

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 2, 2019**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, December 2, 2019. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Smith Chairman
A. Giannattasio
G. Harla
A. Sutton
R. Vitali

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Chairman Smith stated the Committee was here tonight to consider two (2) Ordinances. He stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the legal notice posted in the New Haven Register on November 27th, 2019. Chairman Smith stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety.

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

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, In General; Demolition, Section 6-1 of the City of Milford Code of Ordinances (Permit Fees).

Chairman Smith stated the purpose of the amendment to the ordinance is to adjust the various permitting fees. He further stated some fees would be increased, some decreased and some eliminated. Chairman Smith asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor of this ordinance to approach the podium.

Speakers in Favor – None

Speakers in Opposition:

Raymond Kirmaier, 26 Morris Lane, Milford stated he is against the change in fees. He further stated this is not a fee assessed to the contractors, but a fee that is passed on to the end user.

Winthrop Smith, 334 Edgefield Avenue, Milford stated he was against the proposed fee increase. He further stated a fee increase in essence is a tax increase. Mr. Smith stated the proposed ordinance raises revenue and he does not consider it a fee adjustment. He further stated he feels this is bad policy and urge the committed to vote against the ordinance.

Walter Hagedorn, 61 Judith Drive, Milford stated he is against the proposed fee increase. He further stated he the fees should not be increased just because other towns have higher fees.

Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, In General; Demolition, Section 6-1 of the City of Milford Code of Ordinances (Permit Fees).

Ald. Giannattasio stated he feels the ordinance should be forwarded to the full board for consideration and discussion. He further stated that citizens had appeared and expressed their opinions against amending the ordinance. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the Joseph Griffith, Director of Permitting and Land Use would be available for questions at the full board. Mayor Blake stated Mr. Griffith is expected to be present for questions.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Water, Sewers, and Sewage Disposal, Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal Division 1. Generally, Section 23-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Disposal Method).

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Chairman Smith stated the amendment mainly an organizational amendment that cleans up language within the ordinance by substituting titles and pronouns.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Water, Sewers, and Sewage Disposal, Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal Division 1. Generally, Section 23-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Disposal Method).

Ald. Giannattasio asked if Chris Saley, Public Works Director would be available at the meeting before the full Board to answer questions. Mayor Blake stated Mr. Saley would be present.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:19 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