

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

S. Shaw, Vice Chairwoman
P. Vetro (for Ald. Anderson)
M. Casey
A. Giannattasio

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney
Steven Fournier, Mayor's Assistant

Excused: F. Smith, B. Anderson

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2015, in the City Hall auditorium regarding the following Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article III, Division 2, Sections 20-72 through 20-80 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Licenses and Permits).
2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article II, Division 2, Sections 20-44 through 20-59 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Permits).
3. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article II, Division 2, Sections 23-35 and 23-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Buildings, Sewers and Connections).
4. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20.5, Section 20.5-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Taxation).

Vice Chairwoman Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. She stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the Legal Notice posted in the New Haven Register on October 30, 2015. Vice Chairwoman Shaw called for a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairwoman Shaw opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. She stated Item 4 on the Agenda was being postponed because of the city assessor was not available for the meeting. She stated the Ordinances tonight were brought forward by the Public Works Director concerning the permitting of various licenses and permits.

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article III, Division 2, Sections 20-72 through 20-80 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Licenses and Permits).

Speakers In Favor – none.

Speakers Opposed – none.

2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article II, Division 2, Sections 20-44 through 20-59 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Permits).

Speakers In Favor – none.

Speakers Opposed – none.

3. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article II, Division 2, Sections 23-35 and 23-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Buildings, Sewers and Connections).

Speakers In Favor – none.

Speakers Opposed – none.

Vice Chairwoman Shaw closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article III, Division 2, Sections 20-72 through 20-80 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Licenses and Permits).

Vice Chairwoman Shaw noted the presence of the public works director.

Ald. Casey asked how long current licenses were in place and if the rates were comparable with surrounding cities.

Mr. Saley stated it has been a number of years since the rates have changed. He stated the new fees mirror abutting towns.

Ald. Casey asked if Milford's rates were still lower than surrounding towns.

Mr. Saley stated the rates are the same, with some slightly lower.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the language, specifically referring to the public works director and if it would be the public works director making the recommendations.

Mr. Saley explained the process for an applicant, which would include going through the engineering department. He also stated they keep track of each of the contractors. He noted it is a simple process with a one page application.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the process if there were a problem with a contractor.

Mr. Saley stated they work with the contractor. A notice would go out advising the contractor's bond would be revoked.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article II, Division 2, Sections 20-44 through 20-58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Permits). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Article II, Division 2, Sections 23-35 and 23-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Buildings, Sewers and Connections).

Ald. Giannattasio asked when the Ordinance would go into effect.

Mayor Blake explained per the City Charter the Ordinances would have to be advertised for a specific time.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about current negotiations with contractors.

Mayor Blake explained it relates to the processing fee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Ald. Vetro and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary