

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017, in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro 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.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
J. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk

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 and not to make derogatory or offensive remarks.

B. Bevan – 32 Merlin Circle – spoke regarding the item under Unfinished Business. He stated he visited the parcel and noted the changes that were made. He stated he had concerns where additional patios would go throughout the city. He asked that someone from the Ordinance Committee look into the idea of patio's throughout the city.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2017.

Ald. Grant noted for the record he was in attendance at the November 9, 2017 meeting

Motion carried unanimously, as corrected.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on November 21, 2017.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on November 21, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro welcomed the new members, as well as all the recently elected officials and thanked everyone for their service to the City of Milford. He also extended holiday wishes to all.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake wished the residents of Milford Happy Holidays. He stated he had two announcements. He stated he wanted to make the Board aware of two groups working together to protect Milford's historic district. He stated the Preservation and Trust Committee is also working to get Milford on the National historical map, which is an extensive, arduous process.

Mayor Blake stated he was pleased to announce the nation's premier rating agency; Fitch had reaffirmed Milford's AAA bond rating, which is the highest possible credit grade a City can receive. Mayor Blake reported Fitch cited Milford's strong management and the City's sound financial cushion.

Mayor Blake asked the Board's consideration of items 8a and 8b (Addendum item) and that he would be happy to answer questions as they arise.

7. Unfinished Business

(8e) Board of Aldermen approval is requested pursuant to §8-24 of Connecticut General Statutes, for the lease between the City of Milford and Paulouise, LLC d/b/a Bistro Basque for an outdoor deck/patio, fencing and placement of outdoor tables and chairs, and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including, but not limited to, the signing of documents to effectuate said acquisition.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to remove the item from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the request pursuant to §8-24 of Connecticut General Statutes, for the lease between the City of Milford and Paulouise, LLC d/b/a Bistro Basque for an outdoor deck/patio, fencing and placement of outdoor tables and chairs, and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including, but not limited to, the signing of documents to effectuate said acquisition.

Ald. Veccharelli distributed a map (attached) to the Board for review. He stated the map depicted the information the Board requested last month from Mr. Fernandez.

Ald. Vitali asked if the canopy of the tree would be changed and if there would be room for high tops.

Mr. Fernandez stated his intent was to trim the tree.

Ald. German stated he agreed some trimming of trees would be required in that area,

Ald. Giannattasio stated he was looking forward to the end result. He stated he was also happy to see the wood affects. He asked potential number of tables

Mr. Fernandez stated he was hoping for 10-20 tables. It would be less than 100 people.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the façade and the plans for it.

Mr. Fernandez stated his hope was to finish the façade.

Ald. Hardiman asked if the other restaurant would be using the deck as well.

Mr. Fernandez stated it would be a combined use for both restaurants.

Ald. Grant asked as he had last month if there would be music on the patio.

Mr. Fernandez stated nothing had changed with regard to music.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Item 8a-8b)

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects and to authorize the Mayor and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about similar agreements.

Mayor Blake explained it has to do with city utilities. He stated it is a master agreement used for all state projects.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the length of the agreement.

Mayor Blake stated he would defer to the city attorney, but that he did not believe it expired until it is substituted with another agreement.

Attorney Berchem stated it is a 10 year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the acceptance of a Small Harbor Improvements Project Program Grant from the State of Connecticut for dock repairs/replacement at Lisman Landing, and to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director, and Harbor Operations Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents to effectuate said project.

Ald. Sutton asked the amount of the grant and an overview of the repairs.

Mayor Blake stated the amount of the grant is \$398,000, which the city has to match, either through in-kind or for a total grant of \$473,268. He stated for further details, members of the Harbor Commission were present.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the grant specific to the repair of the docks.

Mr. Swift explained it is for the decking of the floats and other portions of the marina area.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the terms of the project were at the discretion of the Harbor Manager.

Ms. Nash explained it is actually two projects, which includes Lisman Landing.

Ald. Anderson congratulated Ms. Nash, Mr. Swift and the Harbor Commission in the efforts for getting the grant. He also recognized the late Bob Post who also worked on this grant. Ald. Anderson commented it is a significant grant and comes at a time where the state is cutting back. He asked the economic benefits beyond the scope of the grant.

Mr. Swift noted they submitted for two different projects. He pointed out the Gulf Street bridge was not accepted because of the lack of economic benefits. The other projects were accepted because of the economic benefits to the city. He stated the goal of the Harbor Commission is to help the downtown area and bring in business. Mr. Swift also spoke of keeping Lisman Landing as pristine as possible. He stated there are other projects that will be tied in as well, including new patio furniture.

Ald. Vitali spoke of the need to be inviting to boaters.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Smith moved to amend the motion to add the Community Development Director, Julie Nash as a signee.

Amendment carried unanimously.

On the Main motion, 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

None.

11. Refunds

a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$42,225.57. 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 –
- d. Claims Committee – no report
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.
- 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 – Ald. Smith stated during the month of December, local painter Diane Smith will have her artwork on display at the Milford Library.
- 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 – no report

- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.

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.

14(a) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Union, LLC.

14(b) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Dispatchers Union AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 4, Local 1301-454.

14(c) Consideration of settlement of Coram Lane, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 130 Coram Lane.

14(d) Consideration of settlement of Crown Milford, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 470 Wheelers Farm Road.

14(e) Consideration of settlement of CAP Associates v. City of Milford, regarding 19-21 Shady Street, 10 Shady Street, 228 Rowe Avenue, 70 Warfield Street, 270 Rowe Avenue, 3 Jameson Street and 0 Finch Street.

14(f) Consideration of settlement of 461 Post Road Properties, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 461 Bridgeport Avenue.

14(g) Consideration of settlement of Casey Associates Limited Partnership v. City of Milford, regarding 589 Bridgeport Avenue.

14(h) Consideration of settlement of New England Finance Corp. v. City of Milford, regarding 2038 Bridgeport Avenue.

14(i) REMOVED.

14(j) Consideration of settlement of Broad & High Street Associates v. City of Milford, regarding 75 Broad Street.

14(k) Consideration of settlement of 69 Broad Street Associates, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 69 Broad Street.

14(l) Consideration of settlement of Lee Berchem v. City of Milford, regarding 89 Broad Street.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session for items 14(a) and 14(b) would be the Mayor, City Attorney, City Assessor, Human Resources Director, full Board of Aldermen and Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Rahn. He stated for items 14(c) through 14(l), would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor, Assistant City Attorney Debra Kelly and City Assessor, Dan Thomas

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

Chief Mello, Chief Rahn, Ms. Barnes and Attorney Berchem exited Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

City Assessor Thomas entered Executive Session at 9:01 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:29 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Union, LLC, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Dispatchers Union, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 1303-454, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of Coram Lane, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 130 Coram Lane, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(d) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of Crown Milford, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 470 Wheelers Farm Road, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14e) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of CAP Associates v. City of Milford, RE: 19-21 Shady Street, 10 Shady Street, 228 Rowe Avenue, 70 Warfield Street, 270 Rowe Avenue, 3 Jameson Street and 0 Finch Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(f) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of 461 Post Road Properties, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 461 Bridgeport Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(g) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of Casey Associates Limited Partnership v. City of Milford, RE: 589 Bridgeport Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(h) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of New England Finance Corp. v. City of Milford, RE: 2038 Bridgeport Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(i) REMOVED

14(j) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of Broad & High Street Associates v. City of Milford, RE: 75 Broad Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(k) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of 69 Broad Street Associates, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 69 Broad Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(l) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve authorize settlement of Lee Berchem v. City of Milford, RE: 89 Broad Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary