BOARD OF ALDERMEN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING JULY 6, 2020

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a virtual video/teleconference meeting and public hearing via Zoom on Monday, July 6, 2020. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT

F. Smith Chairman

A. Giannattasio

G. Harla

A. Sutton

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake J. Rosen, Mayor's Assistant

J. Berchem, City Attorney

EXCUSED:

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Chairman Smith stated the Committee was here tonight to consider one ordinance. He stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the legal notice posted in the New Haven Register on July 1, 2020.

Chairman Smith stated the purpose of the meeting is to consider an amendment to Chapter 14, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article II concerning beach and other restricted parking areas.

Mayor Blake stated the ordinance will apply when the current emergency orders concerning beach usage and parking is no longer in effect. He further stated the Board of Aldermen has adopted three levels of parking fines and the Police Commission determines which level applies to certain parking violations. Mayor Blake stated that under the current emergency order residents can park with 2019 and 2020 beach parking stickers but once the emergency order is lifted parking will require a 2020 sticker.

Chairman Smith read the ordinance into the record.

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

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Section 14-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford. (Beach and Other Restricted Parking Areas)

Speakers in Favor - None Speakers Opposed - None

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

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Section 14-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford. (Beach and Other Restricted Parking Areas).

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Ald. Giannattasio asked if the ordinance should be amended further to state it does not apply to City residents. Mayor Blake stated the ordinance only deals with parking and that Milford beaches can be used by all except during the emergency orders due to the pandemic. Ald. Harla stated sections (a) and (b) of the ordinance state "unless said vehicle displays a sticker." Mayor Blake stated the adjustment to the parking fines is necessary to help control the volume coming to City beaches. He commented that due to new resources the number of visitors has increased substantially. Mayor Blake reviewed beach parking fees from surrounding communities. He stated this amendment will bring the City in line with neighboring municipalities. Chairman Smith asked if there is a fee for parkin at Silver Sands State Park. Mayor Blake stated he is not certain and commented on the park passport fee in vehicle registrations. Ald. Giannattasio stated he is in favor of this amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary