BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, 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

M. Arciuolo

E. Beatty

M. Casey

D. German

A. Giannattasio

S. Marlow

J. Moffitt

H. Mulrenan

M. Parente

P. Vetro

R. Vitali

W. Willis

Excused:

B. Broesder

G Harla

R. Pacelli

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake

J. Berchem, City Attorney

K. Fortunati, City Clerk

J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

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.

Jeanne Cavallaro, 109 Seemans Lane, Unit 25, stated she emailed information to each Alderman concerning the garbage reimbursement. She asked that the ordinance be reviewed as costs are increasing. Ms. Cavallaro stated condo owners are taxpayers just as single family property owners.

Mike Ryan, 12 Naugatuck Avenue, Unit 8, echoed comments of Ms. Cavallaro concerning the trash rebate. He stated prices are going up and assistance is much appreciated.

Georgeann Quiqley, 1060 New Haven Avenue, Unit 23, discussed the budget for Colonial Manor Condominiums and the impact of rubbish removal..

Susan Brunelle, 330 Merwin Avenue, Unit 2F, discussed the pond behind Precious Blood Parish causing flooding issues in basements.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on October 3, 2022.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro thanked all the residents and Aldermen that attend the Veterans Day Parade.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Blake wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He stated there is much anticipation for the Foran/Law football game on Thanksgiving Day. Mayor Blake thanked the City Clerk and Registrar of Voters for all their hard work on the election. He congratulated all on their success in the election. Mayor Blake requested the Board's action on item 8a.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

- 8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a)
- (8a) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to appointment of (U) Kevin Cook, 77 Thompson St, 06460 as a member of the Economic Development Commission to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. New Business not on the Agenda that may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

Ald Giannattasio and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to add a new agenda item for an update on 701 North Street.

Mayor Blake stated he would be happy to provide an update during liaison reports later in the agenda. Ald. Giannattasio asked purpose of moving to Liaison or Standing Committee reports.

Mayor Blake stated the request is better suited under liaison reports as Item 9 is for action items. Ald. Giannattasio agreed to move the request for a report to Public Works Committee report portion of the agenda.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

None.

- 11. Refunds
- 11a. Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$63,102.32. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11b. Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the suspense list in the amount of \$328,067.57. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to reorder the agenda to bring item no. 14 forward.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to reorder the agenda to bring item no. 14, executive session forward. 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.
- (14a) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and United Public Service Employees Union, Local 424 – Unit 96, Milford Public Works Employees, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.
- (14b) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 3322, Council 4, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.
- (14c) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Union, LLC, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- (14d) Consideration of settlement of Par Armory, LLC v. City of Milford re: "0" Helwig Street and 40 Armory Square.
- (14e) Consideration of settlement of Par Brook, LLC v. City of Milford re: 158 Cherry Street.
- (14f) Consideration of settlement of Par Crest, LLC v. City of Milford re: 79-83 Noble Avenue.
- (14g) Consideration of settlement of Par Wharf, LLC v. City of Milford re: 35 Factory Lane.
- (14h) Consideration of settlement of Rehold Milford, LLC re: 1360 Boston Post Road.

- (14i) Consideration of settlement of The Stop & Shop Supermarket v. City of Milford re: 851 Bridgeport Avenue and 855 Bridgeport Avenue.
- (14j) Consideration of settlement of Walgreen Eastern Co., Inc. re: 1083 Boston Post Road.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to enter into executive session.

Ald. Vetro and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session for items 14(a) through 14(j) would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor, City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem, and Assistant City Attorney, Debra Kelly.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion reconvene in regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and United Public Service Employees Union, Local 424 – Unit 96, Milford Public Works Employees, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 3322, Council 4, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Union, LLC, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Par Armory, LLC v. City of Milford re: "0" Helwig Street and 40 Armory Square, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Par Brook, LLC v. City of Milford re: 158 Cherry Street, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Par Crest, LLC v. City of Milford re: 79-83 Noble Avenue, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Par Wharf, LLC v. City of Milford re: 35 Factory Lane, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Rehold Milford, LLC re: 1360 Boston Post Road, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of The Stop & Shop Supermarket v. City of Milford re: 851 Bridgeport Avenue and 855 Bridgeport Avenue, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Walgreen Eastern Co., Inc. re: 1083 Boston Post Road, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Report of Standing Committees
- a. Ordinance Committee –

Ald. Parente stated the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and voted to forward ordinances 12a-1, 12a-2, 12a-3 and 12a-4 to the full Board for consideration.

12a-1 Ald. Parente and Ald. Willis made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-2 Ald. Parente and Ald. Willis made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford, Article II, Public Safety Employees, Schedule K. Motion carried unanimously.

12a-3 Ald. Parente and Ald. Willis made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford (Mayor, City Clerk). Motion carried unanimously.

12a-4 Ald. Parente and Ald. Willis made and seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford (Registrars). Motion carried unanimously.

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – none.

c. Public Works Committee –

Mayor Blake provided an update on the 701 North Street. He stated the project falls within the Wepawaug recreation corridor which includes Eisenhower Park and the Orchards Golf Course. He stated resources have been put into the recreation area, which included the purchase of 701 North Street. Mayor Blake discussed arts and entertainment projects at Eisenhower Park and 701 North Street which will provide indoor space. Mayor Blake stated it will more than a year to complete the projects and both projects are grant funded. Ald. Vitali inquired as to how the amount spent on the project at 701 North Street to date. Mayor Blake discussed work that has been completed to date, including the preservation of beech trees, farmhouse and barn located on the property which included remediation efforts. Mayor Blake stated the project is currently in the design phase and approximately that \$200,000 has been spent to date. He stated the anticipated total cost is \$2.5 to \$3 million which is grant funded. Ald. Giannattasio asked that sketches and drawings of the planned work be provided for review when available. Ald. Parente asked for specific information concerning the grants. Mayor Blake stated the City obtained grants-in-aid through OPM amounting to approximately \$2.5 million.

- d. 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.
- I. 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. no report.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee Fire Commission no report.
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee Police Commission no report.
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee no report.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Jo Weeks

Recording Secretary