

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:05 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  
B. Broesder  
M. Casey  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
G. Harla  
S. Marlow  
J. Moffitt  
R. Pacelli  
M. Parente  
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:**

M. Hardiman

**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.

Alex Yaworowski, 223 Broad Street, state he represents the Jobs Network at the Margaret Egan Center. He voiced concerns with the lack of heat at the Margaret Egan Center and the inability of the custodian on duty to make adjustments.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 4, 2021.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 4, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 16, 2021.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting held on November 16, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. Ald. Vitali stated he had concern with the recently appointed Personnel Committee and did not believe the appointment followed the Board Rules. He asked Chairman Vetro if this should be brought up under this item or new business. Chairman Vetro stated it will be addressed under Standing Committees.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Blake wished all a happy and healthy holiday season. He hopes everyone is enjoying the various events happening around the city. Mayor Blake stated he was respectfully asking for the Board's consideration of items 8a and 8b.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

8a. Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement between Axon and the Milford Police Department and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Chief of Police to take all steps necessary, including the signing of all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio stated he is familiar with the Axon agreement, but he does not see a cost factor. Chief Mello stated the agreement provides for a 5-year plan and the services are currently provided by only 3 vendors. He stated the new agreement provides for hardware, software, cloud data storage and such. Chief Mello stated the pricing is split over 5 years with the first year being \$225,000 and the subsequent years \$268,000 each. He provided an overview of the services provided by Axon and discussed the amount of time currently spent by department personnel on cataloging and managing data. Chief Mello stated the Police Accountability legislation requires all officers to wear body worn cameras. Ald. Giannattasio state he agrees with the contract. He asked if there is discussion for regionalization in the hope of keeping vendor costs down. Chief Mello stated there is discussion as it is all part of the accountability legislation. Ald. Vitali asked how long data is stored. Chief Mello stated data is stored for 90 days unless it is evidentiary data and then each has its own storage requirements. Ald. Vitali asked who informs the vendor as to how long data is stored. Chief Mello stated it is based on a catalogue code with each code type having storage requirements assigned to

it. Ald. Parente asked how the vendor uses the data and what happens if the agreement is terminated. Chief Mello stated the police department owns the data. Ald. Moffitt asked if the vendor could send data to third parties. Chief Mello stated there is the ability to share the data with others as designated by the department.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the CPower Master Services Agreement and ISO-NE Addendum for On-Peak Demand Resources between Enerwise Global Technologies, LLC d/b/a CPower and the City of Milford and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary, including the signing of all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked the Mayor to provide background information. Mayor Blake stated the Microgrid system has been a long time coming. He discussed the grant received to building a resiliency system. Mayor Blake stated the 400kw generator is part of the system. He stated the program is now up and running and the City can enter into agreements for peak demands. He stated the agreement before the Board will provide rebates of approximately \$95,000 over 10 years. Steve Johnson, Assistant Public works Director, provided an overview of the system and what buildings it services. He stated the agreement with CPower is a rebate program for distributed energy. Ald. Giannattasio asked what are considered Peak hours. Mr. Johnson stated during weekdays January to Mark peak hours are 5 to 7 p.m. and weekdays June to August 1 to 5 p.m. He further stated that consumption during peak hours determines the benefits received from the program. Ald. German asked if the Microgrid is just starting or has been in operation. Mr. Johnson stated the build out happened in various stages and final approval to operate was recently received from DEEP. Mr. Johnson stated currently in the final weeks of the project closeout. Ald. German asked if all buildings involved are now running off the microgrid. Mr. Johnson stated they are except during scheduled maintenance. Ald. Marlow asked what the costs are associated with the program. Mr. Johnson it's a percentage of savings and therefore the costs are minimal. Ald. Marlow asked if CPower toured the buildings, assessed and made recommendations. Mr. Johnson stated they did meet and the agreement is based on the visit and data provided. Ald. Vitali asked if we sell energy in the Winter and purchase in the Summer is worth it and advantageous. Mr. Johnson stated there is a financial benefit to the City. Ald. Vitali asked if the City is paying anything. Mr. Johnson stated very little. He further stated there are maintenance expenses. Ald. Arciuolo asked when the microgrid was installed. Mr. Johnson stated agreements were in place in 2013 with the install starting in 2020. Ald. Arciuolo asked the anticipated lifespan. Mr. Johnson stated the system is based on a 20 year lifespan. Ald. German asked of the system can be powered by solar. Mr. Johnson stated there is a solar component to the microgrid and should we install solar it could be connected.

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

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve budget memo transfers #1 and #2, Fund 1005 and 2812, FY 22.

Ald. Giannattasio asked Peter Erodici, Finance Director, to explain the transfers. Mr. Erodici stated \$5,000 is the original budget amount and the account acts as a pass through. Ald. Giannattasio asked for the total transfer amount. Mr. Erodici stated the total retroactive and current year wage adjustments to \$1,046,761, less 12,500 for police training, and \$32,764 relates to sewer fund wages. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the retroactive wages are based on the approved contracts. Mr. Erodici stated that is correct based on Fire and MSA adjustments were need from FY 19, 20 and 21. Ald. Vitali asked if the retroactive wages are budgeted each year. Mayor Blake stated they are budgeted through the salary reserve account. Ald. Vitali asked if the budgeted amount is close to the actual amount. Mayor Blake stated it usually very closed, but if not enough in the salary reserve account the shortfall will be transferred from another reserve account. He further stated any overage will remain in the salary reserve account and the last 20 years the budgeted amount has been very close to accurate.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$41,169.42. Motion carried unanimously.

## 12. Report of Standing Committees

### a. Ordinance Committee

12a-1 Ordinance Committee Chairman, Ald. Parente, reported the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and voted to forward to the full Board An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford (Supervisors).

Ald. Parente and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approval An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford (Supervisors).

Ald. Vitali asked if the ordinance is for non-represented employees. Mayor Blake stated it is for non-represented that follow the MSA contract for benefits and wages. Ald. Viali asked why the Fire and Police Chiefs are not included. Mayor Blake stated the Chief follow their respective department contracts. Ald. German asked when the ordinance goes into effect. Mayor Blake stated 10 days following publication.

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.

Ald. Giannattasio stated as Minority Leader he is requesting a meeting of the Rules Committee as previously requested by Ald. Vitali. Chairman Vetro stated each committee has a Chairman and the Chairman decides whether a meeting is needed. Ald. Willis, Chairman Rules Committee, stated he has heard Ald. Vitali concerns and does not feel there is an immediate need for a meeting.

- f. Personnel Committee.

Ald. Vitali referred to the Board Rules and stated he believes there is an error in the composition of the Personnel Committee. Chairman Vetro acknowledge the error and stated it will be corrected.

### 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. Giannattasio and Ald. Harla made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:49

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