

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2012**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 4, 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. He recognized Chief LaVecchia and asked him to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
R. Dickman
G. Gasper
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
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 (vacation)
D. German

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special proclamation.

Mayor Blake stated Milford has many tremendous charitable organizations in the City, but tonight he wished to recognize the Devon Rotary Club. He called upon Ray Macaluso for a special presentation. He stated the Devon Rotary Club was chartered in 1966. He proceeded to read the proclamation declaring June 4, 2012 "Devon Rotary Day" in Milford.

Mr. Macaluso thanked the Mayor, adding it was a pleasure to be here tonight, along with a small contingency of their group. He went on to speak of the organization and the numerous scholarships they have given out over the years. He continued with an explanation of the organization's work. Mr. Macaluso recognized past President, Jim Maroney.

Mr. Maroney thanked the Mayor for the honor this evening. He stated this year's recipient of the Paul Austin Scholarship is Shelja Patel. Ms. Patel accepted her scholarship award. Mr. Maroney then recognized President-elect Steven Cartier.

Mr. Cartier stated he too wished to thank the Mayor on behalf of the members of the Devon Rotary 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. Gaynor – 60 Seventh Avenue – stated he wished to thank the members of the Board of Aldermen and the Library Board for making eBooks available to the residents of Milford. He stated he also wished to acknowledge and thank the Library Director, Jean Tsang for her hard work and dedication making the library a wonderful place. He stated he finds her as well as the staff helpful and friendly. He continued reading from a prepared statement. He stated the library is the pulse of Milford and recited a story about a neighbor who had lost his job and was attempting to find another. He stated it was because of the resources available at the library that this person was able to find a job. Mr. Gaynor also recognized a member of the library board, Connie Gaynor and thanked her for her hard work and service.

C. Hazard – 22 Nantrin Terrace – stated he was here tonight to speak about the upcoming Health, Wellness and Green Fair to be held on June 7, 2012 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. He stated this is the second annual event and they were hoping for another successful event.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – stated he has been a voter and taxpayer in Milford since 1965. He stated the Board has done well but they need to do better for the seniors. He stated seniors have a set pension and they don't get medical benefits. He also spoke personally about his recent extended stay in the hospital for 4 months. He spoke about the town of Trumbull where they have a sliding rebate for seniors. He continued on speaking about taxes and the possibility of moving toward inflation. He stated the Board needed to control the tax base because people are leaving Milford moving down South or out West. He asked the Board of Aldermen to watch out for the future and give the senior citizens the right to stay here.

J. Prisco – 11 Riverdale Road – stated he came before the Board about 7 months ago regarding much needed resurfacing of the basketball courts at Anderson Avenue. He stated the only thing that has been done at those courts is new nets. He stated the tennis courts are a problem as well. He stated another issue there is that people park their cars on the sidewalk. He stated there are cracks on the courts as well. He asked the aldermen to go down there and take a look. He stated the only alderman that has come down is Ald. Veccharelli, who he pointed out is not even an aldermen in the First District.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 7, 2012.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro wished all the Fathers present and those out in television land a Happy Father's Day and stated he hope their wishes would come true.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated he was respectfully asking the Board take action on items 8a-8g. Regarding items 8h and 8i, he stated they were still waiting for additional information and asked the Board to remove those two items. He also wished everyone well with the official start of summer.

7. Unfinished Business.

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the License Agreement between the city of Milford and the State of Connecticut Re: Department of Veteran Affairs.

Mayor Blake stated the City of Milford would be providing a space in Parsons for serving to obtain benefits. He explained this is something that was done decades ago and through the help of Rosa DeLauro the City was able to get two service officers. He reiterated this is just another way to serve are veterans.

Ald. Shaw thanked Mayor Blake and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Veterans Affairs for making this happen here in Milford. She stated they were located in West Haven, but the building was damaged. She stated this is a great addition for Milford.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the License Agreement between the City of Milford and the State of Connecticut Re: Department of Motor Vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Re: Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Programs - 2012.

Ald. Anderson stated he had a quest of Mr. Ivers. He stated there is a unique feature of this application is the City of Milford departmental request.

Mr. Ivers stated it is the tax credit contribution. He explained this year the City sought a few activities that may be worthwhile Re: Open Space. Mr. Ivers also stated there are some energy projects they have put in for regarding Wastewater. He pointed out it doesn't mean they will get the money.

Ald. Anderson stated the projects included a most welcome.

Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the City of Milford to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (now Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority “CEIFA”) for reimbursement of funds expended from the Energy Efficiency & Conversation Block Grant program and to authorize the Mayor and the Department of Economic and Community Development to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the receipt of said grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Memorandum of Understanding between the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) and the City of Milford Re: Sunshot Program.

Ald. Anderson referred to p. 2 of the agreement regarding the period of performance, which states 2/15/12-2/14/13. He had a technical question and wondered if the period of performance would be adjusted.

Mr. Ivers stated they would be working with draft documents. He stated the Department of Energy will have a say on the timeline of the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution Re: Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategy and Plan for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Ald. Anderson asked if a citizen’s advisory panel would be appointed.

Mr. Ivers explained the Milford Housing panel is a group to conduct two sessions.

Ald. Anderson stated this is the 38th year and there has been a steady decrease for Federal Grants.

Mr. Ivers stated the City’s entitlement was \$668,000 in 2001, which was the highest.

Motion carried unanimously.

8g. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the sale of certain delinquent tax and sewer use liens to a third party in accordance with the provisions of Sections 12-195h and 7-258 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the conditions as contained I the attached Request for Proposals. The minimum sales price shall be the full amount due the City. The Mayor, in consultation with the City Attorney, Finance Director, and/or the Tax Collector shall review the proposal and award the bid in accordance with the conditions as set forth in the aforementioned attached Request for Proposals. 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 #12, Funds 10 & 12, FY 12. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #13, Funds 10 & 12, FY 12. 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 \$5,133.54. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the Agenda and bring forward Item 14, Items 14a and 14b.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to re-order the Agenda and bring forward Item 14. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Ratification of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Professional Telecommunicators IAFF – Local 4260 (Fire Dispatchers).

14b. Consideration of Ratification of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Milford and Milford Police Union – Local 899, AFSCME Council 15 AFL-CIO.

Chairman Vetro stated those entering Executive Session for items 14a and 14b would be the full Board, Mayor, City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney and Personnel Director.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:39 p.m.

14a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve ratification of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Professional Telecommunicators IAFF – Local 4260 (Fire Dispatchers) in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to approve ratification of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Union – Local 899, AFSCME Council 15, AFL-CIO in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. F. Smith reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider two Ordinances. He reported both Ordinances were forwarded to the full Board with a favorable recommendation.

Ald. F. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation Of City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City Of Milford, Article II, Schedule H (Supervisor Records Room), Article II, Schedule K and Article III, Schedule U-2 (Director, Public Works. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. F. Smith and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending chapter 19, Conditions Of Employment And Benefits For City Officials And Employees In The Service Of The City of Milford, Article II, Public Safety Employees, Sections 19-13(c) and 19-13(d)(1). Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Chairman Vetro asked if any of the aldermen had a Report for any of the Special Committees.

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 – Ald. Vitali suggested this Board invite the chairman of the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee to a Board of Aldermen meeting to recap were the Committee is currently with regard to projects. He stated if necessary, he would make that request in the form of a motion.

Ald. Nunno agreed adding it was a great idea and that it would be a way to let the public know about the great things happening. He also noted the East Shore Middle School project was moving forward.

Mayor Blake stated he would invite Mr. Woods to the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen and that he would put it under his 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.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Vitali and Ald. Nunno moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary