

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2012**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone. 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
R. Dickman
G. Gasper
D. German
A. Giannattasio
R. Nunno
S. Shaw
F. Smith
P. Smith
G. Stanford
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor B. Blake
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
L. Stock, City Clerk
J. Berchem, City Attorney
L. Stock, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

B. Bier
J. Golden

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special proclamation.

Mayor Blake stated the best part of his job is the opportunity to recognize some of the talented folks that give back to this community. He called upon Dave Ulman of the Jonathan Law High School Interact Club and Ald. Greta Stanford, liaison to the club for a special proclamation. He also asked Mr. Steve Cartier, President of the Devon Rotary to join them at the podium. Mayor Blake went on to read the proclamation which recognized the Jonathan Law High School Interact Club for their numbers contributions to the community and recognized their advisor, Mr. Dave Ulman.

Mr. Ulman stated he was a teacher for 37 years and that he has been retired for 10 years. He asked each of the students present to state their name for the audience. He thanked them for the dedication and their hard work through the Interact Club.

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated the time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents, taxpayers, and electors may address the Board at this time. He stated the Board encourages speakers not to express derogatory, insensitive, or offensive

statements or to engage in personal attacks against individuals. He stated in order to allow everyone an opportunity to speak; he would ask that everyone limit their comments to three minutes.

M. Hedman – President Local 1566 – stated he wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Board for tabling the issue of the insurance until more research was done. He stated it worked out for every staying with Anthem and that he wanted to say thank you.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road - extended a Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's present and wished them a nice day with their families. He stated he was speaking tonight regarding East Shore Middle School and the bids that recently came in over budget. He stated nothing has been done at this school and that it was time. He asked the Board to do what was right for this school pointing out that monies had been expended for a new fire station, the former Milford Academy building, etc.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on April 2, 2012.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2012.

Chairman Vetro noted for the record that Ald. Gasper was present at the April 2, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously with the correction as noted above.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro stated the next budget deliberation session for the Board would be Thursday, May 17, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and reminded the Board that the date reserved for May 10, 2012 had been cancelled. He also wished all of the mothers everywhere a Happy Mother's Day. Chairman Vetro also reported the Milford Memorial Day Parade was coming up and that each alderman should have received an email as to the various activities for that day, including the wreath laying ceremony.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated like Chairman Vetro and Mr. Prisco, he too wished to extend all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. He also stated on April 18, 2012, the City completed its review for a possible switch of healthcare. He stated there was a lot of back and forth and that the city was able to get Anthem to revisit their proposal and they came back with an offer the City just could not refuse, noting a \$1.1 million dollar savings. He stated the tabled items should be removed under "Unfinished Business" and withdrawn from the agenda.

Mayor Blake also stated he would respectfully request the Board's consideration and action for items 8a-d on the agenda and that he along with the City Attorney and Finance Director would be happy to answer any questions that may come up..

7. Unfinished Business.

(Tabled Items 8h, 8i, 8j and 8k of the April 2, 2012 meeting)

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to remove items 8h, 8i, 8j and 8k from the table and to withdraw those items from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution Re: Establishment of Accounts Related to the Milford Public Library.

Ald. P. Smith asked for a history of where this came about, commenting the Resolution was vague and she wondered where it came from.

Mayor Blake stated this is something that has been discussed the 8 years he was an alderman. He stated it has been something he has discussed with the library director and this Board, who inquired of the library director during the recent budget deliberation session. He explained fees, fines, lost books, copying charges would go back to the library. He stated presently those monies go into the general fund.

Ald. P. Smith stated by doing this you were essentially taking monies from the general fund and giving the library budget an addition \$32,000. She stated the simple thing would be to adequately fund the library budget with an additional \$32,000.

Mayor Blake stated there has been concern over the years that the library has not been properly funded. He stated he has spoken with the library director and the feeling is if the aldermen approve this tonight it will enhance the library. He commented he has said it before that how our library is treated is how your municipality is measured.

Ald. P. Smith agreed on measures to properly treat the library, but stated it would be more transparent to fund the budget appropriately for Saturday hours, seasonal temporary and electronic line items. She also asked for clarification that if this matter were approved it would et up the account for FY13.

Mayor Blake stated upon adoption by the Board of Aldermen, the Resolution becomes effective.

Ald. Veccharelli acknowledged the presence of the library director, Jean Tsang and asked if she could come to the podium to answer questions. He commented replacing books is expensive, but with this Resolution you will enact eBooks very quickly and that they funds will also help keep the library open on Saturdays.

Ms. Tsang reminded the Board of Aldermen that hours for the library are voted on by the Library Board. She stated they took a vote they would be open based on what happens this evening.

Ald. Veccharelli asked if they would be open.

Ms. Tsang replied yes.

Ald. Giannattasio stated the Resolution does not spell out the needs at hand. He asked Ms. Tsang if she would be opposed if the Resolution were amended to spell it out.

Ms. Tsang stated there are also downloadable audio books, so it would depend on how the amendment is worded, so that they would not be restricted. She stated any change in the wording would need to be loose enough to include companies they are working with as well as electronic resources, seasonal temporary wages, etc. She stated seasonal temporary is really a misnomer. She went on to explain how the desk is covered as well as Saturday hours, vacation time, sick time, etc.

Mayor Blake stated what he was hearing Ms. Tsang say was that the monies should not be limited to Saturday hours and eBooks, but rather inclusive to other items as well.

Ald. Vitali asked if the fine is prorated if a book is lost.

Ms. Tsang explained they charge a replacement of the book.

Ald. Vitali asked how that fee is arrived at.

Ms. Tsang replied it is the list price, plus replacement fee.

Ald. Vitali asked if there is flexibility.

Ms. Tsang replied yes, but most times they pay the list price.

Ald. Anderson asked Ms. Tsang if she could stated the times of the library on Saturdays for the constituents.

Ms. Tsang stated they are closed July 4th weekend (Saturday before) and the Saturday from Oyster Festival weekend through Labor Day.

Ald. F. Smith commented procedurally this Resolution puts the money back in the Fund 76 account.

Mr. Erodici replied yes.

By roll call vote the motion carried 12 yes (Anderson, Dickman, Gasper, German, Giannattasio, Nunno, Shaw, F. Smith, Stanford, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (P. Smith).

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: Good Shepherd Day Care Center, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Mayor to sign five (5) consent to agreements with United Illuminating Company ("UI") and Constellation NewEnergy ("CNE") as follows: Consent to Assignment and Agreement, substituting CNE as a part to the United Illuminating Company Demand Resource Customer Agreement in place of UI for: 1) Housatonic Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1255 Oronoque Road; 2) Gulf Pond Pump Station, 138 Shadyside Lane; 3) West Avenue Pump Station, 590 West Avenue; 4) Beaverbrook Wastewater Treatment Facility, 75 Deerwood Avenue; and 5) Milford Police Station, 430 Boston Post Road.

Ald. German asked if this is a locked in rate for 5 years.

Mayor Blake stated the motion assigns an agreement that has already been approved for CNE to UI. He explained the concept arose out of need to make electricity and usage more reliable. He stated representatives from UI and CNE were present for any questions from the Board.

Mr. Mike Stein, UI introduced himself and Mr. Joe Gatgo from CNE to the Board. Mr. Stein stated this is a program UI has administered for a number of years. He went on to explain participation in the program. He stated payment is based on performance and kilowatt hours. He stated the only change to the contract is the provider.

Mr. Gatgo stated they are part of a national carrier. He went on to explain response and grids for their client base.

Ald. F. Smith asked if they could elaborate on the metering which is a tangible difference.

Mr. Gatgo explained how the load works. He also explained contributions are measured in real time.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer #15 (Hurricane Irene Emergency Reimbursement). 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:

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #10, Funds 10 & 12, FY 12. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #11, Funds 10 & 12, FY 12. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$5,937.19. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Suspense List in the amount of \$52,490.27. 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 – Ald. Shaw reported the Planning and Zoning Board released the new flood maps, which included the addresses impacted. She stated the complete list can be found on the City's web-site.

- 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.

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.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Nunno moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary