

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
and PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 9, 2017**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2017. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Smith, Chairman
S. Shaw, Vice Chairman
A. Giannattasio
B. Anderson
M. Casey

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Steven Fournier, Mayor's Assistant
Peter Erodici, Finance Director

Chairman Smith stated there were three ordinances before the Committee for consideration tonight and possible recommendations to the full Board of Aldermen. He stated the meeting was noticed in the New Haven Register. Chairman Smith went on to explain the following Ordinances being considered this evening.

1. 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.
2. An Ordinance Appropriating \$23,697,929 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$23, 697,929 Bonds of The City to Meet Said Appropriating and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.
3. 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.

Chairman Smith stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinances in their entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. stating he would take each Ordinance separately.

1. 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.

Speakers in favor – None.

Speakers opposed – None.

2. An Ordinance Appropriating \$23,697,929 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$23, 697,929 Bonds of The City to Meet Said Appropriating and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

3. 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.

Speakers in Favor – None.

Speakers opposed – None

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation 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. Giannattasio commented he would have more discussion and seek questions from the department heads present tonight.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance An Ordinance Appropriating \$23,697,929 for Various School Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$23, 697,929 Bonds of The City to Meet Said Appropriating and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Ald. Giannattasio stated following a republican caucus tonight there were likely be questions concerning the longevity of these schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation 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. Anderson stated this Ordinance continues to allow Milford Progress to operate as a downtown agency. He stated there would be another agency appointed to act as the development arm of the municipality and that he welcomed this Ordinance.

Ald. Giannattasio asked what prompted the Ordinance.

Attorney Berchem stated his office was approached by MPI with concerns regarding the Ordinance and composition. He stated MPI bylaws were reviewed along with the Ordinance and regulations and found the best solution would be to change the designation. Essentially, it was how to make the downtown development and MPI co-exist was to eliminate the designated entity. He reiterated it was important to separate the two.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary