

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
and PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 5, 2017**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2017. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

F. Smith, Chairman  
S. Shaw, Vice Chairman  
A. Giannattasio  
M. Casey  
B. Anderson

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
S. Fournier, Mayor's Assistant  
J. Berchem, City Attorney

Chairman Smith stated Ordinance Committee was meeting tonight to consider and take up two separate Ordinances in accordance with the notice that appeared in the New Haven Register on May 30, 2017.

1. An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 20, Street, Sidewalks and Public Places, Article I, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Milford (Bicycles).

**Speakers in favor**

B. Bevan - 23 Merlin Circle – Read the language from Section 20-12a. He stated state statute says you can ride a bicycle on a side walk. He asked the Board to consider removing that language from the proposed Ordinance.

H. Chodziutko - 14 Bernadine Road – stated she was in favor of this and would like to see it pass.

**Speakers opposed** – None.

2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Employment Conditions and Benefits, Article III, Unclassified Officials and Employees, Section 19-17 (B)(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Employee Benefits).

**Speakers in Favor** – None.

**Speakers Opposed** – None.

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 20, Sidewalks and Public Places, Article I, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Bicycles).

Ald. Casey asked about parking so that bicycles could not obstruct sidewalks. He asked if this is currently being addressed.

Captain Alexopolous commented this Ordinance would provide an officer with one more tool to address the bicycle issue. He also stated there is a Statute for obstruction of a sidewalk as well.

Ald. Shaw stated she had a few questions, but would reserve them for the full Board.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this Ordinance would help the officers with this problem.

Captain Alexopolous stated he believed it would and that Chief Mello and his department would support enforcing this Ordinance.

Chairman Smith asked about this new phenomenon and commented social media is a part of the problem.

Captain Alexopolous agreed it is part of the social media. He stated they are also working with the SRO's to ensure safety regarding the bicycle issue. He stated they are making every attempt to be vigilant and when they are able, to they reach out to parents. He also stated the department has issued violations. He went on to explain the juvenile diversion program.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about riding bicycles on sidewalks.

Captain Alexopolous referred Ald. Giannattasio to Section 14.

Attorney Berchem interjected and stated what he heard from the public hearing is that Ald. Bevan was requesting that bicycles not be allowed on sidewalks.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Employment Conditions and Benefits, Article III, Unclassified Officials and Employees, Section 19-17 (B)(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Employee Benefits).

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Speakers in favor - None

Speakers Opposed:

R. Vitali – 48 Founders Way - Applauded all who go on beyond their day and thanked all those directors that do so. He referenced the volunteer hours an alderman puts in. He spoke of choices concerning a job. He stated this Ordinance takes away a bargaining chip by just making an Ordinance. He also stated there are directors who are not mentioned in this Ordinance and that it discriminates against those. He reiterated these are days that should have been negotiated as part

of their contract. This is adding another week's vacation which is adding money to a budget which impacts our taxpayers.

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Ald. Shaw and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Employment Conditions and Benefits, Article III, Unclassified Officials and Employees, Section 19-17 (B)(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Employee Benefits).

Ald. Casey asked about the assistant city attorney noting they were stricken from the paragraph.

Attorney Berchem explained benefits are set by Ordinance, and that these employees do not have contracts, so they do not have that ability to negotiate. Attorney Berchem state the proposed Ordinance came up when the assistant city attorney went into a bargaining unit.

Mayor Blake added there were several other housekeeping items for this Ordinance, which included the title change for Personnel. He also pointed out this Ordinance adjusts the wages for those non-represented positions who do not have contracts. As to the speaker who mentioned some of the others not mentioned in this Ordinance, those positions such as Finance Director and Library Director follow another bargaining contract.

Ald. Anderson stated he wished to amend the motion by inserting "library director" after Permitting and Land Use Director. Ald. Shaw seconded the amendment.

By roll call vote, the amendment carried 3 yes (Smith, Shaw, Anderson) and 2 no (Casey, Giannattasio).

Chairman Smith commented regarding the addition of the library director.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he agreed with the points raised by Aldermen Vitali during public comment. Ald. Giannattasio questioned why the language was being characterized as vacation time. He stated it might be more beneficial to the taxpayers to revisit this in the future. He also asked where the monies would be coming from in the budget for the respective departments.

Mayor Blake explained there is no overtime with the Ordinance and there is no carry over. He stated it simply brings these positions into parity and mirrors the language of other bargaining contracts.

Ald. Anderson stated he would support forwarding the Ordinance to the full Board.

On the main motion, by roll call the, the motion carried 3 yes (Smith, Shaw, Anderson) and two no (Casey, Giannattasio).

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

The Ordinance Committee adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary