

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Special Organizational meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and asked those present to rise for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

R. Dickman
G. Gasper, Jr.
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
R. Nunno
S. Shaw
F. Smith
P. Smith
G. Stanford
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Linda Stock, City Clerk

Excused

B. Anderson
B. Bier

2. Matters of Organization of the Board of Aldermen:

Mayor Blake extended his congratulations to everyone on the Board stating he looked forward to working with everyone adding it would be a successful two years. He acknowledged the hard work of the Board members during their campaign and congratulated everyone on their efforts.

a. Election of Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

Mayor Blake recognized Ald. Nunno for purposes of nomination of a Chairman.

Ald. Nunno and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to nominate Ald. P. Vetro as the Board's Chairman.

Ald. Nunno stated Ald. Vetro is in his fifth term as an alderman and has served as a former majority leader and minority leader, and has also served as the chairman of the Public Works Committee. Ald. Nunno stated Ald. Vetro has the experience and temperament to be successful and that he has an excellent rapport with both side of the aisle. He stated it is with great pride that he makes this nomination.

Ald. Veccharelli concurred with the remarks of Ald. Nunno. He stated he and Phil have worked many years together and that he feels Phil will do an honorable job. He also stated it was a good progression for Phil.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blake congratulated Ald. Vetro and turned the meeting over to him as the new Chairman.

Chairman Vetro thanked the Mayor and the Board members as well as Ald. Nunno and Veccharelli for their comments. He stated he appreciated the respect and support from his fellow aldermen. He made a pledge to be fair and keep the meetings on time and to take care of the business of the City in an expeditious manner.

b. Announcement of Majority and Minority Leaders

Chairman Vetro recognized Ald. F. Smith.

Ald. F. Smith announced that Ald. Veccharelli would be the Majority. He stated Ald. Veccharelli was going into his seventh term as alderman and has served with distinction. Ald. F. Smith stated Ald. Veccharelli has worked tirelessly on behalf of the second district. He also stated they graduated together and go back a long way.

Ald. Veccharelli thanked the Chairman and stated he would do his very best.

Chairman Vetro recognized Ald. P. Smith.

Ald. P. Smith announced that Ald. Giannattasio would be the Minority Leader. She stated she was pleased to announce Ald. Giannattasio as the minority leader and that he had agreed to accept. She stated he has been an asset to their caucus. Ald. P. Smith also stated she has had the pleasure of working with Ald. Giannattasio the last two years.

Chairman Vetro congratulated Ald. Giannattasio, stating he knew he would serve the Board of Aldermen well.

3. Matters of Administration

a. Appointments of Aldermanic Standing Committees.

Chairman Vetro announced the Aldermanic Standing Committees as follows:

Ordinance Committee: Frank Smith, Temporary Chairman, Susan Shaw, George R. Gasper, III, Anthony Giannattasio and Paula L. Smith.

Public Works Committee: Bob Nunno, Temporary Chairman, Bryan Anderson, Frank Smith, Dan German and Brian Bier.

Claims Committee: George R. Gasper, III, Temporary Chairman, Janet Golden, Bryan Anderson, Raymond Vitali and Robert Dickman.

Rules Committee: Susan Shaw, Temporary Chairman, Greta Stanford, Nick Veccharelli, Dan German and Robert Dickman.

Public Safety: Greta Stanford, Temporary Chairman, Janet Golden, Bob Nunno, Dan German and Raymond Vitali.

Personnel Committee: Philip Vetro, Chairman, Nick Veccharelli, Majority Leader and Anthony Giannattasio, Minority Leader.

Chairman Vetro stated the Board would recess so the committees could meet individually to select their chair people.

The Board recessed at 7:18 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:35 p.m.

2. Reports of Aldermanic Standing Committees.

Ordinance Committee: Ald. F. Smith announced he was elected as Chairman and that Ald. Susan Shaw would serve as Vice Chairman.

Public Works Committee: Ald. Nunno announced he was elected as Chairman and Ald. F. Smith as Vice Chairman.

Claims Committee: Ald. Gasper, III reported he was elected Chairman and Ald. Dickman would serve as Vice Chairman.

Rules Committee: Ald. Shaw reported she was elected Chairman and Ald. Stanford as Vice Chairman.

Public Safety & Welfare Committee: Ald. Stamford stated she was elected as Chairman and Ald. Golden as Vice Chairman.

Personnel Committee: Chairman Vetro stated he would be serving as the Chairman with Ald. Veccharelli as Vice Chairman.

3. Voting on adoption of the Aldermanic Rules of Order for the 2011-2013 term.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adopt the Board of Aldermen Rules (2011-2013) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointments of Liaison Assignments by Aldermanic Chairman.

Chairman Vetro announced the liaison assignments as follows:

Board of Education: Ald. Stanford and Ald. Vitali

Flood & Erosion Control Board: Ald Stanford and Ald. Bier

Park, Beach & Recreation: Ald. Golden and Ald. Giannattasio
Planning and Zoning Board: Ald. Shaw and Ald. Dickman
Sewer Commission: Ald. Gasper, III and Ald. Giannattasio
Harbor Management Commission: Ald. Nunno and Ald. Bier
Council on Aging: Ald. Anderson and Ald. P. Smith
Library Board: Ald. F. Smith and Ald. P. Smith
Fowler Memorial Commission: Ald. Veccharelli Ald. Bier
Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership: Ald. Anderson and Ald. Bier
Golf Course Commission: Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. P. Smith
Inland Wetlands Agency: Ald. Shaw and Ald. Dickman
Board of Health: Ald. Shaw and Ald. Vitali
Milford Department of Human Services: Ald. Nunno and Ald. German
Pension and Retirement Board: Ald. Gasper, III and Ald. Bier
Milford Government Access Television (MGAT): Ald. Golden and Ald. German

c. Appointments of Special Committees by Aldermanic Chairman

Chairman Vetro announced the appointments of the Special Committees as follows:

Devon Revitalization (3rd District Aldermen): Ald. F. Smith, Ald. Gasper, III and Ald. P. Smith

Permanent School Facilities Building Committee: Ald. Vitali, Ald. Nunno, C. Saley (BOE), M. Stapleton (BOE), Marty Hardiman, Jim Quish and Matthew Woods.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Stanford made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary