

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 4, 2020**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020 via video / teleconference Zoom meeting. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30 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  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden  
J. Grant  
M. Hardiman  
G. Harla  
M. Parente  
F. Smith  
A. Sutton  
J. Tranquilli  
N. Sutton  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali  
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
J. Berchem, City Attorney  
P. Erodicti, Finance Director  
K. Fortunati, City Clerk  
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen. He reviewed how the meeting will be conducted via Zoom and guidelines to be followed. He further stated a recording of the meeting will be available on the City's website.

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.

None.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on April 6, 2020.

Chairman Vetro noted the minutes from March 3, 2020, should be corrected to reflect Item 3, Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on February 3, 2020.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 6, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro wished everyone a safe and health Spring. He reminded everyone of the importance of wearing face masks and social distancing.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated operations are going full strength. He stated all employees are going above and beyond while remaining safe. Mayor Blake stated he issued an executive order with revisions to outdoor facility and use restrictions. He stated that for the time being the beaches will be limited to City residents only similar to what other shoreline municipalities have done to promote safe social distancing and parking areas on streets near the beaches have also been designated as resident parking only. Mayor Blake stated the Reopen Milford Advisory Group was established with Julie Nash, Community Development Director, Deepa Joseph, Health Director and Pam Staneski, Chamber of Commerce Director leading the group on the mission to reopen Milford's economy in safe manner. Julie Nash stated the group collaborated last week with Mayors Office and leaders for the various Milford industries. She stated the goal of the group is to focus on the needs of Milford's businesses. Ms. Nash further stated that many businesses have pivoted in how they operate during the pandemic and continue to work.. She provided a brief summary of the different business sectors and how they are impacted. Ms. Nash stated the first meeting is tomorrow at Noon and invited all to attend. Ald. Vitali asked if the recent executive order was part of the focus group. Mayor Blake stated it was from discussions with the Police Chief and Health Director. He further stated that that advisory group is to reopen Milford's industry. Ald. Vitali asked if advance notice of reopening per the executive order was provided. Mayor Blake stated he spoke with members of the Golf Commission last week. Ald. Vitali asked about aldermen representation on the Reopen Milford Advisory Group. Ms. Nash stated are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve a Facilities Use Agreement between Yale University and he City of Milford and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Parente asked Mayor Blake to explain the agreement. Mayor Blake stated the agreement is similar to the agreement approved last month with UNH. He stated the difference between the agreements is UNH is housing first responders who have been exposed to Covid-19 and are isolating and Yale is for first responders who have tested negative and are quarantined.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve an Agreement between the Milford Board of Education, City of Milford and Dr. Andrew Carlson and to authorize the Mayor, Director of Health and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the stipend has increased or remains the same. Mayor Blake stated it is the same as the prior agreement. He further stated the contract is identical to the contract previously approved by the Board. Ald. Willis asked if the City pay half of the stipend and the Board of Education pays the other half. Mayor Blake stated that is correct that Dr. Carlson is both the community and school medical advisor.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution confirming Commitment and Participation in a Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the Regional Water Authority has increased the cost to the City. Mayor Blake stated it adjusts a little each year. He stated it is around \$55,000 to \$65,000 and is based on usage. Ald. Giannattasio asked if there is a cost to Milford residents who use the facility. Mayor Blake stated there is no cost to Milford residents. He also stated that once a year collection of hazardous waste is offered at Public Works.

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. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$175,132.63. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. F. Smith reported the Ordinance Committee met earlier in the evening to consider one ordinance and voted to forward to the full Board with a favorable recommendation.

12a-1. Ald. F. Smith and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.1, Pension Plan for City Employees, Article I, In General, Section 17.1-5, of the City of Milford Code of Ordinances (Employees to Whom this Chapter does not Apply). Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Gaynor and Ald. Sutton made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary