

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2015**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2015 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence to remember Officer Michael Compare.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bier
M. Casey
S. Fontana
D. German
A. Giannattasio (7:37 p.m.)
J. Golden
M. Hardiman
D. Kubek
S. Shaw
F. Smith
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

Excused

B. Anderson
G. Stanford
N. Veccharelli

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.

L Wieziewski - 9 River Street – stated he came tonight to speak on behalf of Eli's Restaurant and request the aldermen put this item on the agenda tonight. He stated they have been good neighbors and always have done what they have said what they would do.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 1, 2015.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 1, 2015.

Ald. Fontana noted for the record that she had not spoken with Mr. Amann or anyone else regarding Eli's Restaurant as had been stated in the June minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro acknowledged the ceremony prior to tonight's meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of ADA and commented on all of their fine work over the years.

Ald. Vitali requested a 5-min recess

The Board recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:52 pm

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake commented he hoped everyone had a happy, healthy 4th of July. He spoke of the "Kickoff to Summer" event with illuminations and pomp and parade on July 2 which was a first for Milford. He stated it was reported over 25,000 came out to celebrate. Mayor Blake stated he wished to publicly thanked Dan Worroll, Chairman of the event as well as the public works director, and all the folks at Lisman Landing, as well as Devon Rotary, Shop Rite, Milford Bank and so many others. He also followed up on the remarks of the Chairman regarding the 25th anniversary of ADA, signed into law by George W. Bush. Mayor Blake also acknowledged the finance director and the entire finance department for once again being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Mayor Blake asked the Board's consideration of items 8a-8h and stated he would be happy to answer any questions as they come up.

7. Unfinished Business – None.

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

8a. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the Municipal and State Agency Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Reimbursement Program Grant and to authorize the Mayor, Director of Community Development and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said program.

Ald. Giannattasio commented the application indicated there is shelter at the proposed installation site. He asked for an explanation of the shelter is there currently.

Mayor Blake stated the location Milford has applied for is behind the library adjacent to the tennis courts. He stated the library would be one of those shelters (rear of the library). He also stated this grant would bolster what they already have in that area. Mayor Blake also stated it would bring a higher kilowatt to the area.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the details that indicate two cars would be stationed. He stated he was trying to understand where this would be.

Mayor Blake stated the shelter is not for the vehicles, but for the people who may need a shelter from inclement weather while their vehicle is charging. He stated the pavilion is an ideal spot.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he wished to clarify the city would not generate any profits for three years.

Mayor Blake stated after that period of time they could then put a credit card at the station, however, initially they are prohibited from doing so to start.

Ald. Bier stated the language indicates the project must be completed by August 1st. He asked if the City was in line to have the work completed by that date.

Ald. Vitali asked for further explanation as to enforcement and timing issues. He asked if it was possible for a car to stay for the entire day.

Mayor Blake stated he would be meeting with the police department, public works and transit department to set rules and regulations in place.

Ald. Vitali suggested those using the charging station should remain with their vehicle. He reiterated it needed to be clarified how long a vehicle can remain at a charging station.

Mayor Blake stated he would continue to report back to the Board. He stated the program is a test run for Milford and that they are looking to see what has worked well in other cities, but reiterated it would be an experience.

Ald. Giannattasio commented this area appears to have been selected because of the location. He asked if this grant and similar grants would be available in the future.

Mayor Blake replied yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Smith and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: RFP for the Lease/Purchase of Certain Department of Public Works Equipment/Vehicles.

Ald. Giannattasio recognized the public works director and asked the intentions of this Resolution.

Mr. Saley stated they are looking to purchase some equipment they are in need of. He stated the trash hauler is one of those vehicles.

Ald. Giannattasio spoke of issues in the past regarding a large receptacle or garbage can and those receptacles that have been tagged because they exceed the 42 gallon weight.

Mr. Saley stated he is working with the Mayor to make changes. He stated they are looking at a higher capacity. He stated the tippers work quite well.

Ald. Giannattasio stated the 42 gallon receptacle is a City Ordinance, he asked with the new mechanism if the Ordinance could be revisited as to the type of garbage can.

Mr. Saley stated moving forward they will also have tippers for trash. He stated it will be test run on a few runs. He stated the estimate in savings is about \$1,000,000. He also stated another component is that the handlers would not have to get out of the truck effectively reducing comp claims.

Ald. Vitali asked if this particular mechanism would potentially reduce staff.

Mr. Saley responded not at the present time, it would reduce workers compensation claims which is the goal.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Smith and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the purpose of entering into energy saving performance contracts wherein the City of Milford would realize a cost savings and to authorize the Mayor, Director of Public Works and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said performance agreements.

Ald. German asked if there is a cost for the performance agreement.

Mr. Saley stated it is similar to the other energy performance agreements the city has entered into. He provided a lengthy explanation.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the timeframe for the payback on this.

Mr. Saley reiterated it depends on the project, but generally it is a 3-4 year payback. He also spoke of the life span of the blowers.

Ald. Giannattasio asked to actual cost to the city to run the Beaverbrook plant.

Mr. Saley stated Beaverbrook and Housatonic is the biggest user of electricity, but that he did not have the exact figure, but would get back to him.

Ald. Shaw asked if the authorization was across the board for energy projects.

Mr. Saley stated if they see a project that warrants potential savings, they look into it to make sure it would make sense for the city and improve overall efficiency as a whole.

Ald. Shaw asked for clarification if the project was a zero cost to the city.

Mr. Saley stated if they need to spend money they would come before this Board.

8d. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Establishment of Accounts Related to the Milford Public Works Department (Equipment Fund).

Ald. Casey stated it was his understanding this would allow staff to be available to charge the private industry.

Mr. Saley stated they are looking for this approval so they will have the option. He spoke of private events that occur over the weekends.

Ald. Casey asked how the employees would be paid, as part of their salary, etc.

Mr. Saley stated it would be overtime.

Ald. Casey stated he wished to be clear this is to rent out equipment.

Mr. Saley replied yes and went on to cite some of the examples.

Ald. Vitali asked specifically about Woodmont, raking their beaches. He commented it was his understanding that work was part of borough taxes.

Mr. Saley stated it is the section past the private beaches.

Ald. Vitali asked if an employee would be on call and that local individual would be paid by the individual party.

Mr. Saley replied yes. He explained this is for activities that are going on in the downtown area and other areas. He reiterated it is an on call basis, but that they do get calls for cleanup especially for broken glass, etc.

Ald. Vitali asked who cleans it up if no one calls.

Mr. Saley stated it is not done until Monday.

Ald. Shaw asked for clarification that it is equipment and personnel, not other municipalities.

Mr. Saley explained all the abutting towns do share, but this is not something. He stated it is really for private business and residents.

Ald. German asked the scope of work or other services to other businesses.

Mr. Saley explained there is various types of equipment that could be used.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Establishment of Accounts Related to the Milford Downtown Parking necessary to

lease/purchase equipment and fund appropriate personnel to address the maintenance needs and operation of city infrastructure, and to authorize the Mayor, Director of Public Works and Finance Director to take all steps necessary, including the procurement of bids and the signing of all documents, to effectuate related agreements.

Ald. Bier asked when the city anticipates closing on the property downtown and asked if there is a closing date.

Mayor Blake stated he expected it would be within the next month. He also spoke of the potential for costs, initial parking expansion. He stated it is a great way to enhance the downtown gateway into Milford. He also stated it is a way to generate revenue.

Ald. Bier asked if there would be a property manager for these properties and if there would be a receiver for the parking fees and if all of those details been worked out

Mayor Blake stated they have had several discussions and are in the process of interviewing potential property managers. He stated there is the possibility the property manager would handle the fees or possible Milford transit. He stated additional information would be forthcoming to this Board.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the commitment and overall timeframe for the project.

Mayor Blake stated High Street is June 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer #4 (Vehicle Acquisition Program). Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the Resolution RE: Establishment of an Account for Accepting Donations made to the Milford Government Access Television. Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request RE: Memorandum of Agreement between Southwestern Regional Communications Center, Inc. and the City of Milford. 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. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #13 and 14, Fund 10, FY15. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

None.

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 – no report.
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – none.
- 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
Balding Precision, Inc. v. City of Milford
RE: 61 Woodmont Road

14b) Consideration of settlement of
Ten Rowe Avenue, LLC v. City of Milford
10 Rowe Avenue

14c) Consideration of settlement of
Hugh F. Keefe v. City of Milford
RE: 1 Lawrence Court

Chairman Vetro announced those individuals entering Executive Session would be the full Board, Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor.

Ald. Golden and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the matters announced above by the Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:58 p.m.

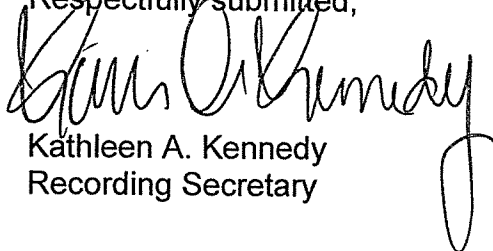
14a. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to accept Consideration of Settlement of Balding Precision, Inc. v. City of Milford, RE: 61 Woodmont Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14b. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to accept Consideration of Settlement of Ten Rowe Avenue, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 10 Rowe Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14c. Ald. Smith and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to accept Consideration of Settlement of Hugh F. Keefe v. City of Milford, RE: 1 Lawrence Court, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Golden moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary