Shore Middle School and Phase III at Foran from their wish list. He also spoke as to the reimbursement rate and pattern those rates have taken over the years. He stated they needed to avoid having this rate go any lower and having more teachers on carts. He expressed his hope the Board would vote favorably on the Law project.

T. Chaucer – 104 Hawley Avenue – stated he echoed the comments of Mr. Hourigan adding it would only cost more later and suggested the Board not find that out and move forward with the project leaving politics out of it. He stated there is nothing more distracting to a student than carts going down the hallway.

B. Turbiville – stated he is the manager of the off-track betting facility located on Roses Mill Road and that he was here to support races being broadcast live. He explained customers currently are unable to view the races live, but can listen. He stated it is more exciting and enticing to see the actual race. Reading from a prepared stated he encouraged the Board to pass this and not deny Milford residents the ability to watch these races. He also pointed out it would generate additional revenue.

R. Dunphy – 109 East Broadway – stated he supports the new classrooms at Jonathan Law. He also stated the City had received a good bond rating and that the City saved money by freezing wages. He asked the Board to use that money for the classrooms. He also expressed concern for school children on Milford Point Road and Lance Avenue, noting a blighted house there with tall grass and roots on the tree coming up. He stated school kids stand there for the school bus and that it is a safety issue and did not want to see someone get hurt. He also reiterated his remarks concerning Law and asked the Board to approve it.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – stated he had a display to pass around regarding Gulf Street. He stated he was reporting tonight as the City Historian. He stated sometime ago a revised demolition delay Ordinance was submitted and to date nothing has come of it. He stated there is a situation regarding 117 Gulf Street and that it is becoming more urgent. He read proceeded to read a report. He also stated he has met with members of the KRIT team concerning items not involved in the permitting process. Mr. Platt stated the demolition delay Ordinance has become urgent because of the deteriorating condition of 417 Gulf Street and that the photos show the neglect of the building. He stated he has spoken with the owner who offered an explanation of the work, but that the photos clearly show the condition of the house. He stated he has also spoken with the City Attorney and the Health Department who is monitoring the situation. He also stated he has notified the Native American Historic Society and explained the possibility of remains on the property and that he would explain these concerns in detail at a Planning and Zoning hearing. He stated he also recommended a study be conducted to determine a historic district on Gulf Street.

D. Steinlauf – 51 Pond Street – stated he is a member of the Board of Education from the 2nd District. He thanked the Board of their consideration of the Law project and commented on the numbers. He stated it is prudent to move forward at this time.

D. Perone – 1 Vincent Street – stated he recently graduated from Jonathan Law and that he knows first hand how important these extra classrooms are and that he himself had teachers who were on a cart. He also encouraged the Board to look at the bathrooms at Law where there are stalls with no doors, no locks on the door, fecal matter on the toilet seats and many lack toilet paper. He stated these are not only important comfort aspects but a health matter.

M. Taylor – 340 Wolf Harbor Road – stated he was here tonight to support the Law project and thanked the Board for bringing the matter to the table. He stated for years and years there has been much talk of renovating the high schools as new, with reimbursement at a much higher rate, however this town chose not to do that and is now doing it piecemeal. He stated prices are low as well as bonding. He stated he has two children that have already graduated an older child at Foran who will get nothing out of these projects, but was holding out hope that his 7 year old would benefit. He urged the Board to approve this and pass it along to the Board of Finance. He also expressed his hope the Mayor would change his mind stating it is the right thing as a taxpayer, parent and child.

P. Bellamy – 49 Sunnyside Court – stated she is here tonight in support of the Law project and a City that values a child. Reading from a prepared statement she stated the neediest schools should be addressed and that the changes need to meet not only today's changes but the future. She also spoke of sub standards of learning when a child does not have a classroom. She stated the plans are ready and the project should not be delayed as it will only cost more in the long run. She stated this is the essence and will maintain our property values and ethical values of our city.

M. Olsson – 112 Hilltop Circle – asked the Board to approve the bond request for the work at Law. Reading from a prepared statement she addressed the low bid numbers and reimbursement rates and long run costs of the project. She also spoke as to the promise that was made and then retracted regarding the Walnut Beach project. She stated as a parent she knows how that feels. She continued reading stating a promise was made to complete the work on the high schools and also spoke as to renovate as new and getting a larger reimbursement. She stated this project impacts the community as a whole not one school versus another. Continuing reading she stated the money spent on our schools benefits our community.

G. Parrot – 105 Carlson Drive – spoke in favor of the Law project. She stated both of her children have already graduated from Law. She recalled when her children were there the science labs were older than those in her high school. She continued reading from a prepared statement addressing bond rates, low bids and financial sensibility in completing this project. She also commented if the Law project is put off it would put off other projects. She also asked the Board to remember Milford is one project and urged them to support this.

J. Cooper – 40 Kittery Street – stated he is the Acting Wastewater Superintendent and that he was here tonight to express his disappointment that the Board of Aldermen cut a process operator position. He went on to explain the work at the plant which includes the two new buildings. He also commented both plants are rated higher than before. He stated the people that do all that work to maintain these buildings are the process operators. He stated they are also the ones who hold the higher licenses, the ones who come out in the middle of the night and the ones who protect Milford. He stated this Board cut 1 of only 7 operators. He compared this

to cuts made in the police and fire budgets where they have over 100 officers and firefighters. Mr. Cooper stated he expected DEP would be sending Milford a notice of violation as a cut such as this needs to be justified. He stated there was no justification here. He urged the Board to reconsider and restore this position.

S. Glennon – 99 Carlson Drive – stated One Voice-Milford High Schools PTSA has been following the matter of renovations at both high schools for some time and that they remain committed in their support for the completion of all phases of the projects at both schools. She stated she is the President of One Voice, but also the parent of three Jonathan Law students, two of whom have already graduated and one that will be a senior this year. She stated this was the time to save serious money on this project and that it was not about what one school has versus the other. She also spoke regarding teachers on carts. She also stated the issue has been too politicized and that the Board needed to consider the time and money that has already been spent. She stated the bonding would cost \$280,000-300,00 which is far less than the \$600,000 figure in the newspaper. Reading from a prepared statement (copy given to the City Clerk) she detailed the reasons why this project should go forward. She asked the Board to show foresight and courage and commit to the bonding.

B. Genovese – 17 Belmont Street – stated she had a lot of concerns. She stated the City has a respectable City Historian who likes to follow through and cited as an example 417 Gulf Street and pointed out it is on the national register. She also reminded the Board there is a demolition delay Ordinance in Milford and that she just did not understand the problem and questioned why the City Historian is being left out. She stated demolition by neglect is a serious term and read the definition. Reading from a prepared statement she continued to question why things are being done as they should, why the City Historian continues to be left out. She stated Mr. Platt showed through his photos what is going on at 417 Gulf Street. She stated she was here to ask for someone to listen. She continued reading and asked the Board to do something to keep the Ordinance going.

P. Spalthoff – 4 Oyster Landing – stated he would not rehash all the words spoken tonight, but he would absolutely say that debt is not a four letter swear word. He stated this is a project that needs and should be done.

R. Frank – 44 Lexington Green – stated he is a member of the Independent Party and a candidate for the Board of Education and expressed his support of the Jonathan Law project. Reading from a prepared statement he spoke as to Milford's needs and its world class school system. He stated the decision the Board makes tonight will take a right and wrong direction. He stated now is the time stating the bond rating is good and the reimbursement favorable. He continued reading as to his support of this project.

J. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – spoke regarding 417 Gulf Street. She stated the Board needed to take action to save the house and other historic properties here in Milford. She also stated there are not a lot of properties left. She implored the Board to please protect Milford's heritage.

N. Seltzer – 24 Camden Street – spoke regarding the Walnut Beach Association meeting. She stated she was here to ask the Board to take into consideration change that could benefit all of Milford. She expressed concern with the amount of police response to businesses for false alarms. She stated she has spoken with both Chiefs LaVecchia and Mello concerning these types of responses and that she was informed there is an Ordinance in place. She stated the specific Ordinance she was referring to is 2.5-5 which is related to alarms and 2.5-10 related to enforcement. She went on to explain the specifics of the Ordinance how the police department has collected approximately \$43,000 in fines for false alarms. She stated she wished to bring this up because of the

number of new businesses they have been call out to. She stated she would like the Board to consider being creative and making it such that after a certain number of times the business owner bears the cost.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he was speaking concerning item 8c on the agenda and that he was in favor of it. He stated he himself does not gamble, but it would help to bring money into Milford and help the constituents. He also stated he wished to speak about the problem that has been going on in the Devon area and that 4 years ago bonding in the amount of \$800,000 was done to get some work done. He stated we should not wait for the State any longer and needed to proceed with the work. He stated back where he lives; there is a problem on Anderson Avenue. He stated there are no guardrails and that something has to be done to fix that. He stated there is so much bonding for the schools, but this area is a safety hazard and that something needs to be done. He asked the Board to please take care of Anderson Avenue and also Devon.

S. Manning – 86 Kohary Drive – stated she wished to follow up regarding the Devon bonding. She explained the Devon Revitalization Committee has interviewed firms and that they will be moving forward shortly. She also pointed out with the phase they are in with the sidewalks it has alleviated some of the problem.

K. Huber – 277 Roses Mill Road – stated she serves as the president of Milford Council of PTAs, but was speaking tonight as a taxpayer and parent of two children in the Milford School District regarding item 8k on the agenda. Reading from a prepared statement she expressed her support of the Jonathan Law Phase III project (statement submitted to the City Clerk).

V. Ditchkus – Housatonic Drive – stated he received a letter from Carol Klingele expressing her appreciation of the presence of additional officer patrols in the Wildemere Beach. He went on to read her letter (submitted to the City Clerk).

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 1, 2009.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held May 19, 2009.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 19, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Blake stated given the late hour he would keep his comments short. He reported he spoke with Steven Studer, Chairman of KRIT who indicated to him they would have a proposal or statement for the Board's August meeting.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he respectfully was submitting items 8a-8k for the Board's consideration. He stated with regard to item 6a, he has spoken with Chairman Blake and that he stands ready to put together and Advisory Committee.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business:

Ald. Nunno and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to move item 8k to the top of the agenda.

Ald. Nunno stated a number of people expressed interest in this item and that he noted the presence of a motion and three small children.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus requested a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman Blake reconvened the Board at 9:28 p.m.

8k. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve to authorize the city's Bond Counsel, through the City Attorney's Office, to draft a bonding authorization Ordinance and prepare all pertinent documents regarding the construction and renovations at Jonathan Law High School as requested by the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee. (Requested by Chairman Benjamin Blake).

Ald. Nunno noted the presence of Jonathan Law principal, Mrs. Garagliano and asked if she could come forward and shed light on the daily operation at the school and how it impacts instruction.

Mrs. Garagliano thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She stated she wished to publicly thank her staff for the work they do every day. She stated with all the constraints they have she felt important to thank them. Mrs. Garagliano stated she and her staff put together information to share with the Board. She stated next year she numbers project 15 teachers will be on carts (4 English, 5 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies). She also stated the school is short two science labs. She stated they have added a reading teacher but do not have a plan for her to teach. She explained they are looking to convert storage space into reading classrooms. Mrs. Garagliano stated every space at Law every period would be used. She stated currently have 4 classes in storage spaces and that that number could possibly go to 5.

Ald. Willey asked the number of students at the school. He also asked if they knew what the population would be in 5-10 years.

Mrs. Garagliano responded they have 1,050 students, a figure which has held constant for the past 3 years. She stated she thought it would continue to be constant, but was reluctant to give figures past 3 years as the numbers could be misleading.

Ald. Nunno commented since he graduated from the school there have been no additions and commented as to class sizes when he was there. He stated the present eight grade class at West Shore Middle School has 30 kids per classroom. He asked how that would impact Law next year.

Mrs. Garagliano stated they are dedicated to keeping class size small and noted the freshman class next year will be large.

Ald. Vetro asked if the subject of portable classrooms had entered into the picture.

Mrs. Garagliano responded no. She stated since she has been principal, there has always been spoken as an addition. She noted she just completed her fourth year.

Ald. Giannattasio asked Mrs. Garagliano if she could clarify that next year all classrooms would be used.

Mrs. Garagliano responded every classroom would be used every period.

Ald. Veccharelli asked where the addition was going.

Mrs. Garagliano replied it would be located at the corner of the new gym toward the industrial arts wing, but it would not enclose that space.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if it would be one or two stories.

Mrs. Garagliano responded one.

Ald. Willey asked how many classrooms it would have.

Mrs. Garagliano responded there would be 8 classrooms as well as desperately needed storage space.

Ald. Willey asked if class size would go down.

Mrs. Garagliano responded no, but it would minimize the number of teachers on carts.

Ald. Toohey commented it was difficult to listen to parents about what they want for their children and what a community should do for its children. She stated this Board has a very difficult task. She stated an earlier speaker who spoke regarding the State of the City and State of the State is so strapped and there isn't even a State budget and it is coming close to the end of July. She stated that speaker also spoke as to how each municipality has to buckle back. She stated this Board also hashed out a budget that hurt the City side of the budget and that the library is before this Board tonight to ask for an account to seek donations to stay open on Saturdays. She also stated police and fire cannot do their jobs because of cuts to their budgets. She also pointed out the ceiling behind them is falling apart because this Board did not see fit to bond for the project last week. She also spoke as to the number of unemployed residents and the difficulties of searching for a job and that she recognizes this herself because she was unemployed for 18 months.

Ald. Blacketter stated they needed to look at the long term benefits of what they are doing and also the implications of the circumstances that may exist. She spoke as to the affects of a negative environment impacting the teaching of children. She also noted the differences in looking at long term plans and adjusting for short term circumstances. She stated they needed to look at things through different lenses. She stated they are getting a better deal towards something that needs to be done.

Ald. Nunno responded to the comment made concerning the ceiling. He also stated he understands that people are losing jobs, but that this would give people jobs. He also pointed out the building codes are going to change and that could affect the costs if they wait. He stated if they wait there could be a lower reimbursement rate. He stated they needed to make priorities.

Ald. Veccharelli stated they have been through the budget process and did everything they could collectively to save taxpayer dollars and now they are asked to bond. He stated this is not for the teachers, the Board of Education, this is for the kids. He stated he would hope that here in Milford we can send our kids to school and know they are happy. He stated this should not be political and reiterated this is for the kids. He stated he realizes times are tough, but this is a good deal and they will continue to have it in the long run and that he supports this.

Ald. Rosen commented as to labor and materials being less expensive. He also stated we need to keep our kids competitive. He asked the Board to listen to the constituents and support this.

Ald. Toohey stated her point about the ceiling was not that it is falling in, but that last year when this Board was asked to think ahead and long term, they chose not to and put a lot of projects on hold. She stated she sat here a year ago and the point was made over and over that it was not the right time. She agreed this is not political but in this economy she could not see on person that does not feel the affect of what the State and Nation is going through.

Chairman Blake stated this Board does recognize the financial crisis. He stated a month ago this Board adopted a budget reducing the mill rate and that for the first time people paid less in taxes. He stated they did not all agree but the budget they adopted was fiscally prudent. He stated the cops are still out there, garbage is being picked up and potholes are being fixed. He stated they have listed all night, ad nauseam to the comments regarding this project. He being fiscally prudent is not only cutting spending, but understanding the importance of thrift and making those investments. He stated \$250,000 has already been invested in architectural costs and with a new code coming in August this is the right time and that he was in favor of this.

Ald. Patterson stated he was in favor of this as well. He stated they don't want to put the burden on our children and not doing this now will put that burden on our children. He stated the difference in what would be paid now is over \$170,000 over the life of the loan. He stated this is the fiscally prudent thing to do.

Ald. Ditchkus stated this is a very difficult decision to make. He also stated a lot of different things have been thrown around. He stated he understands long term responsibility and that times are tough and that most people realize unemployment is in the double digits. He stated there are a lot of projects he would like to do, road that could be done. He pointed out without the roads the kids can't get to school. He looked at the projects this Board put off last year. He stated the roof in this building is leaking and that project has been put off. He stated a lot of numbers have also been thrown around. He stated the fact is this Board voted on a budget that included the bond indebtedness. He stated this Board balanced the budget well and also they just don't know what they will get back from the State. He stated they need to look to the future and that while he would love to do this project, the economic times are bad. He stated even the Vice President has stated they understated the economy.

Ald. Manning addressed the comments made concerning the Capital Improvement Plan for last year and that they don't have anything for this year. She stated it would be irresponsible not to follow their planning tool.

She went on to read language from the Capital Improvement Plan. She stated she supports this because it puts forth a plan this Board put forward last year.

Mayor Richetelli thanked Ald. Manning for her comments, because they have to do just that. He stated they need to bring things up on a schedule and that they provide for the schools based on the priorities set by the Board of Education. He also pointed out the City has spent many more dollars on school projects in recent years than they have in the past. He stated he agreed work needed to be done at Law and Foran as well as many other projects. He stated this is not about commitment, because the City has made a commitment. He stated these are unprecedented economic times. He stated Milford has always prided itself for being prudent and cautious and that he does not like putting the Law or Foran project on hold, but as stated by an earlier speaker, these are unprecedented times. He went on to quote the comments made by Senator Slossberg about all municipalities tightening their belts. He stated projects will get done, but now is not the time to do that and that he hopes the time will get better, but there is no guarantee. He also stated if this Board was that serious in bringing this forward they would have done so months ago. He also pointed out this project cannot go to the State Board of Education until 2010 and would reflect the new reimbursement rates. He also reminded the Board the City asked all municipal employees to take a zero increase, police vehicles were cut, the fire department emergency notification system was cut, a police officer was cut and a sewer process operator. Mayor Richetelli stated it would send the wrong message. He also asked about the homeowner who is being foreclosed, losing jobs, etc. He stated he is committed to doing the school projects and suggested the normal bonding process be followed with authorizations in February and putting Foran and Law and any municipal projects at that time. He stated this is not about commitment, Foran or Law, but about prudent, fiscal steps. He stated they are not changing the course, only taking a curve around. He urged the Board to be responsible and fiscally prudent and wait.

Chairman Blake stated this does recognize and reflect unprecedented times that the Mayor mentioned. He stated the bonding audit has been over \$15,000,000 and also pointed this project is \$3,200,000 to \$4,000,000, less than originally thought. He stated balance and moderation is something everyone could appreciate. He went on to say we live in a land of steady habits, and this is fiscally prudent and responsible.

Ald. Blacketter commented this topic has been on the news and on the streets for some time and that she has received a great deal of support for it via e-mails and telephone calls.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 10 yes ((Blacketter, Blake, Hardiman, Manning, Nunno, Patterson, Rosen, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 5 no (Bier, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Toohey, Willey).

8a. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Establishment of Account for Donations to the Milford Public Library for the purpose of staffing summer Saturday hours and authorizing expenditures upon approval of the Library Director. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (R) Joseph a. Tuozzola, Sr., 118 Gulf Street, Unit #24, to fill a vacancy as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Term to expire 12/31/09). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Alan Jepson swore in Mr. Tuozzola.

8c. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Authorizing Autotote Enterprises, Inc. to Establish and Operate Simulcast facilities at 89 Roses Mill Road, Milford, in accordance with Public Act 09-132 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Ald. Manning and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to table.

Ald. Manning stated she believed this is the type of issue that warrants the opportunity to hear from residents and with the holiday week, it may have been difficult to be here this evening. He stated she would like to see this tabled until the Board's August meeting.

By roll call vote, the motion failed 11 no (Bier, Blacketter, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Patterson, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 4 yes (Blake, Manning, Nunno, Rosen).

Ald. Bier stated it is his understanding this proposal is for a simulcast facility. He stated this would give people the opportunity to watch the races and that data indicates this could increase revenues to Milford. He stated he saw no adverse affects to this request and would support it.

Ald. Patterson asked if Planning and Zoning had looked at this regarding parking.

Mr. Barberino stated when this was approved it was looked at as a meeting place and stated they have 39 parking places. He also stated they looked at their East Haven facility as a comparison. He stated at any given time there is not more than 20 people in the facility and on a Saturday they may have 35-38 people. He also noted East Haven is a simulcast facility.

Ald. Patterson responded they have a different set up.

Mr. Barberino explained they did a review and they have plenty of parking.

Chairman Blake commented it was estimated the off track betting facility would generate approximately \$65,000.

Mr. Barberino stated the last full year they were in Milford it was \$65,000 and that was without a simulcast facility. He stated they anticipate their revenues to be 25-30% higher. He also stated they bring in people from surrounding towns, especially the Valley and as far as Seymour.

Chairman Blake asked if the figures had come in for this new facility.

Mr. Barberino responded this industry is also impacted by the economy. He stated they are running slightly less, but as the economy gets better so will they.

Ald. Vitali asked if he could repeat the figure he gave when they were in Milford last.

Mr. Barberino responded \$64,000.

Ald. Vitali asked what they have generated in the new facility.

Mr. Barberino responded \$35,000. He pointed out with a simulcast facility they would be able to let people watch the race and that it provides a nice amenity. He stated it isn't anything radical, but enhances enjoyment of the race and that it amounts to social time for the seniors.

Ald. Manning asked if they are gambling there. She stated she wanted to be clear that is what they do there.

Mr. Barberino responded yes, people spend their discretionary money as they like.

Ald. Ditchkus commented they have the same thing overseas. He also pointed out this would be added revenue for the City.

Ald. Nunno stated he understands the revenue side of it and while it paints a pretty picture, the reality is it is gambling and stated the Board she take into consideration Ald. Manning's comments that there is an addictive side of this. Ald. Nunno noted Dr. McBride's presence and that he could see this involving that agency. He stated he did make sense to table this and asked the Board's consideration on these things.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 12 yes (Bier, Blacketter, Blake, Ditchkus, Giannattasio, Hardiman, Patterson, Toohey, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willey) and 3 no (Manning, Nunno, Rosen).

8d. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Grant Application for Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan.

Chairman Blake recognized Mr. Ivers.

Mr. Ivers stated the entitlement grant is \$530,000, which is \$10,000 more than last year, but \$150,000 less than 8 years ago. He went on to explain the program and changes to the program. He stated he received correspondence from the American Red Cross and the Beth El Shelter that they would like to consolidate and that those monies would be transferred to Beth El. He stated this is just a technical change requested by the American Red Cross.

Ald. Blacketter asked about a vision toward more moderate housing and if they had looked to getting industrial or skilled laborers into the area. She stated this has always been difficult because of the high cost of living here.

Mr. Ivers explained the bottom of the housing market has come into reach for young, single homeowners. He stated this year they have already helped 6 professional age individuals.

Ald. Manning thanked Mr. Ivers for all his hard work. She asked with regards to items 22-25 how they would let people know about these programs.

Mr. Ivers explained they would be making it available through outreach to the local real estate agencies, non-profit agencies, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for an emergency waiver of bid in the amount of \$12,300 to Eastern Metals of Milford to provide emergency structural steel window

support work (metal fabrication and installation) at the old gymnasium at Jonathan Law High School (State Project #084-0175). (Per the request of the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee).

Chairman Blake recognized architect, Bill Silver.

Ald. Nunno stated the work has already been completed. He explained no one could have anticipated this and that when it was discovered the gym was then exposed to the elements.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for a technical waiver of bid to All Habitat Services to continue ongoing mosquito control services until the Connecticut State Department of Administrative Services awards a new contract. (Requested by Director of Health Dr. A. Dennis McBride, ND, MPH, memo dated 6/18/09).

Chairman Blake recognized Dr. McBride who he commented has waited patiently throughout the night.

Dr. McBride stated All Habitat Services has years of service. He stated Milford is ahead of the curve in this area. He went on to explain Milford is a coastal area and All Habitat has been serving Milford for years. He also stated this is potentially a very bad season with the amount of rain, warmer weather and high grass. He stated he hoped this Board would consider this.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the request for allocation Transfer No. 1 (Good Shepherd Land Acquisition Reimbursement). Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 2 (Requested by the Golf Commission for purchase of a handicapped accessible golf cart).

Ald. Toohey recognized Vice Chairman Worroll from the Golf Commission.

Mr. Worroll stated the Commission has been working with the City Attorney on this matter and decided it would be better to purchase than to rent. He stated if this works out they would like to purchase another cart. He stated the cart would be available to anyone and on a first come first serve basis.

Chairman Blake commented he thought this was for handicapped individuals.

Ald. Toohey responded that was incorrect and that in accordance with the Statute, the cart had to be made available to everyone.

Ald. Vetro stated there are no golf tracks on the course and expressed concern over time there could be damage to the trails.

Mayor Richetelli stated he wished to assure the Board the Golf Course Commission would not be adding paths. He explained over the years his office has had a number of calls from handicapped and elderly individuals that

cannot walk the course. He also stated he is aware of State statutes. He stated the goal is to make the course accessible to all.

Ald. Vetro expressed concern about maintenance. He stated riding on the same fairway over and over could cause damage.

Mr. Worroll stated the management company would take care of any damage as part of the contract. He also pointed out there would be restrictions. He stated if this goes well there is the possibility of adding one more cart. He stated it really is a win-win situation for all. He also noted the cart comes with a 4 year maintenance agreement.

Chairman Blake asked if the law does not allow preference; how the golf course officials would reserve it for those folks over someone who could adequately walk the course.

Mr. Worroll explained the cart could be reserved up to 7 days in advance.

Ald. Ditchkus commented he hoped Milford residents would be more courteous. He also addressed the comments of Ald. Vetro concerning cart paths and stated that on larger courses there are up to 72 carts on the course at one time.

Mr. Worroll stated initially that was one of the Commission's concern and also whether someone could bring their own cart onto the course.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he was happy to see this move forward. He stated this would enable those people to still come out and play the game. He reiterated he is glad to see this and that it would benefit our residents.

Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution RE: Cash Advance for Community Development Department for State of Connecticut Home – Housing Rehabilitation Grant.

Ald. Rosen questioned if the City would get this money back and what assurance could be provided.

Mr. Ivers responded it would all come back.

Motion carried unanimously.

8j. Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to approve the request to allow (R) Bryan Mancini (a current alternate), 47 Tumblebrook Drive and (D) George F. Noyes, Jr., (a current regular member), 16 Seaside Court to switch their positions on the Tree Commission. (New terms to expire: Bryan Mancini 12/31/10 and George F. Noyes, Jr. 12/31/10). (Per request of the Tree Commission).

Chairman Blake asked if both of these members were in favor of this.

Mayor Richetelli responded this was the Commission's recommendation. He stated the chairman and vice chairman assured him both gentlemen were in agreement.

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

(a) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer 19, Fund 10, FY 2008-2009. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer No. 20, Fund 10, FY 2008-2009.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Vetro and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$9,635.63. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – no report.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.

c. Public Works Committee –no report.

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Hardiman reported the Committee met earlier this evening to discuss one claim.

Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to approve the claim of employee John Slyman (PPD Award) per the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Rules Committee – no report.

f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.

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. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – no report
- o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report.
- p. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- q. Milford Legislative Action Committee – no report.
- r. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.

s. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro reported the Police and Youth Partnership had their end of the year ceremony in City Hall. He also reported the final Family Fun Night was held in June. He also reported the rent rebates are still being taken.

- t. Liaison Police Commission – no report.
- u. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- v. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – 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) Status report and consideration of settlement of Great River LLC v. City of Milford
RE: 130 Coram Lane

Chairman Blake stated he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to address item 14a. He stated those going into the Executive Session along with the full Board would be the Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Toohey made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into

settlement in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session RE: Great River, LLC v. City of Milford (135 Coram Lane). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Patterson moved to adjourn at 11:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary