

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Acknowledging Pearl Harbor Day, Chairman Smith asked those present to join in saluting our flag with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Joe Prisco.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bevan  
B. Bier  
B. Blake  
D. German  
F. Goodrich  
A. Giannattasio  
M. Hardiman  
B. Joy, Jr.  
J. Patterson  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
P. Staneski  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.  
W. Smith, Jr., City Attorney  
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

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. Chairman Blake commented with the late hour he would ask all speakers to please keep to the three-minute time.

T. Chaucer – 104 Hawley Avenue – stated he was under the impression there was a hearing on the demolition delay Ordinance and found he was unable to speak. He stated he had concerns with Ald. Staneski's line of questions concerning the job description for the City Historian. He stated that is provided under State statute. He expressed his hope this Board would in no way seek to undermine the Ordinance already in place to preserve our City. He also stated under the current demolition delay you can demolish up to 49% and that it was important this is addressed so the right thing is done.

B. Genovese – 17 Belmont Street – welcomed the new Board members. She stated she had been here month after month regarding the demolition delay Ordinance. She stated a lot can happen in 49 days. She also stated it is important to remember a historical home is difference and that history makes the world. She stated Mr.

Platt is just looking to protect our history. She continued by reading from a prepared statement stating she hoped when this Board reviewed the demolition delay Ordinance it would be reviewed with consideration given to our City. She stated as Vice President of the Preservation Trust she cares about the history of Milford.

G. Slossberg, State Senator – 14 Honesuckle Lane – congratulated all on being elected or re-elected. She commended the Board on its desire to work for the City. She stated she came tonight to update the Board on the financial picture of where the city stands in the State. She spoke of the State's 8,500,000 deficit and that ultimately there was a budget put in place. She explained each month they look at the revenue estimates and that they are in the process of finding ways to plug those holes. She also spoke of Governor Rell's proposed \$337,000,000 cut, which will mean a 3% reduction to town aid. She stressed when the Board begins their budget deliberations they should not plan for large amounts of money from the State. She stated she is always available for questions at any time.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – referred to an article in the Connecticut Post "Time to Reach" and read the article. He also quoted Vince Lombardi. He stated he had a lot to say, but would save it and wished each member a happy holiday and best wishes for good health.

J. Simoncek – 61 Governors Avenue – stated he was speaking concerning the H1N1 issue and commented hopefully it may be not as bad. He stated his problem is with the vaccinations and that they seem to be given hap-hazard. He explained the difficulty he has had with getting information from his own pediatrician. He also stated the school system sent a notice out they would be given, but he still had not hear anything further.

Mayor Richetelli stated regarding H1N1, to please call the Health Department and speak with Dr. McBride. He stated all vaccinations the City has received have been distributed in accordance with federal protocols. He noted that two sessions were held at the Connecticut Post Mall.

D. Guaglianone – 73 Cooper Avenue – stated he is the project manager for the system here. He stated the new speakers have been installed and that they are in the function testing phase. He went on to explain in detail that process. He also thanked the Mayor and Senator Slossberg as well as the aldermen for their support and that of Ron David of Video Lab in Orange.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 9, 2009.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 9, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Organizational Meeting held November 17, 2009.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 17, 2009.

Chairman G. Smith noted on p. 2, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph from the top, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence should read "He also stated as a **second** district aldermen, not **third**."

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to amend the motion to include the corrections noted above. Motion carried unanimously.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith reported Tim Creedon, Bob White and Tracy Casey from the Board of Education, had been appointed to the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee. He wished everyone on the Board and at home happy holidays.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli asked the Board's consideration for items 8a-8d under New Business. He stated he answer any questions as they came up. He stated he also wished to make the Board aware of two mayor's appointments as follows:

6a. Pursuant to a Resolution Re: Designation of the Walnut Beach enhancement Committee (8/3/09) as follows:

Brian J. Doheny, 10 Wildwood Avenue, 06460, to complete the unexpired term of Gregory M. Smith

City Clerk Linda Stock swore-in Mr. Dohney.

Mayor Richetelli also asked the Board to consider item 9 (1) under New Business.

7. Unfinished Business:

None.

8. New Business (From Mayor's Report Items 8a-8d):

8a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve a request for the Resolution Re: Subgrant Agreement Between the City of Milford and State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) for the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Grant Program – elevation Project at 41 Deerfield Avenue, Milford, CT. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Master License Agreement between Milford Public Library and SirsiDynix and to authorize the Mayor and the Library Director to execute all necessary documents and take all steps necessary to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Blake recognized the Library Director, Jean Tsang and asked if she could come forward to give some background on this motion.

Ms. Tsang stated they have been with the same company for 13 years. She stated the reason for the change was that data would now be stored off site. She stated it would result in a savings of monies, manpower, staff, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to authorize use of funds generated by Connecticut Public Act 05-228 Section 5 (Account No. 0040-4121-1025-4999-0003, LoCIP Fees – PA 05-228) to make the physical changes and modifications in the Parsons Government Center for the Department of Permitting and Land Use as recommended in the “Report of the Kimball Implementation Team (September 2009)” and adopted by the Board of Aldermen on October 5, 2009 and to authorize the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Permitting and Land Use (DPLU) and the Director of Public Works (DPW) to effectuate said physical changes and modifications and to further authorize the Finance Director to account for said expenditures.

Ald. Blake asked if this would be done in-house or put out to bid.

Mayor Richetelli stated they have been in discussions with the Director of the Department of Permitting and Land Use and Public Works Director, Bruce Kolwicz and they have determined it would be in the best interest of the City to put it out to bid. Mayor Richetelli explained there are funds available under PA 05-228 and explained how this project would qualify. He also stated it would be most expedient.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocations Transfer No. 5 (Old Gate Lane Widen and Realign).

Ald. Goodrich commented as to the area near the railroad tracks and the formality to get through the State requirements and finally finish this project.

Ald. Blake stated this is more than a formality because funds are being allocated.

Mayor Richetelli stated they are asking for additional dollars to finish this. He explained this project is nearly a decade old and that they have applied to the transportation program, which is the same program the City used for the Gulf Street bridge project. He stated additional design work needs to be done to be able to complete the application and apply to this program. He stated they would be responsible for the design. He stated the dollars requested are to re-design the drainage of the road.

Ald. Blake asked if monies were already put into the same architectural design.

Mayor Richetelli responded yes. He stated the company is Gard (sp). He stated they really did not have a choice if they want to take advantage of the State dollars. Mayor Richetelli explained it has to be designed a certain way to meet State standard and to be able to take advantage of the \$2,300,000 plus dollars.

Ald. Blake asked if there is an anticipated completion date.

Mayor Richetelli responded they estimated the design portion to take about 6 months and then they would have to apply to the State DEP, which would take approximately 12-19 month; and finally construction of the project anticipated to take about 6 months.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there were any assurances they would not change their standards.

Mayor Richetelli responded they have a design they believe DOT and DEP will accept.

Ald. Blake asked if the plans came with any guarantees the road will not be closed in the future because of flooding.

Mayor Richetelli replied they have been told the flooding would be greatly alleviated.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if the City had an engineer in place if that person would have been able to do this work.

Mayor Richetelli explained under the regulations a design architect has to do it.

Ald. Giannattasio commented it was his understanding the only firm was Gard.

Mayor Richetelli replied yes, that Gard was the designated engineering firm.

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.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to add new business to the agenda RE: approval of the appointment of (R) Lynda T. Smith-Tellier, 125 Seemans Lane #11, to the Central Regional Tourism District formerly the CT Office of Tourism-South Central Regional District. Term to expire 12/21/12. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Lynda T. Smith-Tellier, 125 Seemans Lane #11, to the Central Regional Tourism District formerly the CT Office of Tourism-South Central Regional District. Term to expire 12/21/12. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richetelli stated Ms. Smith-Tellier was present. He stated she has served as the City's representative for many years. He went on to explain the recent State of Connecticut changes in the district as a result of cost cutting measures.

City Clerk Linda Stock swore in Ms. Smith-Tellier.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

(a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer No. 3, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer No. 4, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010.

Ald. Blake stated when Senator Slossberg spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting, she put the Board on notice of a poor future economic state. Ald. Blake stated this transfer is asking for two chairs in the

amount of \$1,700. He questioned if there had been an investigation for chairs at other prices, noting this amount seemed extravagant.

Mayor Richetelli stated the chairs would go out to bid. He explained the chairs needed to be ergonomically correct. He stated if they can be bought for less they would of course do so.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 8 yes (Bevan, German, Goodrich, Giannattasio, G. Smith, P. Smith, Staneseki, Vitali) and 4 no (Blake, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro).

#### 11. Refunds

- (a) Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$21,904.13. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Giannattasio reported the Committee met earlier in the evening for the purpose of discussion of the City Historian’s proposed changes to the Demolition Delay Ordinance Sections 6-5 through 6-14.

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 Comm. – no report.

d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no rept

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 – Ald. Goodrich reported the agency would be updating their regulations. He stated they would also be looking at their budget.

n. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – no report

o. Courthouse Expansion Committee – no report.

p. Liaison Health Department – no report.  
q. Milford Legislative Action Committee – no report.

r. Devon Revitalization Committee – Ald. Goodrich reported the sidewalk project is 99% complete.

s. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro reported 900 thanksgiving baskets had been given out. He also reported anyone needed assistance for energy, the holiday season, family therapy; shoveling, etc. should contact the department.

t. Liaison Police Commission – no report.  
u. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.  
v. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – 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.

Chairman G. Smith announced the Board, along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Assessor would go into Executive Session for a Status report and consideration of settlement of the following matters:

- 14a. Status report and consideration of settlement of Lidia T. Deazevedo, Trustee v. City of Milford  
RE: 51 Merwin Avenue;
- 14b. Status report and consideration of settlement of New England Finance Corp v. City of Milford  
RE: 2038 Bridgeport Avenue
- 14c. Status report and consideration of settlement of 245 Orange Avenue, LLC v. City of Milford  
RE: 239 Orange Avenue

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Patterson made and seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:50 p.m.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: Lidia T. Deazevedo, Trustee v. City of Milford (51 Merwin Avenue) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: New England Finance Corp. v. City of Milford (2038 Bridgeport Avenue) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into settlement RE: 245 Orange Avenue, LLC v. City of Milford (239 Orange Avenue) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary