

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2012**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 6, 2012 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
D. German (7:41 p.m.)
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. Erodici, Finance Director
J. Berchem, City Attorney
L. Stock, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

B. Bier (vac.)
R. Dickman (vac.)
G. Gasper

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. Casey – 29 Lansdale Avenue – urged the board to support the bus stop by K-Mart, stating there was a great need for it. He pointed out those waiting for the bus at that stop currently use carriages to sit on.

A. Petrahai – 32 Orient Avenue – stated he has been a taxpayer and voter since 1965. He stated he is impressed with the look of the new firehouse. He asked if anyone knew what the number \$209.20 stood for. He stated it was the cost to replace the baseball bats recently stolen. He recalled back in the day they used their own bats and it didn't cost \$200.00. He also stated he would like to see the results of how the schools progressed under the new superintendent of schools with regard to recent testing.

K. Rose – State Representative stated she was addressing two issues tonight. First, she stated on the agenda tonight is a project she has been working on for 2 ½ years concerning the bus stop. She stated DOT has marked the area and the crosswalks have been put in. She stated the second issue concerned the communications tower

on Naugatuck Avenue, which she stated is in the backyard of a Roswell Street resident. She asked the Board to look at this from the city side of things.

M.L. Evans – 41 Lincoln Avenue – stated she moved her 6 years ago and was here tonight to address the communication tower which she stated is 100' and it up without any notice to the residents. She stated she spoke with the Mayor's Office as well as the Fire Department and Police Department and has gotten nowhere with regard to any explanation as to how this occurred without any notice, permits, etc. She stated everyone has been unresponsive and she is very upset. Ms. Evans stated she considered going to Channel 12 regarding the situation, but she doesn't even know what this 100' "thing" is. She questioned why it is there, what is it for, adding she has been unable to get any information from anyone and is very disappointed. She also expressed concern with her health risks and if she could be at risk for anything. She also questioned if there would be a microwave disk. She questioned if this is a done deal and if she would be able to get any information. She asked the Board who she should ask questions of and also wanted to know what else might be going up.

C. Martin – 14 Roswell Street – stated the tower is 63' from her foundation and noted Ald. F. Smith called this tower the Eiffel Tower. She also stated according to the City's Assessor, her property value will decrease 20%. Ms. Martin also stated this tower is not within standard distance, but because the town is exempt they were allowed to put this wherever they wanted. She stated she has also read these towers frequently catch fire and also it is like a big lightening rod. She also noted the blueprints call for a 2" microwave dish, which she stated comes with a number of health risks. She stated it is unconscionable for the City to put this up without consulting the homeowners, especially with all of the health and safety issues. Ms. Martin stated she issued a cease and desist order and was told she could not. She also stated she had a petition signed by her neighbors.

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

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

Ald. F. Smith stated he had a correction on p. 5, the last paragraph on the page, 2nd to last sentence should read "Ald. Smith stated he has *"pinuary"*, not petulant interest.

Motion carried unanimously with the change noted above.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Budget Deliberations Meetings held on April 5, 2012, April 9, 2012, April 12, 2012, April 23, 2012, April 24, 2012 and May 17, 2012.

Ald. Stanford stated she had not received all of the minutes therefore she would vote no if this moved forward.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Shaw moved to table approval of the Budget Deliberations Meetings until the September Board of Aldermen meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro stated he hoped everyone was enjoying the summer. He reminded everyone the Oyster Festival would be held on August 18, 2012.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated item 8b on the agenda seeks funding for a seasonal/temporary position for the Open Space/Natural Resource Agent. He went on to explain the number of open space properties in the City. He stated like any asset they want to make sure it is protected, but it comes at a cost. Mayor Blake stated over the course of the last week he had met with the City Attorney and his office has investigated whether monies could be used not only for acquisition but for maintenance. He stated the finding from the City Attorney is that maintenance is acceptable. Mayor Blake asked that this item be withdrawn and stated he would present another funding source at a future meeting. He also commented regarding a comment made during public session. With regard to the stolen baseball bats, he announced a company has replaced the bats for free, so there will be no cost to the city. He also stated with regard to test scores, AP, CAPT and CMT's, he stated the scores were released and Milford Public Schools is improving across the board. Mayor Blake also stated with regard to the radio tower he stated this is part of the radio project this Board approved in February 2010. He stated it will give the police and fire departments better coverage. He also pointed out this is a requirement that the police, fire and public works departments move to narrow banding. He stated the fire chief has offered to host a meeting for all neighboring property owners. Mayor Blake stated he was pleased to inform the Board of Aldermen that the City of Milford has, once again, been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He stated this is the highest form of recognition and acknowledged the work of Finance Director Erodici and his department. He stated this is a great accomplishment in his first year and that he is leading a prudent financial ship.

7. Unfinished Business.

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the License Agreement between the City of Milford and the Milford Transit District and to authorize the Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Withdrawn.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve the request to authorize the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Agent to sell unusable equipment as listed on an email memo from Public Works Garage Foreman, Corey Vena, dated June 29, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (R) Michael J. Moreno, 9 Sentinel Hill Road, 06460 (Local 899) as an alternate member to the Pension and Retirement Board, to fill the unexpired term of Robert E. Riordan (resigned). (Term to expire 12/31/12). 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. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #16, Funds 10 & 12, FY 12.

Ald. P. Smith asked if they were taking FY13 dollars to cover FY12 accounts.

Mr. Erodici explained these are FY12 funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #17, Funds 10 & 12, FY 12. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Nunno made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$7,351.35. 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.

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 – 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. Relative to Item 14 of the Agenda, “Executive Session”, I respectfully submit the following for your consideration and action.

Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any items 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.

None.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary