

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2016**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:39 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

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
S. Shaw
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodict, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Excused

B. Bier

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special proclamation.

Mayor Blake welcomed Betsy Nilan from the Get in Touch Foundation, along with State Senator Gayle Slossberg. Mayor Blake recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness month. He proceeded to read a proclamation.

Ms. Nilan thanked Milford for embracing the program from the beginning. She stated she was proud to step into her mom's shoes and continue her work.

2. Public Statements

Chairman Vetro opened the meeting for public statements. He stated that public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. He stated the time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3)

minutes and asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit. He asked speakers not to make derogatory remarks or to engage the Board in conversation.

A. Berman - 77 Pelham Street - stated she is here on behalf of the Milford Recycling Task Force. She spoke regarding the new recycling program. She stressed the importance of not putting unacceptable items into the totes, especially plastic bags, packaging wraps, broken glass, etc. She continued reading from a prepared statement.

G. Slossberg, State Senator – stated she wished to provide the Board with a quick update from Hartford that would affect the budget here in Milford. She stated she was happy to share that an additional \$1.6 M dollars came to Milford which would help to keep taxes down. She stated as co-chair of the State Education Committee she had worked tirelessly allowing monies to come back to Milford. She also spoke about the monies that came to Milford to support Milford Hospital. She spoke of the numerous dollars in grant monies coming back to Milford which will help the shoreline. Regarding Silver Sands, she reported they continue to work to support funding, however currently there is none. Senator Slossberg also commented regarding initiatives for clean energy, supporting small businesses and more. She noted these are difficult times however she continues to help bring dollars back to Milford. She also spoke of the Sikorsky deal which will keep 8,000 jobs here in Milford. Senator Slossberg added her congratulations to Betsy Nilan and the work she has done to continue her mother's legacy.

K. Mortimer - 41 James Street – stated she came tonight to find out the decision regarding 32-34 James Street, where the house was recently demolished. She asked the Board to consider keeping the property as open space.

J. Russo - 40 James Street – stated she is interested in possibly subdividing the property so that she would have more of a buffer. She asked the Board to consider that suggestion.

J. Mortimer - 41 James Street - spoke regarding the density in that area. He stated the property is sorely needed as well as the need for parking in the area. He asked the Board to consider developing some of the space for parking.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on September 12, 2016.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting.

None

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro extended personal thanks to Betsy Nilan for coming here tonight. He also thanked Senator Slossberg for the update from Hartford.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake thanked the Board for considering items 8a-8g on the agenda. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions that arise during the course of the meeting .

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the appointment of Michael Catanuto (U), 287 Buckingham Avenue, 06460 (Local 424), as an alternate member of the Pension and Retirement Board, to fill the present vacancy (term expiring 12/31/18). Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Rohrig swore in Mr. Catanuto.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for the Memorandum of Understanding, Mutual Aid Surge Capacity and Public Health Preparedness between the Milford Health Department and West Haven Health Department and to authorize the Mayor and Health Director to take all steps necessary to effectuate said Memorandum of Understanding.

Ald. Bevan asked if there was a similar understanding with Orange.

Mayor Blake stated there was a similar agreement with Stratford.

Director Joseph stated there is a similar agreement with Stratford. She stated there is not one with Orange because they only have a part-time office.

Ald. Anderson stated he had a technical question, he asked the signing authority and if the document would be recorded.

Mayor Blake stated it is a Resolution of this Board and that the Board is authorizing the action.

Attorney Berchem stated the Resolution from this Board would confirm the action. He also spoke of the indemnification language.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the background of the agreement that was previously in place with Stratford and some of the shared resources.

Director Joseph stated in accordance with State statutes, in her absence someone is required to cover her. Also, in the event of an occurrence such as Storm Sandy, etc. coverage would be required.

Ald. Giannattasio asked what prompted the agreement with West Haven.

Director Joseph explained it provides Milford with additional backup.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the agreement automatically renews.

Mayor Blake read the language from the agreement which states it is in effect until one of the parties says otherwise.

Motion carried unanimously.

8c. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Agreement between the City of Milford and the Courth Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the paving and/or resurfacing of Ardmore Road and to authorize the Mayor and Public Works Director 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 authorizing the Mayor, City Attorney and Fire Department Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all related documents, to effectuate an agreement for the provision of Basic Life Support ambulance transportation assistance in conjunction with the Request for Qualification. Motion carried unanimously.

8e. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Letter of Intent between GreenPoint Energy, LLC and the City of Milford for the installation of a fuel cell application at the City's water treatment facility located at 75 Deerwood Avenue and to authorize the Mayor and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary to effectuate said Letter of Intent, including signing all documents necessary to implement the installation of such fuel cell application.

Ald. German asked additional details of the program and benefits to the City.

Mayor Blake stated the details are summed up in the aldermanic package. He stated Mr. Carbone was also present for additional information. Mayor Blake stated it is an investment in Milford's infrastructure and would be a savings to Milford.

Ald. German asked about any guarantees to the numbers and the timeframe of expected completion.

Director Saley stated they have been in discussions with several companies. The package in front of the alderman is guaranteed funds for the city which will help with capital improvement plans. He stated essentially they were purchasing energy and that it was a win win for the city.

Ald. Veccharelli thanked Director Saley and the Mayor for working this agreement through and seeing it come to fruition and that it would be an incredible savings to the city. He stated he looked forward to the Housatonic Treatment Plant being a part of this.

Director Saley noted this is not the first time the city has worked with Mr. Carbone's company. He stated he worked with GreenPoint Energy, LLC with the Parsons Government Center project, and other projects. In addition, they have worked with the Board of Education.

Ald. Giannattasio asked about the energy being generated and whether it would stay in the city or if some of it would be sold.

Director Saley deferred to Mr. Carbone for his response.

Mr. Carbone stated the intent is to provide electricity which will be piped into the grid. He provided the details of program and the benefits of the host facility.

Ald. Giannattasio stated for clarification that this was simply the application process the Board was approving tonight.

Mayor Blake responded yes.

Ald. German asked what other projects in Connecticut have been successful.

Mr. Carbone stated it is relatively new. He stated there have been a few projects, such as the Amity School District which is coming on line now.

Ald. Grant asked if this would be using 100% of the fuel sites or if they would be purchasing power as well.

Mr. Carbone explained what the fuel cells would produce.

Mayor Blake stated the actual power generated from the fuel cell goes back to the grid and that Milford would receive credit for the power generated from the fuel cell.

Motion carried unanimously.

8f. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the request authorizing the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all related documents, to effectuate an agreement between GreenPoint Energy, LLC and the City of Milford for the installation and operation of a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) generator at the City's water treatment facility located at 75 Deerwood Avenue.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he wished to be clear this was the same concept but a different fuel cell.

Director Saley clarified there is a fixed cost, however once the project is up and running there is the potential for a greater savings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blake suggested the Board take up re-ordering the agenda to bring forward item 14a.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item 14a. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Chairman Vetro announced those going into Executive Session would be the full Board, City Attorney, Ray Macaluso, Westcott and Mapes and Attorney J. D'Onofrio.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Anderson made and seconded a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the meeting in public session at 9:16 p.m.

8g. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request for Allocation Transfer No. 2 – (Indian River Interceptor Replacement). 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

None.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$44,174.40. 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.

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 Commission – 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 – Ald. Smith mentioned the unveiling of the WPA mural. He also reported the Friends of the Library, an invaluable resource to the library, would be having a dinner dance on October 22, 2016 at the library. He stated it is a very worthwhile event.

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.

t. Liaison – Police Department – no report.

u. Liaison – Fire Department – no report.

Ald. Vitali reported the United Way Annual Campaign kicked off tonight, hosted by Heidi Voight. He also reported Subway gave a \$50,000 gift to start off their campaign.

There being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary