

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

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:34 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
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 (7:52 p.m.)
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Assistant

Excused

B. Anderson
K. Fortunati

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for three special presentations.

Mayor Blake stated the teams here tonight have brought great pride and excitement to Milford, as well as a historic feat for Milford's 13 yr old Babe Ruth State Champions. He called upon the team to come forward and read the proclamation. Mayor Blake stated the second team to be recognized was the 12U Cal Ripkin, Jr. Major League - District Championship, which was a first for Milford. He called the team forward and read the proclamation. Finally, Mayor Blake called upon the 10U softball team to come forward. He stated this special group of girls represented Milford all the way to the semi-finals of the Eastern Regional, after winning the 10U sectionals and State title.

Chairman Vetro announced the Board would stand in recess to allow time for the chamber to clear. The Board recessed at 7:47 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 7:50 p.m.

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.

David Demet – 162 Monroe Street – stated he was here tonight to support the consideration of an Ordinance concerning truck parking on residential streets. He spoke about some of the conditions on the streets such as leaking fluids, in the area where he lives. He also spoke about a personal incident that occurred in his neighborhood. He continued reading from a prepared statement.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on August 6, 2018.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro announced the September 11th remembrance would take place next week at 8:46 am at a ceremony at the East Shore Fire Station, New Haven Avenue. He extended an invitation for all to attend.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated after a busy summer, everyone is beginning to ease back into the calendar year. Respectfully ask for consideration from the Board for items 8a-8e. He stated he also wished to make the Board aware of two items:

(6a) Mayor Blake stated was pleased to inform the Board the City has once again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He extended congratulations to Peter and his entire staff.

(6b) Mayor Blake requested the Board's courtesy and attention for a presentation of local resources and opportunities available through TEAM, Inc.

David and Rebecca from TEAM continued with a brief presentation.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of (D) Jessica Stram, 33 Railroad Avenue, 06460, as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill the present vacancy (term expiring 12/31/20). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Rohrig swore in Ms. Stram as a member of the Economic Development Commission.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board dated August 8, 2018, pursuant to CGS §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the lease of Room #130, and a fenced in playground area located in the Margaret Egan Center, 35 Matthew Street, Milford, to Milford Preschool, LLC, and to authorize the Recreation Director, City Attorney and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing of all documents to effectuate said Lease.

Ald. German asked the square footage and if the lease was transferable.

Mayor Blake explained the impetus behind this request is that there was a previous owner, so that is why the transfer of ownership is before your Board. He stated the square footage is 1,278 square feet.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the dollar amount.

Mayor Blake stated 15% of the gross revenue or \$15,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Agreement between the City of Milford and South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA) for permanent resurfacing pavement restoration in association with the RWA's Benneville Road capital project and to authorize the Public Works Director and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

8d. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Resolution RE: Request for Proposals for the Lease/Purchase of Certain Fire Department Equipment/Vehicles.

Mayor Blake stated this agreement is similar to an agreement this Board passed last month. He stated there is a Scribner's error in the Resolution. He referred the Board to p. 5 of the agreement and pointed out Christopher Saley, Director of Public Works, 83 Ford Street was in error and it should read: Doug Edo, Fire Chief, 72 New Haven Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the Resolution RE: Bid Waiver for Lease/Purchase of "Demo" Ambulance Transporting Units.

Ald. Giannattasio asked what prompted the bid waiver.

Mayor Blake explained it was his understanding a model came up that was significantly less expensive. He stated the demo model is available immediately, it has not been used in action, only as a model.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if it was being purchased at a lesser price.

Mayor Blake replied yes. He stated Assistant Chief Begley was present for additional questions.

Chief Begley explained the RFP for this apparatus went out about a year ago. He stated this demo became available at a sizeable savings. He stated it is a very competitive time for demos, and there would be a great savings. (\$242,000)

Ald. Smith asked if the timeframe had to do with this.

Chief Begley stated the cost savings was specific to a demo model that is available and ready.

Ald. Vitali asked the actual savings.

Chief Begley explained they were getting the truck for a 2017 model price. He stated he did not have the exact numbers. He also spoke of the tariffs that are coming.

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 #15 and #16, Fund 10 and Fund 12, FY 18. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$44,256.38. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Smith stated it was the determination of the leadership to postpone this item again this month and take it up at the October meeting.
- 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 – 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.
- 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. Consideration of settlement of:
Connecticut Self Storage of Connecticut, LLC. v. City of Milford
RE: 33 Schoolhouse Lane

- 14b. Consideration of settlement of:
The Connecticut Post Limited Partnership v. City of Milford
RE: 1201 Boston Post Road

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

Mayor Blake stated the City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem would also be joining them in Executive Session.

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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 8: 42 p.m.

14(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of Connecticut Self Storage of Connecticut, LLC v. City of Milford, regarding 33 Schoolhouse Lane, in accordance with the recommendations of the City Attorney and City Assessor, as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

14(b) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to authorize settlement in the matter of The Connecticut Post Limited Partnership v. City of Milford, RE: 1201 Boston Post Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro asked the Board to join him in a moment of silence to remember Jerry Wanosky who passed away last week. Chairman Vetro stated Jerry was a member of many Boards, including the Board of Education and Board of Aldermen.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary