

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2018**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 6, 2018 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

E. Beatty
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk

Excused

B. Anderson

2. Public Statements

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. He asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit.

E. Vanchot – 858 New Haven Avenue – applauded the recent video depicting Milford and welcoming people to downtown Milford. He stated he was speaking tonight regarding an Ordinance on tonight's agenda. He asked the Board to evaluate the existing Ordinance without just making changes to it. He stated the Ordinance is simply counter intuitive.

D. Cotton – 60 Corona Drive – speaking in favor of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 14. He stated he likely has been a violator of this Ordinance at one time or another.

S. Cooper – Milford Performance Center – stated he was here tonight to provide the Board with an update referring the Board to the handout. He provided an overview of the events. He spoke about putting up signage a week or two prior to an event. He stated it would be a simple, temporary banner.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on July 2, 2018.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 2, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting. None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro reminded everyone the Oyster Festival is coming up on Saturday, August 18, 2018. He stated he recently attended a FOIA seminar and stated he wished to bring to the attention of the Board the proper wording when a matter is not acted on. He stated the wording in a motion is to "postpone."

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake wished everyone a Happy Summer commenting things typically slow down when you're in the throes of summer, but not in Milford when you are a shoreline town with so many activities and action.

Mayor Blake requested the Board's consideration regarding items 8a-8d and stated he would be happy to answer any questions. He stated he also wished to make the Board aware of two items:

(6a) Mayor Blake stated he wished to inform the Board that the Connecticut Preservation Council has listed the historic Milford Green, located between Broad Street and South Broad Street, on the State Register of Historic Places as of July 11, 2018. He stated Michele Kramer and members of the Milford Preservation Trust were present. He thanked her and so many other folks who have done so much, including Letty Malone.

(6b) Mayor Blake stated for informational purposes he would request the Board of Aldermen's courtesy and attention for a presentation and overview of Milford's Sustainable CT application and Partnership for Strong Communities data. He introduced Claire Kramer for a presentation.

Ald. German asked for a copy of the presentation.

Mayor Blake applauded the efforts of Ms. Kramer and thanked her for her work.

Ms. Kramer thanked Steve Johnson for his support in her endeavor.

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 Resolution RE: 2018 South Central Region Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Mayor Blake stated this is a 5-year plan that needs to be adopted by this Board which will allow the city to apply for various grants. He stated Bill Richards, Deputy Director of Emergency Management was present and Carl Amento, Executive Director of South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCROG).

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution RE: State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Memorandum of Agreement between the Workforce Alliance and the City of Milford for the 2018 State Summer Youth Employment Program and to authorize the Mayor and Director of Health to take all steps necessary to effectuate said Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request pursuant to CGS §8-24, (i) to authorize one or more providers to be selected by the Milford Board of Education, and said provider's affiliates, designees and/or assignees, to site, own, operate and maintain a solar array at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Live Oaks Elementary School, Meadowside Elementary School, Orange Avenue Elementary School and West Shore Middle School, (ii) to authorize the Milford Board of Education to take steps necessary to effectuate the installation and operation of such solar arrays, including, without limitation, granting access licenses for each of the schools and signing all documents (iii) to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to take all steps necessary on behalf of the City to assist the Board of Education to effectuate the installation and operation of such arrays, including signing all documents. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Resolution Re: Purchase of Service Contract ("POS") Between the City of Milford and the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood. 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

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #13 and #14, Fund 10, FY 18 and #1, and #2, Fund 10, FY 19.

11. Refunds

None.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Smith reported the Committee met earlier in the evening to consider two proposed Ordinance amendments and voted favorable to forward both to the full Board of Aldermen for action.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Revenue and Finance, Division 2, Purchasing Department Bidding Procedure, Section 2-93 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Authorization of Contracts). Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1. Generally, Section 14-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Parking of Trailers, Semi-Truck Trailers, Boats, Campers, Camp Trailers, Motor Homes, Commercial Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles and Non-Motorized Vehicles; Penalties for Violations).

Ald. Grant spoke regarding the gross weight, which was increased at the request of the police department. He stated there are some box trucks this would apply. He stated he wished to offer an amendment regarding the gross weight.

Ald. Grant and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to amend the motion to reduce the gross weight back to 10,000 and add language – exclude station wagons,

Ald. Beatty stated she has heard from constituents concern when these type of vehicle are parked on the street whether or not it is used for business

Ald. Grant cited the language from the City of Danbury. He also stated the police department would have the language.

Ald. Smith stated he understood the spirit of the amendment; however the reason the police department requested the increase in weight was so as not to include many types of private type vehicles. He stated a simple gross weight limit is something he could support.

Ald. Veccharelli stated there are a number of pickup type trucks that could fall into that weight category. He stated with regard to box truck, if a CDL license is needed it would fall into this category.

Ald. Grant stated trucks used for private use would not fall into this category. He cited several types of pickup trucks and their weights. He provided the numbers for box trucks with regard to their length, height and weight.

Chairman Vetro stated this Ordinance does not necessarily apply to U-Haul type vehicles.

By roll call vote, the amendment passed 9 yes (Fortunati, Gaynor, German, Giannattasio, Golden, Grant, Hardiman, Smith, Vitali) 5 no (Beatty, Sutton, Tranquilli, Veccharelli, Vetro).

Ald. Sutton stated he wished to offer an amendment to the original motion regarding parking that this Ordinance addresses. He stated sub-section (a) 5th line – after highway – in a city owned parking lot without authority of the Public Works Director. Ald. Beatty seconded the amendment.

Ald. Vitali suggested adding the Police Chief to the language. He stated there should be some connection to the police department so that enforcement could be addressed.

Ald. Beatty withdrew her second and Ald. Sutton withdrew his amendment.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Vitali made and seconded a motion to add the language in (a) as follows: “authorization of the Chief of Police.” Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro asked if there was any further discussion on the main motion.

Ald. Smith commented regarding the gentlemen who spoke during public speaking regarding recreational vehicles and enjoying the many amenities of the shoreline we would not want to discourage folks from coming to Milford to enjoy these activities.

Attorney Berchem stated this body can only put the action in the books and then it is in the hands of law enforcement to use his or her discretion when issuing a ticket.

Ald. Smith it is a legal matter and it would come down to the letter of the law.

Chairman Vetro commented many residents have jet skis, boats and don't have parking.

Ald. Veccharelli commented his concern is that Milford should be user friendly; perhaps there should be some lead way.

Ald. Vitali stated this Ordinance is simply for safety and being able to see the sightline. He stated it is for safety, for pedestrians and kids.

Ald. Smith agreed it is about safety and being able to see. He stated he had intended to propose an amendment but reiterated it is about safety.

Chairman Vetro commented every neighborhood is different.

Ald. Vitali stated safety is everywhere no matter the location of the neighborhood.

Ald. Veccharelli questioned the various type of plate markers, i.e. commercial, combination, and also the potential for liability.

Ald. Grant stated the language excluded pickup trucks.

Attorney Berchem explained the research that had been done concerning pickup trucks, commercial trucks, etc. He stated the definition could include length, height of a vehicle. He also commented regarding the liability component brought up by Ald. Veccharelli.

Ald. Giannattasio stated this was brought to the Ordinance Committee because of size, not necessarily weight. He stated he was in favor of the motion as amended.

Ald. Sutton stated after listening to his fellow Board members more study may be required. He read portions of the Ordinance and that there may be some enforcement concerns. He wondered if possibly the Board should consider postponement of a vote or refer this back to the Ordinance Committee.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Sutton made and seconded a motion to postpone any action. By roll call vote, the motion carried 6 no (Beatty, German, Golden, Grant, Hardiman, Smith) and 8 yes (Fortunati, Gaynor, Giannattasio, Sutton, Tranquilli, Veccharelli, Vetro, Vitali).

- 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 – 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. Hardiman reported he and Ald. Vitali have been touring each of the schools and all is moving along until you come to West Shore Middle School where the expansion and renovation is ongoing. He expressed concern of this school opening on time.
- 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.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – 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.

- 14a. (Tabled from July 2, 2018)
Consideration of settlement of:
The Milford Yacht Club v. City of Milford
RE: 131 Trumbull Avenue
- 14b. Consideration of settlement of Dancoffee, Inc. v. City of Milford
RE: 275 Boston Post Road
- 14c. Consideration of settlement of WP Properties, LLC v. City of Milford
RE: 185 Plains Road

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Blake, City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem and City Assessor, Dan Thomas.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:38 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of The Milford Yacht Club v. City of Milford, regarding 131 Trumbull Avenue, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session.

By roll call vote, the motion carried 13 yes (Beatty, Fortunati, Gaynor, German, Giannattasio, Golden, Grant, Hardiman, Smith, Sutton, Tranquilli, Vetro, Vitali) and 1 no (Veccharelli).

14(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of Dancoffee, Inc. v. City of Milford, RE: 275 Boston Post Road. Motion carried unanimously.

14(c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of WP Properties, LLC v. City of Milford, RE: 185 Plains Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary