

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017, in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. 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.

**1. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present**

B. Anderson  
E. Beatty  
B. Bevan  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden  
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. Erodict, Finance Director  
J. Rohrig, City Clerk

**Excused**

B. Bier  
M. Casey  
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 and not to make derogatory or offensive remarks.

K. Rose - 292 Naugatuck Avenue – stated she wanted to thank Ald. Vetro, Veccharelli and Hardiman for attending a meeting held at Joey C's to help the constitutes in that area. She asked if she could yield the balance of her time to Larry Butler, State Representative.

State Representative Butler from the 72nd District representing Waterbury. He stated he was here tonight to speak regarding a bill recently passed concerning 8-30g. He spoke of the hard work done in Hartford regarding this bill and encouraged the aldermen to take advantage of every part of this recently passed legislation. Representative Butler stated he also wished to express his concern with a recent action of the Planning and Zoning Board and that Hartford also had concerns. He reiterated the Board needed to take the initiatives of the legislation.

D. Cotton - 60 Corona Drive - spoke 8-30g legislation and the concerns of Milford residents.

Chairman Vetro thanked Rep. Rose and Butler, as well as Mr. Cotton for their comments.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro reminded the Board of the 9/11 Ceremony at Platt Tech on Monday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated his thoughts and prayers were with the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. He also requested the Board's consideration and action on items 8a-l, and stated he would be happy to answer questions as they come up. Mayor Blake stated with regard to items 8g-i concerning microgrid, he wanted to make the Board aware that a team of experts was on hand tonight to answer questions as they arise.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the Charter of the city of Milford, Board of Aldermen, approval of the appointment of (D) Anthony Sutton, 8 Lynmoor Street, 06460, to complete the unexpired term on the Board of Aldermen representing the Fourth District (Susan Shaw, resigned). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk J.Rohrig swore in Mr. Sutton.

Chairman Vetro congratulated Mr. Sutton and asked him to take his seat with the rest of the Board. He also thanked Ald. Sutton for his years on the P&Z Board.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve pursuant to Article III, Section 16 of the Charter of the City of Milford, the request for the appointment of (D) Brian Kaligian, 7 Mont Street, 06460, to complete the unexpired term on the Planning and Zoning Board representing the Fourth District (Anthony Sutton resigned). Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (R) Marika Mosley, 299 Ford Street, 06461, as a member of Milford's Historic District (South of the Green) to fill the present vacancy. (Five-year term, expiring 01/01/18). Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (U) Joseph Gilbert, 71 Harborview Avenue, 06460, as a member of Milford's Harbor Management Commission to fill the present vacancy. (Five-year term, expiring 12/31/17)

Ald. Giannattasio questioned what type of business Briarwood is.

Mayor Blake stated Briarwood is a shell fishing and harvest company. He also stated Mr. Gilbert is a former longtime member of the Harbor Commission and stepped down and is now returning to that Commission.

Ald. Giannattasio questioned his leadership ability.

Mayor Blake stated believed Mr. Gilbert had a proven leadership record, both as a business owner and former member of the Harbor Commission, as well as being a lifelong Milford resident.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about dredging.

Ald. Anderson stated he would be abstaining from voting, but did not provide the Board with a reason.

Motion carried with one abstention (Anderson).

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (U) Carlo Piselli, 58 Carrington Avenue, 06460, as a member of Milford's Economic Development Commission, to fill the present vacancy. (Citizen, Four-year term, expiring 12/31/17). Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (D) Etan Hirsch, 27 Woodhill Road, 06461, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to fill the present vacancy. (Three-year term, expiring 12/31/19). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Rohrig swore in the newly confirmed commission members (Hirsh, Gilbert, Mosley).

8g. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request regarding the agreement between the City of Milford and Schneider Electric USA, Inc., for the design and construction of a microgrid with an associated controller and modifications, and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary to effectuate said Agreement.

Ald. Bevan asked the actual cost to the City of Milford. He stated there are two numbers mentioned in item 8i.

Mayor Blake provided the Board with the background of the construction of the microgrid. He explained the hope was to pay for the power through a power purchase so the City of Milford would not be out any out front costs. He stated the State changed the rules midway through and explained the changes.

Director Saley spoke of the number of starts and stops with this project. He stated the project actually began back with the former Economic Development Director. The provided the Board with additional information regarding the power. He also spoke of the savings to the city and the life span of the microgrid, which is approximately 20 years.

Ald. Vitali asked where the generator would be located.

Director Saley explained the generator would be located at Parsons near the BOE entrance.

Ald. Vitali asked who pays for the costs for installation.

Director Saley explained the generation costs are paid for through the energy bill. The additional monies are for the underground power lines.

Ald. Grant asked about the cost of upkeep and repairs over the next 20 years.

Director Saley explained the operation and maintenance cost. He likened it to a service contract.

Ald. Vitali asked about the construction piece and estimated completion time.

Director Saley stated he estimated the timeline to be around 18 months.

Ald. Vitali asked about disruption to roads, sidewalks, the building etc.

Director Saley stated it would be over Constitution Boulevard which is easily diverted and River Street.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the energy is gas or oil.

Director Saley stated it is and that it would be very quite from the outside.

Jay Friedman -Schneider Electric was present. He stated natural gas is robust and there likely would be no interruption of service.

Ald. Veccharelli stated it seemed having the capability of oil would be beneficial.

Director Saley added the Board of Education does have a generator which could act as a backup.

Ald. Bevan asked about the lease agreement \$10M and \$5M and Mr. Saley mentioned \$2M.

Attorney Berchem explained they have to go out to bid to procure those numbers and explained a slight cushion was built-in.

Director Saley added the two components being addressed right now were the lease.

Attorney Berchem referred the Board to p. 27.

Attorney Eliot Kaiman, Wiggan and Dana was present and explained the provision in the graph which refer to the TELP requirement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked how the city would be saving \$2M.

Director Saley explained the 25% savings over the 20 year period.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if a part of this agreement is the resiliency of the program. He stated he is in favor of this the way it is presented.

Director Saley reiterated it is resilient but is also a huge savings for the city.

Ald. Bevan asked about PD and PW and their backup plans.

Director Saley stated both have backup generators. He stated the microgrid is continuous backup power.

Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request regarding the agreement between the City of Milford and Schneider Electric USA, Inc., for the design and construction of a combined heat and power system and a battery energy storage system at Parsons Government Center, and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary to effectuate said Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

8i. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement (TELP) between the City of Milford and All American Investment Group, LLC for the combined heat and power system, battery energy storage system and other related microgrid infrastructure, and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary to effectuate said 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

None

## 11. Refunds

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$202,067.85.

Ald. Golden stated she would be abstaining from voting on this item. She did not provide the Board with a reason.

Ald. Giannattasio asked what the refund represents.

Mr. Erodici explained they are refunds that represent refunds to taxpayers and banks for a variety of reasons. He stated there are time is the sale of property that refunds are generally done.

Ald. Anderson referenced p. 2 where a business is receiving a refund of over \$100,000 and asked the specifics.

Mr. Erodici stated he did not know the specifics but he was confident the tax office was.

Ald. Anderson stated he would follow up with the Tax Office.

Motion carried with one (1) abstention (Golden).

## 12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – no report.
- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.
- c. Public Works Committee –
- 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 – Ald. Hardiman reported the schools opened well this year, including WSMS which opened 3 days after the rest of the district. He stated it was a total team effort and acknowledged those individuals that made it happen.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the cause of the delay of the school not being ready.

Ald. Hardiman stated one of the delays was asbestos that was found embedded in one of the gymnasium walls as well as other unforeseen obstacles.

- 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. Golden moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary