

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and their families.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

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

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a proclamation.

Mayor Blake welcomed the girl scouts from all levels stating next week is Girl Scout week. He continued with a proclamation celebrating March 11-17 as Milford Girl Scout week.

Chairman Vetro stated the Board would stand in recess. The Board recessed at 7:42 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:44 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.

G. Kupfer - 91 Melba St – spoke regarding noise issues, specifically coming from local bars. He referenced an establishment on Melba Street that is essentially a weekly frat party. He asked if the hours of operation could be looked into, citing this establishment does not close until 2:00 a.m.

S. Cooper – Executive Director of Milford Performance Center (handout). Referring to the handout he explained the background and how MPC came to be. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Vetro suggested the aldermen meet with Mr. Cooper at the conclusion of the meeting.

A. Berman - 77 Pelham Street – provided the Board with an update of the Environmental Coalition and provided new information concerning items that can be recycled. She stated there continues to be a major problem with plastic shopping bags, emphasizing they cannot go into the recycling bins. She also reported shredded paper can no longer be placed in recycling bins. Also, clothing cannot go into the recycling bin. She encouraged the Board to attend an informational presentation on Saturday, April 14th.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on February 5, 2018.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro stated the annual St. Patrick's Day parade would take place this Saturday and deferred to Ald. Hardiman, Chairman of the parade for more information. He also reminded everyone this weekend to turn the clocks ahead.

Ald. Hardiman stated the parade takes place on Saturday, March 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m. He stated there are over 2,000 participants this year. He stated tomorrow would be the raising of the Irish flag at City Hall tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated it was a short agenda and respectfully requested the Board's consideration of items 8a-c. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions as they come up. Mayor Blake also spoke with heavy heart of the folks in Parkland, Florida. He invited all to go to the Board of Education's website and look at the presentation of the SROs and how security measures have been enhanced at our schools. Mayor Blake stated he wished to bring to the Board's attention item 6a, mayor's appointment:

Inland Wetlands Agency (Alternate)

(R) Ranjit Bhawe, 37 Magnolia Road, 06461, to fill the vacant position, term to expire 12/31/19.

Mayor Blake reported on a sad note the passing of Tom Beirne, former Board of Aldermen chair and involved members of the community.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the request for appointment of (R) Jeffrey Attolino, 5 Mill Pond Close, 06460, as a member of the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill the present vacancy (term expiring 12/31/21). Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (U) Louise Uchaczyk, 32 Whalley Avenue, 06460, as a member of the Library Board to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/19. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for appointment of (U) Christine Valiquette, 10 Seaview Avenue, 06460, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/21. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Rohrig swore in those recently confirmed appointments who were present (Attolino, Uchaczyk, Bhawe).

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

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Fortunati made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfers #5 and #6, Fund 10, FY 18. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$45,047.86. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – no report.

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.

Ald. Anderson asked when the Board of Aldermen's budget schedule would be available.

Mayor Blake stated the Board of Finance would be voting on their recommended budget this Wednesday. He stated Chairman Vetro would work with the secretary to finalize a schedule forthwith. He stated generally budget meetings begin in early April.

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. Consideration of settlement of:
Tower Plaza, LLC v. City of Milford
RE: 454 Bridgeport Avenue

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Blake, City Attorney and City Assessor.

Ald.Veccharelli and Ald.Golden made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:24 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of Tower Plaza, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 454 Bridgeport Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Assessor as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald.Veccharelli and Ald.Golden moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary