

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30 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
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
S. Marlow
C. Moore
H. Mulrenan
R. Pacelli
M. Parente
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Richard M. Smith
J. Berchem, City Attorney
K. Fortunati, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff
P. Erodict, Finance Director

Excused:

E. Beatty
B. Broesder
J. Moffitt

Mayor Smith presented a proclamation and congratulations to the Milford Eagles Junior Pee Wee and Milford Eagles Varsity cheerleading teams on their accomplishments.

Chairman Vetro called a 5-minute recess at 7:38 p.m.
Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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.

Unknown, read from a prepared statement concerning a pool party event held on June 24th at 20 Haystack Road. He discussed the owner of 20 Haystack Road renting his pool for private parties and advertising on social media. He requested a noise ordinance be adopted.

Rob Andel, 84 Cornfield Road, discussed the pool party event at 20 Haystack Road. He discussed parking of vehicles, loud music, profane language, and litter. He requested an ordinance be adopted prohibiting rental of pools, courts, and short-term rentals.

Paul Cavanna, 100 Cornfield Road, read from a prepared statement concerning the pool party held on Haystack Road. He stated this is a commercial activity and requests that legislation be adopted prohibiting such activities.

William Goldbach, 479 Plains Road, spoke concerning the pool party event held at 20 Haystack Road.

Bill Petremont, 40 Cornfield Road, spoke concerning the pool party event held at 20 Haystack Road. He stated a business is being conducted.

Marlene Sanchez, 6 Haystack Road, stated spoke concerning the pool party event held at 20 Haystack Road.

Robin Moran, 500 Plains Road, spoke concerning the pool party held at 20 Haystack Road.

Tory Vienneau, 65 Cornfield Road, spoke concerning the pool party held at 20 Haystack Road and the impact to the neighborhood. She requests a noise ordinance be adopted.

Yvonne Jennings, 71 Haystack Road, discussed the pool party event that took place at 20 Haystack Road on June 24th.

Ed Fisher, 205 Cornfield Road, discussed the pool party event that took place at 20 Haystack Road on June 24th.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on June 5, 2023, and Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 27, 2023

Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on June 5, 2023, and Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 27, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro stated he received a letter from Food to Kids thanking the Board of Aldermen for providing funds to the program.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Smith thanked and congratulated all that contributed to the fireworks show. He discussed a professional golf tournament being hosted by Great River Golf Course. Mayor Smith stated admission is free should anyone wish to attend. Mayor Smith discussed the issues at 20 Haystack Road. He stated he visited and discussed the issue with neighbors, zoning and police. Mayor Smith reported he has appointed (D) Thomas Mele, 612 Gulf Street, 06460, as a member of the Energy Advisory Board.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Christopher Attardo, 116 Hill Street, Unit 24, 06460, as a member of the Veterans Ceremony and Parade Commission to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/2025.

Ald. Giannattasio stated Mr. Attardo is a lifelong resident of Milford and a Navy veteran. He congratulates him on this appointment.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Willis and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Donald F. Moore, 1320 New Haven Avenue 06460, as a member of the Veterans Ceremony and Parade Commission to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Grant Application for Consolidated Housing and Community Development Partnership.

Ald. Vitali stated the agencies listed provide wrap around services. He asked why Bridges is not part of the grant. Sheila Dravis, CDBG Grant Coordinator stated Bridges did not submit an application and are currently receiving CARES Act funding. Ald. Vitali asked if other agencies listed are receiving funding from other sources. Ms. Dravis stated no other agency other than Beth El is receiving CARES Act funding. Ald. Parente asked for an overview of the process. Ms. Dravis stated the grant is an annual application noticed in January with an application due date. She stated public hearings are held between February and May. The plan is then submitted for approval. Discussion ensued concerning housing priorities and CDBG grants. Ald. Giannattasio asked if there is a waiting list for first time homebuyers. Ms. Dravis stated there is no waiting list. Ald. Vitali asked how many property owners are involved in the multi-family repair program. Ms. Dravis stated the program has low participation.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve an Agreement between the City of Milford and Comstar and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Fire Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all document to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Parente stated the contract is for a change in billing contractor and is a savings. Mayor Smith stated this went out to bid and is an approximate 3% savings. Ald. Giannattasio asked if 25% of the savings will be allocated to the EMS account. Mr. Erodici stated 25% of the savings will be allocated to the EMS special revenue account.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Willis and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to CGS §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes for an Emergency Access Easement Agreement across City-owned property located at 145 High Street, 0 Railroad Avenue (54/322/2B) and 0 River Street (54/322/4A) and to the authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary to effectuate said easement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked for and description of the easement. Attorney Berchem discussed the purchase and sale of the property for a transit-oriented development. He discussed the development of the property and downtown parking that will be realized with the project. Attorney Berchem state the development was originally designed for two-way on a portion of Railroad Avenue. He discussed the issues with obtaining state approval and the new design requiring emergency access from High Street. Ald. Giannattasio asked if there will be additional approvals needed. Attorney Berchem stated this will be the last and if approved a closing will be scheduled. Ald. Marlow asked who will be responsible for upkeep to the easement. Attorney Berchem stated it is a City parking lot that will be used for emergency access so the City will maintain the lot. Ald. Marlow asked if sold does the easement follow the chain of title. Attorney Berchem confirmed it will transfer to any new owner.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8f) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to CGS §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a Construction, Maintenance, Access and Use Easement Agreement across City-owned property located at 44-64 River Street and the authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary to effectuate said easement.

Ald. Marlow asked if River Street is being adjusted. Attorney Berchem stated it will not impact River Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8g) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Utilizing Contractors for Road Work at State Pricing Rate.

Ald. Giannattasio asked from an explanation of the resolution. Chris Saley, Public Works Director, discussed gas company work around the City. He stated there are time when it is prudent for the gas company to hire its own contractor for road restoration.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business not on the Agenda that may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

None

10. Budget Memo Transfers.

None.

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$4,234.07. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Parente stated the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and voted to forward to the full Board for consideration An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Garbage, Trash and Refuse, Article II, Collection, Section 9-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Rules and Regulations Generally).

Ald. Parente and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Garbage, Trash and Refuse, Article II, Collection, Section 9-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Rules and Regulations Generally).

Ald. Giannattasio stated he supports the ordinance. He stated it's been approximately 20 years since the rate has been amended and costs have increased. Ald. Giannattasio states this will provide parity.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Vitali made and seconded an amendment to Section 9-14, Reules and regulations generally, paragraph (d) (1) d to read the payment schedules set forth hereunder shall be reviewed on even numbered years.

Ald. Parente asked what the mechanism for tracking review would be if approved. Attorney Berchem stated it would need to be diaried for the Board to review. Ald. Parente asked who would be responsible for effectuating the review. Attorney Berchem stated it would be through the Mayor's office. Ald. Mulrenan asked if there are any other ordinances that are under review on a schedule. Attorney Berchem stated this is the only ordinance that he is aware that is to be reviewed. He stated he is not aware of any other ordinance with a review requirement. Ald. Vitali stated the existing language is so open ended it does not make it known when it should be reviewed. He feels the language adds structure.

Amendment carried 11 in favor (Arciuolo, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Marlow, Moore, Mulrenan, Parente, Vetro, Vitali, Willis), 1 abstention (Pacelli).

Ald. Vitali asked if the cost has been estimated should the ordinance pass. Mr. Erodici stated it is approximately \$200,000. Discussion ensued concerning reconciling the additional expenditure. Ald. Giannattasio noted this will not take effect until 2024 and \$50,000 was earmarked. Ald. Parente commended Ms. Cavallaro on her persistence concerning the ordinance.

Motion, as amended, carried 11 in favor (Arciuolo, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Marlow, Moore, Mulrenan, Parente, Vetro, Vitali, Willis), 1 abstention (Pacelli).

- 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 – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – 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. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Veterans Ceremony & Parade Commission – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fine Arts – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Liaison – Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Liaison – Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison – Board of Health – no report.
- o. Liaison – Human Services Commission – no report.
- p. Liaison Sub-Committee – Pension & Retirement Board – no report
- q. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- r. Liaison – Economic Development Commission – no report.
- s. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Arts Council – no report.
- t. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission – Ald. Parente thanked former Chief Doug Edo for his service to the community.
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission – no report.
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee – 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.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to enter executive session to consider items 14(a) and 14(b).

Ald. Mulrenan and Ald. Vitali made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session for items 14(a) through 14(b) would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Smith and City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the regular meeting at 9:24 p.m.

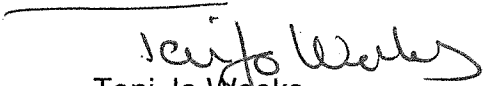
(14a) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Connecticut CVS Pharmacy, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 734 Bridgeport Avenue as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

(14b) Ald. Willis and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Milford Plaza Holdings DE, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 155-211 Cherry Street and 199 Cherry Street, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Toni Jo Weeks

Recording Secretary