

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2016 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. asking those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
B. Bier
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
S. Shaw
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

Excused

M. Hardiman

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for some proclamations.

Mayor Blake stated he wished to recognize tonight some special individuals who bring great pride to our community. He recognized Steve Johnson representing the Milford Conservation Commission and asked him to assist him in. Mayor Blake proceeded to recognize and read proclamations to Subway, Girl Scout Troup 30347, Girl Scout Troup 38305, Milford Garden Club's Cheryl Capiello, the Milford Garden Club on their 90th Anniversary and the top contest winners. Mayor Blake congratulated all for their dedication to our community.

Chairman Vetro announced a 5-min recess to allow the chamber to clear.

The Board recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:48 p.m.

2. Public Statements

Chairman Vetro stated 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 stated the

time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes and asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit. He asked speakers not to make derogatory remarks, engage in personal attacks and refrain from offensive, insensitive remarks or to engage the Board in conversation.

Kevin Curseaden – stated he is here tonight representing Lisa Leso. He stated his office is located at 26 Cherry Street. He stated he was before the aldermen last month and gave a presentation on behalf of the Lesos, which application was denied by this Board. He stated in response to the reconsideration on tonight's meeting he was presenting letters of support for the application. He stated there are eight (8) people in support of this application. He stated he was here tonight to dispel rumors that have been circulating. He went on to explain the 8-30g application. He stated they plan on building a one-story home. He also spoke about the declaration of open space. He stated that item should not be on the agenda without notice to the surrounding neighbors. He stated there has never been a deed restriction previously. He stated he hoped this Board would take up Myers Lane first.

Bob Whelan - 41 Indian Hill thanked those who voted against this last month. He cited the number of petitions that have been presented/

Gerald Springer - 31 Indian Hill Road - He stated he himself is handicapped and has been able to adapt his home without building a new home.

Debbie Ann Levanti - 69 Riverside Drive - stated she had two issues to bring forward. She spoke about open space and noise pollution which was coming from a local establishment which is across the water in Stratford. She stated the noise goes right through her house and it is irritating and quite frustrating that nothing is being done. She stated it is not healthy for anyone and reiterated it is noise pollution in her opinion, which she considered inconsiderate, rude and an invasion of her privacy.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 10, 2016.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 10, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro congratulated all of the honorees this evening. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza and any holiday being celebrated.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake thanked the Board for considering items 8a-8c on the agenda. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions that arise during the course of the meeting.

Mayor Blake stated he was pleased to announce the nation's premier rating agency, Fitch, upgraded Milford's bond rating to "AAA," the highest possible credit grade a city can receive. He reported Fitch cited Milford's strong management and the City's "sound financial cushion on the basis of its superior level of budgetary flexibility and history of careful financial management." Mayor Blake commented the city continues to move upward is fiscally prudent, with jobs coming into the city. He stated the Grand list is expanding. He also pointed out Milford had a historical cut in taxes last year while still being able to maintain services. Mayor Blake reported he had other news that makes Milford special. He reported John F. Kennedy Elementary School's Jessica 2016-2017 kid governor Jessica Brocksom. He stated she was selected from 169 classes from across the state that voted. Her platform was the humane treatment of animals. Mayor Blake commented she has brought great pride to Milford. He extended Happy Holidays to all.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a-8c)

Ald. Bevan interjected. He made a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward 8c following item 8a. Ald. Vitali seconded the motion.

Chairman Vetro stated he was using his prerogative as chairman and remove item 8b from the agenda.

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board dated November 17, 2016 for the acceptance of the Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2017-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. REMOVED per Chairman Vetro.

Ald. Shaw requested a 5-minute recess

The Board recessed at 8:07 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:27 p.m.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve reconsideration of the action of the Board of Aldermen on November 10, 2016, denying the request for approval pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to transfer approximately 0.07 acres of land at the end of Myers Lane (0 Myers Lane, Tax MBL 037/520/13DD) to an adjoining landowner in order for landowner to construct driveway access to a proposed single-family lot, and to direct and authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said transfer, including but not limited to executing a deed of conveyance. (Requested by Alderman Bill Bevan)

Ald. Shaw stated she wished to offer an amendment to the motion.

Mayor interjected stating the motion for reconsideration should be taken up first.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to reconsider item 8c, 0 Myers Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw stated she wished to amend the motion and add the language “*deed restricted to a single family home and direct mayor, city attorney and city assessor enter into negotiations for the sale of the property.*” Ald. Veccharelli seconded the amendment.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he hoped the amended language would meet with everyone's satisfaction. He also stated the Board needs to know the value of the land being sold.

Amended motion 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 the request for Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$6,921.50. 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 – no report.
- 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 Commission – 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 – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.
- t. Liaison – Police Department – no report.
- u. Liaison – Fire Department – 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.

- (14a) Consideration of Settlement of Recycling, Inc. v. City of Milford, RE: 990 Naugatuck Avenue and 0 Naugatuck Avenue.
- (14b) Discussion concerning potential purchase of a portion of 130-150 Boston Post Road.
- (14c) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford City Hall Employees Association, Local 1301-452.

Chairman Vetro announced those going into Executive Session for item 14 (a) would be the full Board, Mayor Blake, City Attorney and City Assessor; and for item 14(b), the full Board, City Attorney and Mayor Blake; and item 14(c) would be the full Board, City Attorney, Mayor Blake and Tania Barnes, Human Resources Director.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

City Assessor, Dan Thomas exited Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

NOTE: Ald. Golden left at 9:05 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:22 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Settlement of Recycling, Inc. v. City of Milford, RE: 990 Naugatuck Avenue and 0 Naugatuck Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor and City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford City Hall Employees Association, Local 1301-452, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty moved to reconsider the November 10, 2017 motion as amended to approve Consideration of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford City Hall Employees Association, Local 1301-452.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 10 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bevan, Bier, German, Grant, Shaw, Smith, Vetro, Vitali) and 3 no (Casey, Giannattasio, Veccharelli).

Ald. Anderson stated the amendment adopted at the November meeting is now moot; therefore, he stated he would move to rescind the amendment made at the November 10, 2016 meeting. Ald. Shaw seconded the amendment.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 10 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bevan, Bier, German, Grant, Shaw, Smith, Vetro, Vitali) and 3 no (Casey, Giannattasio, Veccharelli).

Ald. Anderson stated the amendment was to exempt the two positions; therefore he was looking to rescind that motion.

Ald. Smith stated he wished to clarify the two positions are now exempt

Ald. Vitali commented the Board cannot dictate who is in a union, only if it concerns monies.

Ald. Beatty asked that the language that is not being put in

Attorney Berchem stated the amendment from the November 10, 2016 meeting was to eliminate the assistant city attorney and trial attorney from the collective bargaining agreement. The tentative agreement reached with Local 1303-452 was to put those two positions into the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stated the motion the Board was voting on was the existing positions as well as the two added positions.

By roll call vote, the main motion with the previous rescinded motion carried 11 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bevan, Bier, German, Grant, Shaw, Smith, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 2 no (Casey, Giannattasio).

There being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary