

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the Aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30p.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
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
M. Hardiman
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
Jay Zammiello

Also Present

B. Blake, Mayor
P. Erodici, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff
J. Berchem, City Attorney

Excused

J. Grant
F. Smith

Mayor Blake presented proclamations to the Milford Junior Major League Babe Ruth 13U, Milford Junior Major League Babe Ruth 14U and 2019 Little League 12 Softball teams recognizing all three teams on their championships win and a job well done.

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.

Steve Cooper, Bethany, provided an update on the Milford Performance Center. He stated the center is entering into its third year and he is looking to take it to the next level.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on August 5, 2019.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 5, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro reminded everyone of the 9/11 remembrance ceremony to be held on September 11, 2019 at 8:46 a.m. at the memorial garden at Live Oaks School.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

None.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Vitali made and seconded a motion to approve, following the approval of the Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for a non-exclusive easement in favor of Bridgeport Hospital for the purpose of erecting and maintaining wayfinding signage at 0 Bridgeport Avenue (44/432/22A), and to authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said easement.

Ald. Vitali asked if the sign would be a new sign or taking the place of the existing sign. Attorney John Knuff, 145 Broad Street, attorney for Bridgeport Hospital, stated this came up when Bridgeport Hospital took over and Steve Harris, Zoning Enforcement Officer, asked if Milford Hospital had an easement for the existing sign. A title search did not show an easement in place so Bridgeport Hospital is now taking the necessary steps to obtain an easement. Attorney Knuff also stated that the sign will be replaced in similar fashion. Ald. Anderson asked if the face of the sign would change. Attorney Knuff stated it would not and it would be very taseteful. Ald. Anderson stated that Bridgeport Hospital coming to Milford is a homerun for the City. Ald. Giannattasio stated he is a former incorporator of the Milford Hospital and he is sad to see if replaced, but understands and welcomes Bridgeport Hospital to Milford. He also expressed his gratitude to all those who previously served on the board.

There being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made a seconded a motion to approve the attached Director of Health employment contract as required by §19a-200 of the Connecticut General Statutes and to authorize the Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said contract.

Ald. German asked if any new duties had been included in the Health Director job description that are not included in the contract. Deepa Joseph, Health Director stated the duties are the same as the original contract and this is just a renewal pursuant to state statute. Ald. Vitali asked if the prior contract had Human Services as a job duty. Deepa Joseph stated the last contract was the original and this is the second contract. Ald. Giannattasio asked when the contract would become effective. Deepa Joseph stated upon execution.

There being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made a seconded a motion to approve the attached Student Education Training Affiliation Agreement by and between Southern Connecticut State University and Milford Health Department and Milford Health Department, and to authorize the Mayor, Director of Health and City Attorney Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio ask how many students during the contract. Deepa Joseph stated they are student interns and there is no specific number. She further stated that previously there have been 6 to 8 nursing students. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the students are helpful. Deepa Joseph stated they are absolutely helpful and have previously been scheduled when various screenings are being conducted. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the student are useful to the nurses. Deepa Joseph stated they are and receive hands on training in a public health nurse environment. Ald. Golden asked how long this program has been in place. Deepa Joseph stated she has been with the department for 15 years and the program has been there at least that long.

There being no further discussion, 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.

10. Budget Memo Transfers:

a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #17 and #18, Fund 10, FY 19. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds:

a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$78,301.25. 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 – 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.

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn to Executive Session on the following items:

(14a) Consideration of settlement of Kathleen Fix, et al v. City of Milford, Re: 113 Shell Avenue.

(14b) Consideration of settlement of Jeffrey Thomas, et al v. City of Milford, Re: 74 Shell Avenue.

(14c) Consideration of settlement of John C. Hamblin v. City of Milford, Re: 0 Undine Street.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro stated that Benjamin Blake, Mayor, Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney, and Dan Thomas, Assessor would be joining the Board in executive session. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:21 p.m.

(14a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Kathleen Fix, et al v. City of Milford, Re: 113 Shell Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

(14b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Jeffrey Thomas, et al v. City of Milford, Re: 74 Shell Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

(14c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of John C. Hamblin v. City of Milford, Re: 0 Undine Street. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary