

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public session on Monday, October 6, 2008. Vice Chairman Blacketter called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. She stated Chairman Patterson was unable to attend and that Ald. Blake would be sitting in for him. She also reported that item 3 on the agenda was being removed from the agenda in accordance with the request of the Fire Chief. She stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the City Charter, Article III, Section 7. Vice Chairman Blacketter read the public notice as posted in the New Haven Register on October 1, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT

J. Blacketter, Vice Chairman
N. Veccharelli
V. Ditchkus
A. Gianattasio
B. Blake (for J. Patterson)

Vice Chairman J. Blacketter opened the public session of the Ordinance Committee at 7:11 p.m. regarding the following Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance establishing compensation of City Officials and Employees in the service so the City of Milford (Mayor, City Clerk).

Vice Chairman Blacketter stated she would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers in Favor:

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he as in favor of the raise for the next mayor and also the city clerk and registrar of voters.

Speakers Opposed:

R. Frank – no address given. Stated he is the independent candidate running. He went on to thank Mayor Richetelli for the wonderful job, but that he was speaking tonight representing the 3,000 doors he has knocked on that have spoken strongly against this. He stated the City is disconnected with the reality of what is going on in the street and that these raises come out a horrible time with the economy as it is. He spoke as to the message that would send if this were approved. He questioned if the Board would side with their constituents or take a partisan position. He reiterated the timing is bad and that the Board needed to make a prudent decision to put this off a year or two.

L. Flannigan – 38 Prospect Street – reading from a prepared statement commented as to the current salaries of the mayor, city clerk and registrars. She is this was just not a good time for this raise.

2. An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance establishing compensation of City Officials and Employees in the service of the City of Milford (Registrars).

Vice Chairman Blacketter stated she would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers Opposed – none.

Vice Chairman Blacketter closed the Public Session at 7:18 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the service of the City of Milford (Mayor, City Clerk).

Mayor Richetelli commented he wished to provide some factual information for the Committee. He stated a lot has been made about the timing of this and stated he wished to point out by City Charter that no change to compensation of a paid official of the City of Milford can be made during the term of which they are elected. He stated both registrars are on the ballot for this November, therefore this would need to be done before November.

Ald. Veccharelli commented his feeling is to pass this on to the full Board for their consideration. He stated he had his own personal feelings about this and that this really was a difficult time for this. He stated it is with reservations that he would vote in favor of passing this to the full Board so that the entire Board could look at it and decide if it should be passed. He reiterated he was doing so with great reserve.

Ald. Blake stated he agreed with the comments made by Ald. Veccharelli, however, at this time of a depression he would not have considered this.

Vice Chairman Blacketter echoed the statement made by Ald. Blake adding it is good to open this up and get other people's feelings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the service of the City of Milford (Registrars).

Ald. Veccharelli stated he would echo his previous sentiments and the he felt the same however he would be willing to pass this to the full Board with the same consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Blake moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary