

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held a Special meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Roll Call**

**Board Members**

M. Arciuolo  
E. Beatty  
B. Broesder  
M. Casey  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
G. Harla  
S. Marlow  
J. Moffittttt  
H. Mulrenan  
R. Pacelli  
M. Parente  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali  
W. Willis

**Also Present**

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
J. Berchem, City Attorney  
P. Erodict, Finance Director  
K. Fortunati, City Clerk

**Excused:**

Ald. German

**2. New Business**

(a) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Milford, the appointment of (D) Richard M. Smith, 59 Sixth Avenue, 06460, to complete the anticipated unexpired Mayoral term of Benjamin G. Blake, effective upon resignation.

Ald. Parente requested an update from Mayor Blake concerning confirmation and resignation. Mayor Blake stated it has been his pleasure to serve as Mayor and work with the Board over the past 12 years. He discussed confirmation by the House and Senate. Mayor Blake stated he will step down officially Monday when he takes the oath as an administrative law judge. Ald. Parente asked if tonight's meeting is in order as the Charter requires a vacancy. Ald. Arciuolo expressed concern with the lack of opportunity to communicate with leadership and inability to discuss. Ald. Willis stated he feels the motion is in order and endorses Mr. Smith as Mayor. Ald. Parente stated she wants to be

certain the process is properly followed and asked Attorney Berchem to comment on the Charter language requiring a vacancy. Attorney Berchem stated the Charter does require a vacancy and the motion states anticipated vacancy. Ald. Parente asked if the business should be next week rather than today. Mayor Blake discussed Mr. Smith's qualifications and how he is looking forward to a seamless transition. Ald. Beatty discussed the process and felt more than a half hour should be allotted for discussion and voting. Ald. Broesder raised point of order concerning the Charter allowing for a Mayor Designee. Attorney Berchem stated the Charter does not provide for the swearing in of a designee and as such he does not believe it is appropriate this evening.

Richard Smith, spoke concerning his vision for the City as interim Mayor.


Motion carried 11 in favor (Beatty, Casey, Giannattasio, Harla, Marlow, Moffitt, Mulrenan, Pacelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willis), 2 abstentions (Arciuolo, Parente) and 1 not present for voting (Broesder).

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary