

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, April 5, 2010 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for the men and women serving our country.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Bevan
B. Bier
B. Blake
D. German
A. Giannattasio
F. Goodrich
M. Hardiman
B. Joy, Jr.
J. Patterson
G. Smith
P. Smith
P. Staneski
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor J. Richetelli, Jr.
L. Bull DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.
L. Stock, City Clerk
W. Smith, Jr., City Attorney

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.

Chairman G. Smith reminded the speakers to observe the decorum of public speaking and be respectful in their comments.

R. Platt – 132 Platt Lane – representing Milford Preservation Trust; urged the Board to retain ownership of the John Downes House and submitted a letter from John W. Shannahan, former Director of CT Historic Commission and officer of the Historic Preservation for 30 years. The letter expressed Mr. Shannahan's appreciation for the tour of the John Downes House, noting the need to architecturally and historically preserve this important building which is significant to the history of Milford.

M. Carelli – 368 Ford Street – explained the process he followed in order to file a tax grievance with the Board of Tax Appeals, noting after the grievance was denied with no explanation for doing so, he was told that the next option was to sue the city. He stated he was surprised and disappointed in this alternative but followed through. He suggested the city could save money by offering a full board

review before any legal action is taken adding this would be a savings to the property owner and the city. He requested someone getting back to him to further discuss this issue.

P. Kearney – 23 Mountain View Road – referred to public comments made at last month's aldermanic meeting and the fact that in his opinion the speaker at the time provided a forum to slander individuals who have, over the years, provided services to the city. He questioned why these comments were allowed to be made and felt the incident demeaned the process of civil discourse. He added he has had conversation with the Board Chair and he noted by the comments made at this meeting prior to the public comment portion, have led him to feel the Chair understands the need for statements made at the podium to be civil and relating to matters this board has to deal with.

V. Pacelli, 361 Meadowside Road; E. Abbazia, 19 Columbia Drive; G. Wallberg, 34 Elgin Road – directed comments to Milford's Earth Day Project scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on 4/24/10 at Eisenhower Park and extended an invitation to the aldermen to the event.

R. Silver – 55 Governors Avenue – spoke as a representative of the SMART/PAYT Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and provided an update of the committee's work for the past six months. She explained how the SMART/PAYT program can benefit the city not only in recycling efforts but also would decrease Milford's tipping fees at the recycling centers. Further, she noted that in discussion with State Rep. Lambert, there is optimism about a bill making its way through the state legislature and based on that, the committee felt they would continue to explore the best options available so if that bill becomes law, Milford will be prepared to transition to a process that would increase recycling and reduce the amount of trash at each household.

State Rep. Barbara Lambert – 8 Breakneck Lane – explained the House Bill which passed the House last year but was delayed in the Senate would allow for increased recycling in a very easy way.

D. Guaglianone -73 Cooper Avenue – referred to comments made a last month's meeting which were about him personally and that he continues to receive slanderous messages/emails. Regarding the Cable Council, he stated there have been outright fabrications on their part and demonstration of mishandling of funds. He stated he has filed his report to DPUC for 251 broadcasts at \$49.80 average cost per broadcast and he provided comparisons to area communities cost for such broadcasts. In closing, he took the opportunity to wish the aldermen good luck in their upcoming budget deliberations.

C. Gagliardi – 8 Virginia Street – stated she was present to oppose the closing of Pt. Beach Fire house and felt the neighbors were not properly notified of this action which obviously has already taken place. She questioned if this is going to be good for the taxpayers and felt her coming to this meeting could be considered a waste of time.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – asked the aldermen to not raise taxes in this difficult time. He shared with the board a recent article about the taxpayers' right to know how their tax money is being spent.

B. Genovese – 19 Belmont Street – with regard to the Pt. Beach Fire House, she referred to previous speaker's comments, noting the city has one of the finest Fire Departments in the state and has always provided the best service. Further, she hoped there would be no bonding for a new fire house at this time.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 1, 2010.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.
None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman G. Smith stated that tonight's meeting is the first of six aldermanic meetings scheduled in April noting the remaining scheduled meetings are budget deliberation meetings. He thanked the Mayor, Board of Finance and the Board of Education for their hard work and budget recommendations and now it is time for the Board of Aldermen to make difficult decisions and a final judgment on the 2010-2011 budget. He noted that many families are struggling, seniors are not receiving cost of living adjustments this year and the public will have a chance to share their concerns with the aldermen on Thursday, 4/8 at the public hearing at City Hall.

Chairman G. Smith took the opportunity to congratulate Ald. and Mrs. Blake on the birth of their son, Carter Franklin Blake.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Richetelli stated he was submitting for the Board's consideration items 8a-g on the agenda well as the following items:

Mayor Richetelli took the opportunity to make the Board aware of the progress on the Kimball Report Implementation. He stated posting/advertisement for the position of permanent Director of Permitting & Land Use has been done and there has been considerable interest and many applications at this point. He added when the Board created this department, the Director's position was made an appointment by the Mayor. The deadline for applying for this position is 4/16/10 and at that time a committee will be formed to recommend 3-5 candidates to be interviewed. From that point Mayor Richetelli would be interviewing and subsequently making a recommendation to this Board hopefully having someone in place by 7/1/10.

Further, Mayor Richetelli stated that on 12/7/09 this Board gave approval to use the LOCEP Funds for Parsons renovations. He reported there is a design architect who is drawing up the bid specs and hopefully will be going out to bid shortly on this work. Updates will be provided to the aldermen as they are made available.

7. Unfinished Business: None

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

a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint the Certified Public Accounting firm, Blum Shapiro, 29 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06127, to perform audit services for the City of Milford for a period of three years with an option of an extension of an additional two years in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Milford.

Ald. Blake stated a few years ago the aldermen asked to authorize an independent accounting firm and each year the same firm is recommended. He stated that bringing in a new firm would be establishing new controls.

Mayor Richetelli explained the charter requires the Mayor to provide an accounting firm to perform audit services. He noted the previous contract was to this group, 5 years ago and they did go by another name at that time. Further, he explained a selection panel was formed which consisted of the Finance Director, Board of Finance Chair and a Board of Finance member. After spending many hours interviewing firms, this panel unanimously selected Blum Shapiro.

Ald. Bier recalled this question came up in the past when the aldermen were considering renewing this contract and it was explained though it is the same firm, the audit team would be made up of different staff members.

Ald. Joy added that regardless of the firm selected, they are all subject to the same accounting rules and regulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached System Agreement and the Statement of Work No. 2 between Verizon Select Services, Inc. and the City of Milford to purchase and install fiber optics and to authorize the Mayor and the Management Information Systems (MIS) Director to take all steps necessary to effectuate the agreement and complete the project.

Mayor Richetelli explained the information in the packets is self explanatory and he would be happy to answer any specific questions.

Ald. Blake asked if this is adopted, will it be possible to adjust some of the line items in the budget for the coming year.

Mayor Richetelli stated that is possible but he was unsure what amount those adjustments would be. He added there is considerable work to be done by AT & T prior to the installation by Verizon.

Ms. Laczak, MIS Coordinator was present and explained that immediate savings will be realized once the fiber optic work is complete. She added Verizon's work can take about 5-6 weeks and the initial savings will be on our T-1's which run approximately \$1,000 per month. She stated that cost will be taken away immediately and once the fiber is put in place there will also be a cost saving but all of this depends on how quickly AT & T can complete their portion of the work.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer #10 (Fiber Optic Project) in the amount of \$120,000. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Annual Milford Oyster Festival Reimbursement for City services.

Ald. Blake stated he has enjoyed 32 years of Oyster Festivals, noting the non profits who run the food courts make the Festival so successful. He referred to the rumors he had heard that if non profits will no longer be able to sell beer and will pull out with their other food court offerings and he was concerned about that happening. He noted that in the past the aldermen have expressed their concern about losing local flavor and some of the non profits.

Chairman G. Smith stated the matter before the aldermen is not to consider what will be sold but whether to accept the reimbursement plan to help offset the costs of the event.

Ald. Blake stated that in the past the aldermen have emphasized the fact that we did not want the non profits to go away. He recalled suggestions of entrance fees or parking fees to help offset costs.

Chairman G. Smith explained to Ald. Blake the motion before the Board at this time is not relative to what he was discussing.

Ald. Blake asked to be able to address the pay-back concept before the Board with the provision that the non profit be allowed to maintain their role.

Ald. Goodrich stated it was his understanding that the reason this came about was due to the fact that the money for services provided was cut from the budget but now the Committee is offering to pay the city pack for those city services. He added if anyone has any ideas to help the Committee pay for this, he was sure they would appreciate that help.

Ald. Vitali stated that in the past it was brought up that some pay-back in some way was being asked for. He stated he is supporting this resolution and would be voting for the Committee to be giving back to the city, as outlined, and he hoped his colleagues would also be supporting this.

Ald. Bier referred to the letter from the Committee which states "as requested by the Board of Aldermen, we are submitting our plan to you for the phase-in of payment for the city services related to the Annual Milford Oyster Festival." He stated he did not recall asking for this plan and asked for an explanation from the Committee representatives who were present.

Mr. Jay Pinto, Vice President of the Oyster Festival Committee explained that in May of 2008 there was a potential for the Oyster Festival to take on city costs that they did not incur before. He went on to say that in fall of 2008, it was explained to the city that the Festival could not handle that level of cost but we would offer a phase-in process and that was before the Board at this time.

Ald. Bier asked if the Committee had any conversation with non profits that have participated in the past and Mr. Pinto stated they have let them know of the changes and most of them have indicated that they will be participating and understand they will not be able to sell beer. Mr. Pinto added that the Committee has made the non profits aware this is what needs to be done ensure success of the Festival.

Chairman G. Smith felt it was fair to say that the Oyster Festival takes their responsibility very seriously and this proposal is a response to a previous Board of Aldermen request.

Ald. Veccharelli noted at the end of the event, the Committee would be reimbursing the city but he questioned if the Committee can carry their profits over to the following year.

It was explained sufficient funds are carried over to run two festivals for two consecutive years and any money over that is given to local charitable groups. As well, if the bank account is too high, the Committee makes capital contributions as they have done for Beth El, the Boys and Girls Village and the Senior Center.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he was happy the Committee is attempting to reimburse the city somewhat but he would like to see the non profit groups continue and he expressed concern about the non profits not being able to sell beer. He stated he would not like to see hiring of private vendors and hopes everything continues to work well as it has in the past.

Mr. Pinto added that other donations have been made to the Fire Dept., Health Dept., holiday baskets, Rape Crisis, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Animal Shelter, Milford Police Dept. Canine Unit and the high school post prom events.

Ald. Veccharelli stated the bottom line is all of the people in Milford are concerned about tax increases, it may someday become a fact that some of the donations made to other groups might have to be curtailed to offset festival expenses.

Mr. Pinto stated the Committee faces those decisions every year. He felt the proposal before the Board is the most prudent and would be an appropriate decision in order to continue the festival.

Chairman G. Smith thanked the Committee for the work that they do and also on behalf of the number of people who benefit from their donations.

Ald. Staneski stated the festival is the #1 tourist attraction and the largest attraction for non profits. She stated she applauds the Committee for the phase in plan and no matter how it came about, the plan brought forward is a plan to help phase in costs. This Board is charged with accepting the plan or not but to have any other decisions or conversation is something this Board should not be part of. She went on to say that by telling them what to do or advising them is not this Board's charge for this Committee or for any non profit and for this Board to have any further conversation is ill-advised.

Chairman G. Smith interjected that Ald. Staneski's comment were well said.

Ald. Blake noted the city spent over \$50,000 on services donated to the Oyster Festival Committee and he felt this Board has a responsibility to know where that money is spent. He recalled the only direction provided was that the Oyster Festival Committee comes up with some ideas as to offset the costs but not at the expense of the non profits. He stated the only other direction suggested by the previous Board of Aldermen is that the aldermen be given a detailed accounting of costs before budget deliberations begin so the aldermen know how the taxpayer's money is being spent. He felt we need to get that report before decisions on the budget are made.

Mayor Richetelli stated he has stayed out of this debate but could not remain quiet after Ald. Blake's comments. Further, over the years he has expressed his pleasure with this Committee. He explained the city does not donate anything to the Oyster Festival but it pays for city services which provide orderly and safe conduct in order to put on this great event. He stated there are 74 non profit groups that are able to raise awareness and funds and he didn't think this board is entitled to an accounting of non profit affairs. The Mayor added this group has come up with a financial plan that makes the Oyster Festival solvent and he did not think the municipal government should be getting involved in this operation which could impact the success of the event. Further, your taxpayer dollars are used to pay

for police officers, firemen, Health Dept. officials, sanitation staff and health inspectors and he urged the Board to act on the plan proposed.

Ald. Vitali asked to move the question.

Ald. Blake interjected pursuant to aldermanic rules, every aldermen who wants to speak on a matter should be allowed and those rules supersede Roberts Rules.

Ald. Vetro asked if the aldermen feel they do not want to go forward with this resolution, what might happen.

Mr. Pinto explained it this does not go forward, the festival will be a year to year event.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to amend the resolution stating whereas accountability and transparency is an important aspect of governmental findings, the Oyster Festival Committee shall submit to the Board of Aldermen, a detailed accounting which lists a line-item printout of all costs and expenses associated with the annual Milford Oyster Festival each year prior to the aldermanic budget deliberations.

Ald. P. Smith stated as a member of the Executive Board of the Oyster Festival Committee we, along with a number of organizations, are grant agencies of the city. She questioned whether that line by line detail report will be requested from every organization that receives any grants or funding from the city.

Ald. Vetro stated such a report is requested from the Borough of Woodmont.

Ald. P. Smith stated there are a series of grant agencies included in the budget and she questioned if they too are asked to provide this level of detail.

Ald. Vetro stated the aldermen have asked that of agencies in the past.

Chairman G. Smith stated the Oyster Festival Committee does not receive city funding but they receive city services. They are going to raise money and reimburse money back to the city to offset the cost of those services. He felt it is inappropriate to ask this group of volunteers to provide a line item accounting

Regarding the amended motion, the motion failed by roll call vote 10 no and 5 yes

No: Ald. Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Giannattasio, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, P. Staneski, R. Vitali

Yes: Ald. Blake, Hardiman, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro

Ald. Hardiman directed comment to the original motion noting the festival has been a wonderful event and as a non-profit vendor himself, he felt if the sale of beer was lost, it would be a big impact.

Mr. Pinto stated he did agree and this was not a solution that the Committee was happy with but is the best solution they could come up with.

Ald. Staneski stated she understands the deep-rooted feelings with respect to holding beer sales but she felt this Board is not in the position of dictating what this Festival does. She added they are

offering to reimburse the city and we can choose to accept or not accept but she felt with regard to beer sales that is not a debatable issue.

Ald. Staneski asked to move the question.

Chairman G. Smith recognized Ald. Patterson who had not had the opportunity to comment yet.

Ald. Patterson felt the burden will be placed on the taxpayers if this is approved and he stated he had a problem with the language in section 2 of the proposed resolution which caps the return at \$30,000 until 2018.

Ald. Patterson and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to delete the following portion of section 2 of the resolution: ...will be capped at \$30,000 per year but will be evaluated every five years by AMOF and the City of Milford beginning in 2018. He suggested replacing that as follows: Subsequent year's reimbursement will be evaluated as required annually by AMOF and the City of Milford beginning in 2018.

Ald. Goodrich asked how the Oyster Festival will pay for this.

Ald. Patterson stated they are taking over the beer sales and his concern is with capping the beer sales when it is not known what that will be in five years.

Chairman G. Smith stated the Oyster Festival brings in a lot of money to the city and he felt the cost to the taxpayers would be greater without the Oyster Festival Committee than with it. He expressed his hope that such actions would not be jeopardizing the future of the Oyster Festival.

Mr. Pinto explained by having that cap, it shows that the city recognizes there is a value to what the festival being here and that was the point of having a cap.

Ald. Veccharelli stated the motion boils down to dollars and cents and money is spent on paying for many different things the city has to offer. He referred to the Mayor's statement that the festival does not cost the city anything but he felt the city is paying for city services to support the festival so there is a cost. He added the board is trying to be transparent and he personally had learned a lot about the organization and what they contribute to through tonight's meeting. He felt this is really the beginning of the aldermen's' budget discussion.

Ald. Giannattasio asked Mr. Pinto to shed some light on other costs such as insurance.

Mr. Pinto explained insurance costs were increased approximately 20-25% in 2009 over what they were in prior years and that is an example of the type of curveball the committee is dealing with.

Ald. Giannattasio asked what is the cost for a non profit to carry insurance and he was told approximately \$52.

Ald. Blake stated the question here is why the Oyster Festival Committee is hesitant to provide the detailed accounting.

Mr. Pinto stated they would provide anything requested of them and Ald. Blake asked that they consider this a formal request of that accounting.

Mr. Pinto stated that will be provided if needed.

Mayor Richetelli felt this has become embarrassing as we have a 35 year history of a wonderful community event which has been well-managed and have come before the Board with a plan for long-term stability to the city. He added this group puts their time and energy into the event for 12 months of the year and some members of this Board are souring the good work these people do. Further, he stated it is known what the city spends on the services provided to ensure the safety and health of the people who come to the festival and if this amendment is to pass, we will have to hold every non profit event responsible in the same way. He stated this could dissuade volunteerism in the future.

On the amendment presented by Ald. Patterson, the amendment failed by roll call vote, 10 no, 5 yes.

No: Ald. Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Giannattasio, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, P. Staneski, R. Vitali
Yes: Ald. Blake, Hardiman, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Staneski made and seconded a motion to move the question and consider the original motion. By roll call vote, the original motion to approve a Resolution Re: Annual Milford Oyster Festival Reimbursement for City services carried by roll call vote, 10 yes and 5 no.

Yes: Ald. Bevan, Bier, German, Goodrich, Giannattasio, Joy, G. Smith, P. Smith, P. Staneski, R. Vitali
No: Ald. Blake, Hardiman, Patterson, Veccharelli, Vetro

Chairman G. Smith called a recess at 9:16 p.m. The Board reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

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

10. Budget Memo Transfers

a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer No. 9, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010 in the amount of \$2,634 from accounts listed into Contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer No. 10, Fund 10, FY 2009-2010 in the amount of \$10, 634 from Contingency into accounts listed.

Ald. Patterson noted this includes the cost for hybrid training and he asked if the city is going to move to getting hybrid vehicles.

Mayor Richetelli explained that is the intention but up until now the city fleet has been standardized.

Ald. Blake questioned the cost involved to cover hiring of a Pension Administrator.

Mr. O'Connell, Personnel Director, explained the city has a new Pension Administrator who, by Civil Service testing, came in as a Step 2 employee and that is why the request for additional funding is needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Goodrich made and seconded a motion to approve Refunds in the amount of \$15,799.73. 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 – Ald. Vitali reported the Claims Committee met earlier and considered the noted claim.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to favorably recommend consideration of employee Christopher Doyle (PPD Award) as discussed in accordance with the recommendation of the City Attorney and executive session of the Claims Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Rules Committee – no report.

f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

Chairman G. Smith noted the minutes of the following Committees can be found on the city's web-site or are available at the next meeting.

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. Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee – Ald. Blake reported that the Milford Academy Community Campus Bldg. Committee held their final meeting on 3/23/10 and therefore there will be no further reports from that committee.

- o. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- p. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.

- q. Human Services Commission – Ald. Vetro reported on behalf of Human Services Commission noting that \$641,730 had been awarded to Milford residents during the past winter for energy assistance. Further, the department distributed over 200 Easter baskets. He stated any resident looking to hire youth for odd jobs should contact Ms. Lisa Diamond-Graham, Director of the Human Services Dept.

- r. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- s. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) no report

Ald. Vetro shared with the Board that at the 3/8/10 Police Commission meeting, Chief Mello shared letters and correspondence commending various members of the Milford Police Dept. Staff.

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.

a. Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session re: Status Report re: Personnel matter and pending litigation – Cynthia Anger.

Chairman G. Smith stated the full Board along with the Mayor, City Attorney Smith and Consulting Attorneys Sgrignari and Tallberg would go into executive session.

Ald. Veccharelli noted there was a request to put on the agenda to investigate a matter and he asked if this is what this is about.

Ald. Blake stated he believed the request Ald. Veccharelli is referring to is to discuss the circumstances regarding the Assistant City Attorney dismissal and he questioned if the Mayor and the City Attorney should be included in this discussion.

Chairman G. Smith noted that all he had to go by was the letter from the five Democratic aldermen for this to be discussed.

Ald. Blake cited the specific language they wanted incorporated and the letter sent to the Chairman was not the agenda item as requested.

Mayor Richetelli explained that the aldermen know very specifically that matters of personnel and litigation are handled in executive session and this is not different than any other matters of personnel or litigation.

Ald. Blake stated the concerns of those who requested this matter be placed on the agenda are those who are invited into the session and he felt perhaps those invited in should not be present for the discussion.

Chairman G. Smith explained that the Board would be going in to executive session and at some point some of the people invited in will not remain.

The Board entered executive session at 9:38 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith reconvened the Board in public session at 10:38 p.m.

Chairman G. Smith stated during the executive session, a discussion took place on the agenda matter and all parties invited remained in the entire session. He added a request was made for further executive session discussion and that will be taken under advisement.

Ald. P. Smith and Ald. Vetro moved to adjourn at 10:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido
Acting Recording Secretary