

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2010 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for our men and women serving our country and their families.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
A. Giannattasio  
F. Goodrich  
J. Patterson  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
P. Staneski  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
Winthrop S. Smith, Jr., City Attorney  
Linda Stock, City Clerk  
L. DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

D. German  
M. Hardiman  
B. Joy, Jr.

**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. Ald. G. Smith thanked the public for taking the time to address their Board of Aldermen.

R. Dunphy – 1009 East Broadway – thanked the citizens of Milford for voting. He suggested everyone ask their state legislators what they will do for Milford. He stated he has asked his legislator to reduce the state's deficit. He went on to speak personally about when he started working for the City of Milford some 31 years ago. He expressed concern with the hiring process and family members have been hired over other individuals. He asked the Board to address this issue. He also spoke personally about his own retirement and that he had a question concerning his retirement.

Chairman G. Smith reminded Mr. Dunphy that the Board is precluded from answering questions.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – complained about the audio for the Board of Education meetings. He stated it is impossible to hear the meetings. He expressed his hope the Board would appoint the right people to this committee. He also stated he would like to see state representative come to these Board meetings and give a report as to what is going on in the State.

D. Guaglianone – 73 Cooper Avenue – stated he is a member of the Cable Advisory Board for Milford. He spoke of the importance of Milford’s legislatures advocating for Milford’s fair share of the Educational Cost Sharing, adding this would be another lean year. He stated Milford has been shortchanged since the 1980’s. He also spoke regarding the MGAT Committee, lead by Mr. Manente and Mr. Kearney who have decided to continue to hold their meetings in a back room at Platt Tech without any filming. He stated he was again requesting the committee hold their meetings on the same day of the month here at City Hall and that those meetings be televised.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on October 4, 2010.

Ald. Goodrich and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 4, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None.

5. Chairman’s Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith stated Thursday is Veterans Day and acknowledged our city’s veterans, including Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Vetro. He reported there would be a wreath laying ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in front of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith also stated he wished to congratulate Senator Slossberg, Representatives Davis and Roy and State Representative elect Rose on their victories.

6. Mayor’s Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he would respectfully ask the Board’s consideration and action on items 8a through 8f on the agenda. He stated he also wished to take the opportunity to wish the Board a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor’s Report Items 8a-8f)

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Staneski made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the following Mayor’s appointments:

Insurance Committee

(R) Michael P. Boyle, 221 Merwin Avenue, 06460

(D) Ronald Funaro, 48 Elgid Drive, 06460

(R) Maureen Mauro-Desantie, 1089 West River Street, 06461

Ald. Blake asked if the proposed committee would address claims during the period when the City was self-funded. He stated it was his understanding it was for claims over \$100,000 and asked what fiscal year.

Mayor Richetelli responded he believed it was fiscal years 2004-2007. He went on to explain the Ordinance creating the self-insurance which was adopted April 9, 2003 and took effect July 1, 2003.

Ald. Vetro asked the difference between this newly created Insurance Committee and the aldermanic claims committee.

Mayor Richetelli responded the aldermanic claims committee considers uninsured claims. He stated claims over \$100,000 would be handled by the Insurance Committee. He stated until now there were no claims over \$100,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richetelli stated those members of the committee were present and asked they come forward to be sworn in.

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in the members of the Insurance Committee.

Chairman G. Smith thanked the members for volunteering to serve the citizens of Milford.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Assistance for Milford Road Resurfacing Program – 2010.

Ald. Blake stated it has been requested in the past that there be a 5-year list of the roads that will be paved. He stated he would like to renew that request at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash advance for Road Resurfacing Program – 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Addendum to Lease between the City of Milford and Catholic Charities, Inc. for property at 203 High Street, Milford.

Ald. Blake commented on the token amount. He referred to the addendum that states a fair market value of the premise at that time. He asked if that was correct.

Mayor Richetelli suggested the Board consider amending the addendum by removing that sentence.

Ald. Bier and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to amend the motion to remove the language from the Addendum to the Lease which stated “The renewal rent will be negotiated in good faith, and based upon the Fair Market Value of the premises at that time”. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richetelli noted John McCann was present if the Board had any additional questions and thanked him for being here.

8e. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the request for a technical waiver of bid to Everbridge, Inc., in the amount of \$17,010 (+/-) to provide the Citizen Alert portion of the emergency Notification System, as provided to the City by the State of Connecticut under the contract from the federal General Services Administration (GSA) per memo from Battalion Chief William Healey, dated October 22, 2010.

Mayor explained the reason for this change and stated Chief LaVecchia was present to answer any additional questions.

Chief LaVecchia stated they were replacing what they currently have for a more effective system which would also be a cost savings to the citizens.

Ald. Patterson asked if the Code Red system was now defunct and also if anything would be migrated over.

Chief LaVecchia stated they were attempting to obtain the data basis which the city already owns.

Ald. Bier asked who would be doing the data entry of the information into the City.

Chief LaVecchia responded it would be the dispatching staff.

Chairman G. Smith commented he believed there to be a \$12,000 savings. He stated in the past they have paid Code Red on a per call basis. He asked if they have investigated other companies besides Code Red and Everbridge.

Chief LaVecchia stated in the first year with Code Red they paid per call and the second year it was unlimited.

Ald. Blake asked if they really need unlimited calling. He asked if they have looked into other companies coming in at a lower rate.

Chief LaVecchia explained this company provides a real number, so they recipient of the call will know it is something important.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if they would know how many people actually received the call.

Chief LaVecchia replied yes.

Ald. Vitali asked if there was a way to come up with a City of Milford number.

Chief LaVecchia responded it was not likely.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 12a-1. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-1 Ald. Giannattasio reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider one Ordinance.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Appropriating \$4,950,000 for East Side Fire Station Consolidation and construction and authorizing the Issuance of \$4,950,000 Bonds of the City to Meet said Appropriating and Pending the Issuance thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Blake stated one of the reasons that sold him on the consolidation of the stations was that it would streamline the efficiency of the department. He asked when the other two stations would close.

Chief LaVecchia asked Ald. Blake if he was asking when they would occupy the new station and responded when it is open.

Ald. Blake asked if the two stations would close at the same time.

Chief LaVecchia stated it would depend on the needs of the department, which they are still assessing.

Ald. Blake asked if the existence of the two stations would have any effect on the Seemans Lane property.

Chief LaVecchia responded that too would depend on the needs assessment.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Cash Advance – East Side Fire Station Consolidation and Construction Project. 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

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget memo Transfer #3, Fund 10, FY11.

Ald. Blake extended congratulations and gave kudos to the Democratic and Republican Registrar of Voters for ordering enough ballots for the election.

Chairman G. Smith recognized City Clerk Stock.

Mrs. Stock provided the Board with an explanation regarding the handout concerning the necessary transfer in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. Refunds

- (a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$38,519.22. 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 –Ald. Bier reported they are in the process of closing down the ball fields and doing preventive work for next year. He also reported they are getting ready for leaf pick-up.

d. Claims Committee – Ald. Vitali reported the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss three claims. He noted the claim regarding employee Gregory Gaffney was pulled from the agenda.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee Daniel Johnson (PPD Award) in accordance with the recommendations as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. P. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of employee William Holveck (PPD Award) (Executive Session) in accordance with the recommendations as discussed in Executive Session.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 11 yes (Bevan, Bier, Blake, Giannattasio, Goodrich, Patterson, G. Smith, P. Smith, N. Veccharelli, P. Vetro, R. Vitali) and 1 no (Staneski).

e. Rules Committee – no meeting.

f. Personnel Committee – no meeting.

13. Report of Special Committees. Chairman G. Smith noted the minutes of the following Committees can be found on the city's web-site or are available at the next meeting. He stated if any liaison would like to give a report on the following committees, they may do so.

a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education

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 – Ald. Vetro reported energy assistance is available. He noted there has been a significant increase in the number of families seeking assistance for the holidays.

Ald. Staneski added as one of the many hats she wears, she works part-time for United Way and they too have seen the numbers coming in as well. She also stated she recently attended a meeting of the Fine Arts Committee and that they would like to have a liaison assigned. She reported they have a new chairperson and are in the process of re-doing bylaws.

q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board

r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – Ald. Goodrich reported the last meeting of the MGAT Committee was held at the Board of Education's meeting room, not Platt Tech. He reported they would be meeting in the Board of Education meeting room for the next few meetings.

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.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary