

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 1, 2013**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, April 1, 2013. Chairman F. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Smith, Chairman
S. Shaw, Vice Chairman
A. Giannattasio
P. Smith
G. Gasper

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
Jonathan D. Berchem, City Attorney
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Chairman F. Smith stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the legal notice posted in the New Haven Register on March 26, 2013.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Gasper made and seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman F. Smith opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. regarding the following Ordinance:

- 1) An Ordinance Repealing And Substituting Chapter 20 Streets, Sidewalks And Public Places, Article III Openings and Excavations §20-61 (11) of the code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Milford (Permittee Regulations).

Speakers in Favor:

K. Mello – Police Chief – commented this Ordinance is similar to an Ordinance he proposed 3 years ago and provided a brief history. He stated this Ordinance is about public safety and nothing more. He also pointed out many surrounding communities have a similar Ordinance. Chief Mello also stated the Ordinance is not restrictive.

Speakers in opposition – None.

Chairman F. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Gasper made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Repealing And Substituting Chapter 20 Streets, Sidewalks And Public Places, Article III Openings and Excavations §20-61 (11) of the code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Milford (Permittee Regulations).

Ald. P. Smith stated this Ordinance is like putting another tool in the tool box for the police department and most importantly helps with public safety. She also stated if it is not working it can always be repealed.

Ald. Giannattasio asked when a determination would be made if a police officer is needed for a particular job, or if it is flagged by a particular street.

Chief Mello explained he would send a letter to all contractors that are primarily used in the City. He stated that is generally utility companies. Chief Mello also stated that generally an officer is placed on a night job on the Boston Post Road. He also noted most vendors are very cooperative.

Chairman F. Smith stated this would be an added responsibility for the police department and asked how it would be addressed.

Chief Mello explained the traffic officer would assess each situation. He reiterated it is important for public safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary