

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
B. Bier
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
S. Shaw
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Mayor Blake asked for a moment of personal privilege. He introduced Police Chief Mello and asked him to come forward. Mayor Blake stated today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He thanked all law enforcement for their service, especially Chief Mello and the Milford Police Department. Mayor Blake proceeded to read a proclamation for the Milford Police Department declaring today Milford Law Enforcement Day.

Chief Mello thanked Mayor Blake and the community for their kindness and support and all the community had done over the year for his department which received baked goods, donations, etc. He stated it demonstrates the fantastic community here in Milford.

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.

Paul Cavanna - 100 Cornfield Road – stated he has the privilege of being the principal at West Shore Middle School. He asked for the Board's support of the West Shore Middle School upgrades,

addition and renovation. He also thanked Mayor Blake, Dr. Feser, Mr. Richetelli and the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee, including Ald. Hardiman and Ald. Vitali. He continued reading from a prepared statement as to the importance of this project. He asked the Board to please support the project as presented.

Julie Fischer - 10 Pine Knobb Terrace – stated she is a teacher at West Shore Middle School and came tonight to ask the Board to fund the West Shore Middle School project.

Lisa Vaccino – 32 Tower Street – stated she was speaking tonight to ask the Board to put their support behind the West Shore Middle School renovations, expansion and addition and create a 21st century learning space which will meet the needs of today's students.

Susan Reed - 415 Milford Point Road – stated she is a parent at West Shore Middle School and wanted to thank the Board for their time and asked the Board to please consider the funding as presented.

Mary Edo - 57 Gunn Street – stated she is born and raised in Milford and has four children who went through the Milford Public Schools. She stated she is also a teacher at West Shore Middle School and commented the project is much needed and long overdue. She stated the project would enhance the school.

Maureen Raccio - 47 Snug Harbor Road – stated she has been a teacher at West Shore since it was a middle school. She asked the Board to support the renovation project.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on December 5, 2016.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro expressed his hope everyone had a happy new year and that everyone would continue to work for the good of Milford.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated the City is fortunate to be supported and governed by volunteers, adding the City would not be successful if not for the dedication of our volunteers.

Mayor Blake informed the Board of the Mayoral appointments and asked for the Board's consideration of items 8a-8h. He stated he would be happy to answer questions as they come up.

6a. Mayor Blake announced the following mayoral appointments:

Milford Council on Aging, two-year term expiring 12/31/19

- (D) Lillian Holmes, 100 Oxford Road 06460, reappointment
- (R) Michael J. Petrucelli, 4 Bayberry Lane, 06460, reappointment
- (U) Philip A. Caporusso, 46 Shadows End Lane, 06460, reappointment
- (U) Beverly Streit-Kefalas, 156 Meadow Street, 06460, reappointment

Conservation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

- (U) Ryan A. Keller, 49 Dart Hill Road, 06460, reappointment
- (U) Keith Dunn, 38 Sherbrooke Road, 06461, reappointment
- (D) Howard Haberman, 38 Harborside Drive, 06460, new appointment

Inland Wetlands Agency, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

- (R) Stephen V. Munson, 116 Wepawaug Drive, 06461, reappointment
- (R) Carol Dunn, 54 Creeland Avenue, 06460, new appointment (former alternate member)

Alternate: term expiring 12/31/19

- (U) Nathan Buchok, 98 Knobb Hill Road, 06460, new appointment

Human Services Department, two-year term expiring 12/31/18

- (D) Karen L. Barnett, 1202 New Haven Avenue, 06460, (City Administration), reappointment

Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, five-year term expiring 11/30/21

- (U) Robert J. Testo, III, 52 Mark Street, 06460, reappointment

Veterans Graves Preservation Commission, one-year term expiring 12/31/17

- (U) Thomas Cody, Jr., 13 Dock Road, reappointment
- (U) David DeRubeis, Sr., 17 Waterview Landing, 06460, reappointment

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Board of Aldermen approval is hereby requested of the following Mayor's Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's Appointments as listed below:

Civil Service Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

- (R) Janice Tantimonico, 70 Sassacus Drive, 06461, reappointment

(D) H. James Haselkamp, 373 Orange Avenue, 06461, reappointment

Ethics Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(R) Thomas Mercaldo, 154 Herbert Street, 06461, new appointment

Board of Finance, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(D) Brian Lema, 17 Maple Street, 06460, reappointment

(D) Joseph L. Castignoli, 25 Coram Court, 06460, reappointment

Fire Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(R) Richard W. Smith, 21 Millwood Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Thomas Riso, Jr., 11 Driftwood Lane, 06460, reappointment

Golf Course Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(R) Ronald Peruzzi, 37 Harvest Lane, 06461, reappointment

(D) George J. Amato, Jr., 10 Orchard Road, 06460, reappointment

Harbor Management Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/21

(U) Robert A. Pacelli, Jr., 827 East Broadway, 06460, reappointment

(D) Ray S. Oliver, 404 Gulf Street, 06460, reappointment

Alternates, two-year term expiring 12/31/18

(D) Dora A. Kubek, 33 Liberty Street, 06460, reappointment

(R) Raymond Kirmaier, 26 Morris Lane, 06460, reappointment

Board of Health, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(D) Christine M. Gonillo, 204 Oronoque Road, 06461, reappointment

(R) Dr. Mitchell I. Quinter, 72 Old Field Lane, 06460, reappointment

(R) Ernest Judson, Jr., 27 Sylvan Court, 06460, reappointment

Historic Preservation Commission, five-year term expiring 12/31/21

(R) William Silver, 55 Governors Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Housing Code Board of Appeals, five-year term expiring 12/31/21

(D) Joel Baldwin, 252 Seaside Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Human Service Department, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(R) Gina V. Badalamenti, 20 Bayshore Drive, 06460, new appointment (Consumer Representative)

Library Board, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(D) Toby Zabinski, 102 Shorefront, 06460, reappointment

(R) Constance C. Gaynor, 60 Seventh Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Telka diFate, 369 Herbert Street, 06461, reappointment

Park, Beach & Recreation Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(D) Kerri Rowland, 161 Beach Avenue, 06460, reappointment

Police Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(D) Richard Smith, 59 Sixth Avenue, 06460, reappointment

(R) Jerold M. Wanosky, 28 Ashburn Lane, 06460, reappointment

(D) Sharon Marrone, 5 Springdale Street, 06460, reappointment

Sewer Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(D) Robert J. Carroll, 5 Snow Apple Lane, 06460, reappointment

(U) Bradford W. Hubler, 5 Melba Street, 06460, reappointment

Transit District, two-year term expiring 12/31/18

(D) Janet Montalbano, 30 Revere Place, 06460, reappointment

Tree Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(R) Bryan J. Mancini, 47 Tumblebrook Drive, 06461, reappointment

(D) Seny J. Riccardi, 163 Mary Ellen Drive, 06460, to fill vacant position, term expires 12/31/17, new appointment (former alternate member)

Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission, three-year term expiring 12/31/19

(R) Gregory Smith, 64 East Broadway, 06460, reappointment (VFW Representative)

(R) Patricia Deer, 235 Seaside Avenue, 06460, reappointment (Civic Representative)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Alternate,

(U) Jeanne Huber-Happy, 69 Edgefield Avenue, 06460, new appointment, to fill vacant position, term to expire 12/31/17.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve the request for reappointment of (R) Arthur Stowe, Jr., 36 Fresh Meadow Lane, 06461, as Milford's City Historian. (Term to expire 12/31/21). Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 8h so that all of the appointments could be completed together.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to re-order the Agenda and bring forward agenda item 8h. Motion carried unanimously.

8h. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to appoint the following individuals to the following Boards and Commissions:

Animal Shelter Commission, five-year term, term to expire 12/31/21

(R) Karen Dorney, 67 Anchorage Drive, 06460, new appointment

Economic Development Commission

(D) Jennifer Clinton, 25 Prospect Street, Apt. 1D, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/20 (Citizen Appointment)

(U) Michael P. Lynch, 32 Hillside Avenue, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19, term to expire 12/31/19 (Retail/Industry Representative)

(D) Michael J. Crowley, 40 Anchorage Drive, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/20 (Manufacturing/Industry Representative)

Historic District Commission

(D) Katherine Lutz, 56 Platt Street, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 01/01/22

Alternate:

(D) Timothy Chaucer, 104 Hawley Avenue, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 01/01/22

Historic District (South of the Green):

(U) M. Elizabeth Kennard, 16 Reed Street, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 01/01/22

Alternate:

(D) Christopher Thomas, 8 Argyle Road, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 01/01/22

Inland Wetlands Agency

(U) Lily Flannigan, 38 Prospect Street, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19

MGAT (Milford Government Access Television) Committee

(U) Kara Flannery, 41 North Street, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/18

(D) Jill Reis, 42 Wood Avenue, 06460, new appointment, term to expire 12/31/18

Pension and Retirement Board

(U) MaryRose Palumbo, 15 Stagecoach Circle Drive, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19, (MEA Representative)

(R) Mark Tutino, 212 Cedarhurst Lane, 06461, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19

(D) Leo T. Mahoney, 75 Fenway East, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19

(U) Frank J. Murphy, 179 Nettleton Avenue, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19

(U) Ann Maher, 50 Prospect Street, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19

Alternate

(U) Judy Keeler, 49 Dart Hill Road, 06460, reappointment, term to expire 12/31/19 (MEA representative)

Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Joanne Rohrig swore in those appointees present.

The Board recessed at 7:56 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:05 p.m.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve to the Library Communications Grant and to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director and Library Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said grant. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 4 (Emergency Repairs to the Sewer System).

Ald. Bier asked the nature of the repair.

Mayor Blake explained it is for an odor control situation and explained the allocation.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request following the approval of the Planning & Zoning Commission dated December 21, 2016, pursuant to §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the acquisition of approximately six acres of land located at 130-150 Boston Ppost Road, and to authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said acquisition.

Ald. German asked for details on the land acquisition and projected costs.

Mayor Blake stated a committee was appointed to sit on a building committee for renovations, rehab and anew police station. This project has been on Milford's Capitol Improvement Plan for nearly 20 years. He went on to explain the charge of the committee which included review of renovating the existing building and building a new building. He deferred to Chief Mello.

Chief Mello spoke of the changes over the years that necessitated the need for a larger building, such as additional female officers, forensics, need for a computer room, juvenile justice and more. In 2009 a study was commissioned, however, there was no movement. He continued with the history of the police station.

Ald. Giannattasio stated as a member of the committee he kept in mind the taxpayers of Milford. He stated this is a great opportunity since this land is available. He stated the committee discussed at length the needs assessment for the police department. Ald. Giannattasio added this is a best case scenario and would sustain Milford for years to come.

Ald. Vitali asked the projected plans and costs.

Chief Mello spoke of the 1989 study which recommended at that time an addition 19,000 square feet.

Ald. Vitali asked the square footage of the proposed building and projected costs.

Chief Mello stated approximately 70,000 square feet. He stated he did not have costs at this time.

Ald. Bevan asked if the new building would have potential for future expansion.

Chief Mello stated the architect feels the space would last many, many years into the future. He stated the architect that performed the needs assessment has not been contracted for. He know the projected growth rate, school population, crime trends and more.

Ald. Grant asked about the current parcel which abuts a neighborhood.

Chief Mello stated it is adjacent to commercial areas.

Ald. Golden stated she is in full support and echoed the comments of Ald. Giannattasio.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he was not a big supporter of building a new police station, but that he would keep an open mind and listen to the needs. He stated he has done his due diligence and is in support of a new police station. He spoke of how the police department has branched out in so many areas. He also commented the current location is a prime location as far as resale and now is the right time to do this with all of the right reasons.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to reorder the agenda to bring forward agenda items 12a-1, 12a-2 and 12a-3.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to reorder the agenda and bring forward agenda items 12a-1, 12a-2 and 12a-3. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Smith reported the Ordinance Committee meet earlier in the evening to consider three (3) Ordinances. He stated the Ordinances were recommended by the Board of Finance. He stated the first Ordinance takes into consideration three (3) components; repairing, road repairs, curbing, second component would be the acquisition of land for the new police department and the third is the upgrading of the financial system for the Human Resources and Finance Departments to support their infrastructure. He stated all three Ordinances were forwarded to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation from the Ordinance Committee.

12a-1 Ald. Smith and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$9,671,200 for Various Public Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,671,200 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Ald. Bevan asked about the money for the police department and if the proposed amount had been negotiated with the property owner.

Mayor Blake stated there is a letter of understanding regarding the property. He stated the Committee did its due diligence in seeking out a suitable location.

Ald. Vitali asked what the asking price was for the property.

Mayor Blake stated the price agreed on was \$4.1. He credited the City Attorney's Office with negotiating the price, as well as obtaining an appraisal on the property.

Ald. Vitali asked the total bonding for the City at this point.

Mr. Erodici replied the total amount is approximately \$129,000,000.

Mayor Blake stated the percentage of debt is 6%. He also referenced the city's AAA bond rating and Interest rates which are still at a low point. Mayor Blake explained each year the city bonds approximately \$30,000,000, with about 1/3 being reimbursable.

Mr. Erodici stated it is approximately \$13m of the debit service each year.

Ald. Casey asked if repairs to sidewalks were included in the bonding package. He also asked if there is a practice in place as to how homeowners repair their sidewalks.

Mayor Blake explained there is an Ordinance where homeowners have to maintain their sidewalks. He stated if the damage to a sidewalk is from a city owned tree, then the city would have to make those repairs. He also spoke of bond rates, interest rates, changes in the amount of monies the city will receive and more.

Ald. German asked the plan in place for which neighborhoods would be done.

Mayor Blake referenced the asphalt management program and explained that program. He stated they look at the number of miles budgeted, the condition and age of the road. He also stated it is more desirable to do all the streets in a neighborhood.

Director Saley stated the priority is to fix what needs to be fixed, as well as any emergency repairs, such as water main breaks, which there have been a few over the last week. He also stated there is a joint utility meeting coming up in February and that he would know more at that time.

Ald. Grant expressed concern that the dollar amount continues to double.

Director Saley stated it depends on the road. He cited Wheelers Farm Road as an example which used up a lot of asphalt. He stated every year they make every effort to get the most for their dollars.

Ald. Grant asked about having road paving in the public works department budget.

Mayor Blake stated a small portion of the paving does come from the department. He spoke of each of the grant resources for the repaving work. This request is a little more because Milford simply does not know what they will receive this year.

Ald. Veccharelli spoke of the improvements around the city and stated he wished to remark on the improvements for Milford citizens. He also spoke of the life expectancy of the roads.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he is reluctant based on not knowing what the city may receive from the State. He asked how many more miles could be expected to be completed based on the market.

Director Saley stated historically around 10 miles or more. He stated it does depend on the width and location of the road. He pointed out infrastructure is critical in any city and adds value.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if it all had to be done at once or if it could be scaled back.

Director Saley spoke of the complaints they receive from residents concerning the roads. He stated it has been underfunded for many years.

Ald. Anderson spoke of the linear miles that are completed each year and stated effectively that is money in the bank.

Ald. Smith stated bond issues come before this Board each year. He spoke of each of the portions of the Ordinance which also included the Human Resources enhancements.

Mr. Erodici stated the need to upgrade the city's financial and human resources systems as he has spoken to many times in the past. He stated the current system can no longer be supported. Mr. Erodici stated he has had numerous meetings with the MIS Director and Human Resources Director concerning the need to upgrade. He estimated the project to take about 18 months. He implored the Board to give it the full support to properly perform all of the tools necessary.

Mayor Blake stated there are several others here tonight that could address any additional questions.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this Board had already approved an upgrade.

Mr. Erodici stated what was upgraded 9 years ago was not significant enough to be where they need to be. He also spoke of the IT infrastructure as well.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if there would be any more additional requirements.

Mr. Erodici stated the hope is there would not, but he could not make that promise. He stated the goal is to get the project done.

Ald. Giannattasio asked for a 5-min recess.

The Board recessed at 9:16 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 9:27 p.m.

Ald. Bier commented on the \$17M per year in debt.

Mayor Blake stated a good portion of the bonding is reimbursable. He also stated there are years when it has been significantly less or slightly more. Mayor Blake explained the policy the city

established is a 10% policy. He stated the city is about half that at this point which has been recognized by the bonding agencies as favorable and reiterated the solid bond rating the city has.

Ald. Bier suggested some of these items should go into the budget of those departments, i.e. Public Works, Board of Education.

Mayor Blake stated he agreed with the overall point, but many times these projects happen over an extended period of time and the expected time of completion.

Ald. Veccharelli reiterated Milford's AAA bond rating, so interest is less. He also pointed out oil is lower.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he is in favor of 2 of the 3 the items. He stated the paving seems excessive and wondered if it could be cut, but it doesn't seem that would be supported by this Board. He stated he is willing to move forward at this point as long as we get what the Director stated regarding the mileage of street paving.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 14 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bevan, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Golden, Grant, Hardiman, Shaw, Smith, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Bier).

12a-2. Ald. Smith and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Appropriating \$23,697,929 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Ald. Vitali stated he wanted to be clear for the record that he is in favor of the motion, but he is not enamored by the plan. He stated no long range planning has been presented and expressed his concern that schools could close over the next few years.

Mayor Blake spoke of the need for the roofs which is an investment in the infrastructure. He stated they have to go with the reconfiguration that the Board of Education recommended. He stated present tonight is the architect for the project, William Silver, Chairman of the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee, principal at West Shore Middle School, as well as many teachers and parents.

Ald. Vitali pointed out enrollment continues to decline and that it is important to take into consideration the future of education in Milford. He reiterated his reservations on putting roofs on buildings that could be slated to close.

Ald. Anderson spoke in favor of the West Shore Middle School project. He also asked about reimbursement for the roofs.

Matthew Woods, Chairman of the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee addressed the Board. He stated all of the projects are eligible for State reimbursement and that historically the reimbursement has been around 50%.

Ald. Anderson spoke of parity with the middle schools. He stated one concern is air conditioning.

Mr. Woods stated the Committee spoke about AC for the school, only in the addition. He stated it is a topic that the School Facilities Director has advocated for. With regard to the parking, a number of parking spaces were consumed with the expansion, so they looked for additional locations for parking spaces. He stated the property has several acres of unused land behind the school, but you need to cross a thin strip of wetlands. He stated it was determined the cost was not prohibitive and decided to use those monies for FF&E.

Ald. Anderson thanked Mr. Woods for the history.

Ald. German asked if the reimbursement rate is 50%.

Mayor Blake stated currently the rate is 51% for any eligible reimbursable items.

Mr. Woods stated new construction is reimbursable, but any replacement is not.

Ald. Veccharelli asked what the reimbursement rate was when the work was done at East Shore Middle School.

Mr. Woods stated it was different and that he did not recall the rate.

Ald. Smith stated West Shore is in his district and his alma mater. He spoke of the matters of equity and parity. He asked the specifics as to classroom sizes, and other upgrades.

Mr. Woods spoke about square footage, which he stated is currently 74,190 square feet. He stated East Shore Middle School with the expansion is 81,791 square feet and Harborside Middle School has 78,321 square feet currently. At West Shore the increase would be approximately 8,000 square feet. He explained the work that would be completed at West Shore Middle School, which included some window replacements, hazardous abatement, fire alarm, etc.

Ald. Bevan asked if the reimbursement is 50%, why not request \$12,000,000 instead of \$24,000,000.

Mayor Blake stated the amount in the budget is only a portion of the total indebtedness. The reimbursements go towards paying off bonds and bands. He stated that is the structure the State has come up with and how all municipalities are reimbursed.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 14 yes (Anderson, Beatty, Bevan, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Golden, Grant, Hardiman, Shaw, Smith, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Bier).

12a-3 Ald. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 18, Planning, Article VIII, Redevelopment Agency, Sections 18-107, Downtown Development Agency – Designated, 18-108, Same – Powers and Duties, and 18-109, Same – Boundaries.

Ald. Veccharelli asked with a seven (7) member Board how many members would be needed for a quorum.

Attorney Berchem replied four (4).

Ald. Veccharelli expressed concern regarding the language "majority" and asked if the language should state that a quorum is constituted by four (4) members.

Attorney Berchem stated his focus was MPI and not the makeup of the committee. He continued with an explanation of Connecticut General Statutes, reading the language. He stated essentially the Ordinance is patterned after the Statute.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various School Improvements – 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Cash Advance for Various Public Improvements – 2017. 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.

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers – None.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$28,525.47. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

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 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. 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 – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – 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.

14a. Discussion of pending litigation – Greg Peters v. City of Milford.

Chairman Vetro announced those individuals entering Executive Session would be the full Board, along with the Mayor, City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney and Human Resources Director.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the matter as announced by the Chairman above. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:17 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 10:37 p.m.

14a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City to enter into settlement in the matter of Greg Peters v. City of Milford in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary