

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. 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

C. Gaynor
A. Giannattasio
G. Harla
S. Marlow
M. Parente
F. Smith
W. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

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

Excused

E. Beatty
M. Hardiman
J. Golden

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.

Susan Brown, 43 Village Road, read from a prepared statement. She stated she was speaking on behalf of All in for Milford regarding making Milford a better place where everyone can have a voice. Ms. Brown spoke about the American Rescue Plan its implementation and reporting.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on August 2, 2021.

Ald. Sutton and Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

None

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro stated he was impressed with the Porchfest held this past weekend and it was enjoyed by all those who attended.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Blake echoed Chairman Blake's comments. He stated that approximately 100 bands played across town. Mayor Blake stated he was respectfully asking for the Board's consideration of item 8a. Ald. Vitali asked if an area had been designated for the consumption of cannabis. Mayor Blake stated prior to October 1, based on consultation with the Board of Aldermen, 0 Roses Mill Road had been selected and signage has been installed. Ald. Vitali asked if the site would need any modifications. Mayor Blake stated the legislation does not require any improvements. He further stated that there is adequate lighting and signages in the area.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve pursuant to CGS §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes and subject to a favorable recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board for the acceptance of a deed in lieu of taxes for acquisition of 0 Northmoor Road (Map 39, Block 613B, Parcel 27), 0 Eastmoor Road (Map 39, Block 613B, Parcel 27A), 0 Northmoor Road (Map 39, Block 613B, Parcel 27B), 0 Oakdale Avenue (Map 39, Parcel 613B, Parcel 27D) and 0 Northmoor Road (Map 39, Parcel 613, Parcel 4F) and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary to effectuate said acquisition, including signing all documents.

Mayor Blake stated Attorney Michael Kerin reached out requesting to donate the parcels to the City for open space. He further stated the parcels in question are adjacent to City-owned open space parcels. Ald. Vitali asked if the parcels would require maintenance. Mayor Blake stated it is mostly wetlands. Jeremy Grant, Open Space and Natural Resource Manager, stated the parcels will not require maintenance and do not abut any residential properties. He stated the properties abut paper streets and natural inland/wetland open space and will be left in its natural state. Mr. Grant stated the parcels are enclosed and will connect already existing open space areas. Ald. Giannattasio asked if there had been any discussion with Morningside for potential use of area to be use for gatherings and such. Mayor Blake stated this will be City open space

for passive recreation. He further state, if appropriate, benches may be beneficial. Mayor Blake noted that Morningside has a parkette nearby and this could possibly be one more although there are significant wetlands on the sites. He further stated there are not plans to remove trees although hikers may wish to establish walking paths. Ald. Giannattasio stated this is a generous donation. He asked if all owners in Morningside were notified. Mayor Blake stated there is not a statutory requirement for notification. He further commented that the parcels in question are interior and abut City-owned open space parcels.

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.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None.

11. Refunds

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$43,070.08. 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 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. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Veterans Ceremony & Parade Commission – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fine Arts – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Liaison - Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Liaison - Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.

- n. Liaison Board of Health – no report.
- o. Liaison – Human Services Commission – no report.
- p. Liaison Sub-Committee - Pension & Retirement Board – no report
- q. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- r. Liaison – Economic Development Commission – no report.
- s. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Arts Council – no report.
- t. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Progress, Inc.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee

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.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary