

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2017**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017 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
B. Bevan
B. Bier
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden (7:42 p.m.)
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

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.

Christine Angeli - Director of Public Library – stated she would like the library to apply for a construction grant to expand the children's department. She stated the expansion would double the children's area, as well as becoming ADA compliant, etc.

Kim Rose - 292 Naugatuck Avenue – stated she was in support of the library construction grant and stated she would work with legislators to get through. Ms. Rose also stated she was here tonight in support of the Ordinance before this Board and asked the aldermen to support the Ordinance which follows legislature just signed by the Governor.

Ald. Hardiman - spoke regarding calls many of the aldermen have been receiving calls regarding a noise issue along the river coming from a bar in Stratford. He also referenced a letter received from a resident in the Riverside Drive area. He stated measures were being put in place to help with the situation, such as a noise barrier. Ald. Hardiman stated he would in touch with the resident.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro read an announcement from the VFW inviting the aldermen to attend a breakfast on Sunday, 8/13. He also noted the Oyster Festival is just two weeks away and that it is the biggest event of the summer for Milford. He wished every a Happy Summer.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake echoed the sentiments Chairman Vetro regarding the August 19th Oyster Festival. Mayor Blake asked the Board for their consideration of items, 8a-c and stated he would be happy to answer questions as they come up.

Ald. Vitali added Friday, 8/18 is Oyster Even at the Landing, which runs from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Item 8a-8c)

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request Pursuant to Article III, Section 16 (6) of the Charter of the City of Milford, Board of Aldermen approval for the appointment of (D) Nancy Austin, 14 Village Road, 06460, to complete an interim term on the Planning and Zoning Board representing the Fourth District (Richard Lutz – resigned. Term to expire 12/31/17.

Ald. Vitali commented the aldermanic packet did not include the resume of the person being appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board and that the Board had information regarding the individual.

Mayor Blake explained the tradition has been that the district submits a name. He invited Ms. Austin the podium.

Ms. Austin introduced herself to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution Re: Grant Application for Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for submitting an Application for State Public Library Construction Grant, FY 2017-2018, and to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director and Library Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to apply for and accept said Grant.

Ald. Smith stated for the record he is in support of this application. He stated as liaison along with Ald. Grant they understand the needs of the library and encouraged his colleagues to vote in favor.

Ald. Anderson asked if the city had ever applied for a grant such as this previously, he also asked about the competitiveness of the grant.

Ms. Angeli explained the Category 1 and Category 2 funding. She stated she knew of at least 15 other communities that expressed interest, however, she was not sure if they were Category 1 or Category 2 applications.

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. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #11 and 12, Fund 10, FY17 and Transfers #1 and #2, Fund 10, FY 18. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$13,142.44. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. German spoke about LED lighting and lesser illuminations.

Mayor Blake suggested the public works committee notice a meeting to view the light colors that will be available.

Ald. German asked about the process of getting the 4K filled.

Mayor Blake explained the technology is not in place at this point. He provided the Board with a detailed explanation of the lights, how many kilowatts they will need, etc. He also pointed out there would be less of a carbon footprint and more. UI is just offering at this point the 4K

Ald. Grant commented the 4K has a higher blue light and impacts the environment in a negative way, especially animals. The 3k has been found to be better. Ald. Grant asked the timeframe.

Mayor Blake spoke of a study that was done that showed 99% of exposure comes from interior lights. He also stated these lights have already been installed in the Borough of Woodmont. He added additional studies have been down.

Ald. Veccharelli asked about a savings.

Mayor Blake stated the 3k has less of a savings, depending on the brand, make and model and how much kilowatt is being pumped out. He stated from a public safety standpoint, the lighting is much better for safety.

Ald. German commented Woodmont installed the bright white, 4K.

Ald. Vitali asked about uniformity or if they could be designed for individual neighborhoods.

Mayor Blake reiterated the 3k is not available. He explained UI went through the city to determine the areas and brightness of the lights in various areas.

Ald. Vitali stated being able to individualize in various areas could be helpful.

Ald. German asked for an update on the installation of solar panels on city buildings.

Mayor Blake stated the library would be one of the first buildings. He stated they are waiting on the HVAC installation. He stated Parsons would be the next building. Mayor Blake pointed out most of the applications that came before this Board was for the schools and that the Board of Education is moving forward with all of those schools.

12a-1. Ordinance Committee – Chairman Smith stated the Ordinance Committee met earlier and voted unanimously to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation. Ald. Smith stated this Ordinance provides exemptions for children and spouses who were killed serving country. He stated this Ordinance was co-sponsored by State Rep. Kim Rose. Ald. Smith stated this was in the form of a motion.

Ald. Anderson seconded the motion.

Mayor Blake pointed out a scrivener's error. He stated in Sec. 20.5-14 (a), the last sentence of the paragraph, the word *veteran's* should be stricken and replaced with ***such parents or surviving spouses***.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson moved to amend the motion to strike the word *veteran's* and replace it with ***such parents or surviving spouses***.

Ald. Vitali stated he was very much in favor of the Ordinance, but asked how many potential gold star recipients might apply.

Mayor Blake stated it would not be much of an impact. He stated the Pierson's recently relocated out of Connecticut. Otherwise there were no others.

Ald. Casey stated he wished to clarify this would reduce the assessment by \$10,000, then taxes would be applied based on the mill rate.

Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Public Safety and Welfare 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 – 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. 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.

None.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary