

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 3, 2009**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held a meeting and public session on Monday, August 3, 2009. Chairman Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. stating the meeting was being called in accordance with the City Charter and proceeded to read the public notice as it appeared in the New Haven Register on July 29, 2009.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

J. Patterson, Chairman  
J. Blacketter, Vice Chairman  
B. Blake (for N. Veccharelli)  
A. Giannattasio (6:08 p.m.)

Chairman Patterson stated Ald. Blake would be sitting in for Ald. Veccharelli until his arrival. He also stated item 3 on the agenda was being pulled from the agenda at the request of the City Historian.

Chairman Patterson opened the public session of the Ordinance Committee at 6:06 p.m. regarding the following Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance appropriating \$4,050,680 for Phase III additions, alterations and energy conservation improvements at Jonathan Law High School and authorizing the issuance of \$4,050,680 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Chairman Patterson stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.

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

Speakers in Favor - None.

Speakers Opposed – None.

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Sections 10-14 through 10-19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Creating Anti-Blight Ordinance).

Chairman Patterson stated he would entertain a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.

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

Speakers in Favor:

L. Giers – 50 Harvest Lane – stated the property at 21 Harvest Lane has been abandoned since 2005 and is bank owned. He stated he has attempted numerous times to contact someone at the bank but his attempts have been in vain. He stated he has also spoken with the City Attorney concerning this property. He stated he would like to request the City go in and clean up the property and charge the work to the bank.

Speakers Opposed – None.

Chairman Patterson declared the public session closed at 6:10 p.m.

Ald. Blacketter and Ald. Blake made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance appropriating \$4,050,680 for Phase III additions, alterations and energy conservation improvements at Jonathan Law High School and authorizing the issuance of \$4,050,680 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Motion carried 3 yes (Blake, Patterson, Blacketter) and 2 no (Giannattasio, Ditchkus).

Ald. Blacketter and Ald. Ditchkus made and seconded a motion to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Sections 10-14 through 10-19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Creating Anti-Blight Ordinance).

Ald. Blake stated he was forwarded a copy of the current proposal last Wednesday and the Friday before a separate proposal on behalf of the Economic Development Commission. He stated both proposals had comments that were good and that he would like the time to review both documents and cherry pick the best and combine them for one workable Ordinance. He stated he would like to recommend the Committee table this until next month when everyone would have had ample time to review. He also pointed out he forwarded this last week to the City Attorney and that the City Attorney then forwarded the proposal to the affected departments the Ordinance would affect.

Ald. Blake and Ald. Blacketter made and seconded a motion to table this item.

Ald. Ditchkus stated he would support tabling this item; however he had a quick question and asked the maker of the motion to temporary withdraw the motion to table.

Ald. Blake withdrew his motion to table. Ald. Blacketter withdrew her second.

Ald. Ditchkus referenced Sec. 10-19 Failure of Owner to Abate. He stated he was looking for clarification as to what this meant and if it was saying the anti blight officer would have the right to walk onto a property. He stated he would have a concern with that and was asking for clarification.

Attorney Smith explained the Ordinance as it was written would allow the anti blight officer the ability to come onto the property. He stated this would happen only upon the owner's failure to abate. He stated it would not be a surprise to the owner because the owner will have had plenty of notification.

Ald. Ditchkus asked if the anti blight officer would have the right prior to that notice to enter the property.

Attorney Smith responded the anti blight officer would have the authority to enter a property to see if there are any violations. He explained to the extent violations are found they owner would be noticed accordingly.

Ald. Blake renewed his motion to table this matter. Ald. Blacketter seconded the motion.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he felt the Ordinance is to the point and that he would vote against a motion to table this. He stated he felt this should be recommended to the full Board of Aldermen.

Ald. Blacketter stated she was looking forward to the opportunity to take full advantage of both proposals and that it was in the best interest of everyone to make sure they put the best language into the Ordinance. She stated the time would allow them to put forward the best of both of these documents which would assist the members of the community.

Ald. Patterson added they owe it to the citizens of Milford to look at it and have the best language forward.

The motion carried 4 yes (Blake, Patterson, Blacketter, Ditchkus) and 1 no (Giannattasio).

Being no further business, Ald. Ditchkus and Ald. Blacketter moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary