

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
and PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 9, 2023**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held meeting and public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2023. Chairman Parente called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

M. Parente, Chairman  
A. Giannattasio  
G. Harla  
R. Pacelli  
R. Vitali

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mayor Ben Blake  
J. Berchem, City Attorney

**Excused:**

Chairman Parente announced the Committee would consider an ordinance as published in the New Haven Register on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

1. An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Pacelli made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the full ordinances. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Parente opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Speakers in Favor – None

Speakers Opposed – None

Chairman Parente closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion forwarding an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford to the full board for consideration.

Ald. Giannattasio asked for if the position currently exists and for brief description of the job duties. Deepa Joseph, Health Director, stated the position does currently exist and it funded through the Health Department's Miscellaneous Professional Services budget. She discussed the ARPA's Committee's approval of the position similar to other positions previously approved by this Board. Ald. Giannattasio asked the position is currently part time. Ms. Joseph stated it is project based at this time. The funding



through ARPA allows the position to be full time. Ald. Giannattasio asked what will happen when the ARPA funds expires. Ms. Joseph stated it will go back to being project based at that time. Ald. Giannattasio asked what would be required to get it back to a part time position with the funds expires. Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney, stated the Article language states that the position expires when the funding expires. Attorney Berchem stated it would not require action of the Board of Aldermen when funding runs out. Ald. Vitali asked if there are sufficient projects to demand a full time position when it has been a contracted position in the past. Ms. Joseph explained the local health department is still required to respond to Covid as well as other contagious diseases. She stated the responsibilities and duties are above and beyond the scope of work of the original position. Ald. Pacelli stated this provides an amendment that allows the City to save money by moving the position to funding via ARPA. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the proposed departmental budget will show a decrease since funding will move to ARPA. Ms. Joseph stated it will not be reduced as the position was not approved at the time of submittal. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the position is entitled to medical benefits and pension. Ms. Joseph stated it is the same as other ARPA positions with benefits. Attorney Berchem stated as a contracted position there are no benefits, the ARPA funds will cover compensation and benefits. Ald. Giannattasio asked why the position is before the Board at this time when others were before the Board in November. Ms. Joseph stated it was erroneously left off the November agenda. Ald. Parente asked if the position will set the department ahead due to Covid requirements. Ms. Joseph stated it will help the department stay on target.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no additional business, Ald. Giannattasio and Harla made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:21 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