

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held a meeting on Monday, October 6, 2020 via video / teleconference Zoom meeting. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Grant
G. Harla
M. Parente
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Sutton
P. Vetro
W. Willis

Also Present

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

Excused

J. Golden
M. Hardiman
R. Vitali

Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the Board of Aldermen regular meeting. 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.

Chairman Vetro stated a letter received from William "Skip" Thomson-Ziebell was provided to the Aldermen and is available on the City's website.

John Profetto, 48 Carrington Avenue, stated he is employed at Platt Technical High School where his son also attend as part of the culinary program. Mr. Profetto commented on the construction of a

new high school and its impact on the athletic fields. He further commented concerning the relationship between the City and Platt Tech and their use of one another's athletic fields.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on September 14, 2020.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro congratulated the winners of the Best of Milford contest. He stated this is its inaugural year and there are several winners and thanked Pam Staneski and Pam Cahill on their work on putting together this event. Chairman Vetro reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake asked the Board for their consideration and action on items 8a through 8b. He further stated the agenda had been prepared it had come to his attention that FEMA does not require legislative approval of the Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement that is the subject of item 8b. Mayor Blake advised that Chairman Vetro could withdraw this item from the agenda should he wish to do so.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to pursuant to Article II, Section 16(7) of the Charter of the City of Milford, Board of Aldermen approval is requested for the appointment of (D) Marc Zahariades, 78 Harborside Drive, 06460, to complete the unexpired term of Brett Broesder on the Planning and Zoning Board representing the Fifth District. Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve a Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement for removal of storm debris and to authorize the Mayor, Public Works Director and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the City will use the preferred FEMA vendor or hire another contractor to perform the work. Mayor Blake stated the MBU stems from storm cleanup from Tropical Storm Isaias. He stated there are still a lot of trees down within City open spaces. Mayor Blake commented the Public Works responded and provided cleanup to make streets safe. He stated that if FEMA

approves reimbursement the City will move forward with hiring the vendor on the state portal and if reimbursement is not approved the work will continue to be done in-house. Mayor Blake stated that due to the volume of destruction the Governor has requested FEMA assistance and if approved by FEMA the City will be ready to contract with the vendor.

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

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Refunds in the amount of \$40,156.95. 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.


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 recognized Ald. Grant. Ald. Grant stated this would be his final Board meeting as he has accepted a position with the City as the Open Space & Sustainability Agent. He stated it has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Aldermen and looks forward to continuing to work with them in his new position. Ald. F. Smith congratulated Ald. Grant on his new position. He further stated that Walnut Beach will be holding its annual holiday gala at the end of this year and information may be found on the Walnut Beach website. Ald. Giannattasio congratulated Ald. Grant on his new position and thanked him for his service to the Board of Aldermen.

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

The Board adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary