

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:31 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
S. Marlow
J. Moffitt
C. Moore
H. Mulrenan
R. Pacelli
M. Parente
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Richard M. Smith
J. Berchem, City Attorney
K. Fortunati, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused:

W. Willis

Mayor Smith presented Milford's Marvelous Masterminds and MOJO robotics teams and presented the teams with proclamations recognizing their achievements in recent competitions.

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.

Therese Eke, 47 Point Beach Drive, spoke concerning ARPA funding and how funding was allocated. She presented suggestions for reallocation.

Jeanne Cavallaro, 109 Seamans Lane, Unit 2, spoke concerning the trash reimbursement ordinance. She discussed recent letter from All American indicating prices are increasing.

J. Codespoti, 121 Seamans Lane, spoke concerning the trash reimbursement ordinance.

S. Bromley, 27 Norway Street, spoke concerning ARPA funding and how funding was allocated.

A. Catapano, 94 Brewster Road, spoke concerning the use of Brewster Field by Little League. He spoke concerning scheduling of games and travel teams using the facility.

M. Scelza, 90 Heenan Drive, spoke concerning the condition of the street being littered with trash and other paraphernalia, traffic control at Quarry Road and Roses Mill, and condition of the dog park.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on April 27, 2023, the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 11, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 1, 2023.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on April 27, 2023, the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 11, 2023, and Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro wished all a happy father's day. He mentioned celebration of Juneteenth.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Smith discussed the Memorial Day Parade, wreath laying, United Way Duck Race and Pirate Day. He stated all events were well attended. Mayor Blake discussed recent recognition of poll workers last week. He discussed upcoming Juneteenth events and Pride month. Mayor Smith reported that Chief Edo retired from the Milford Fire Department as of Friday, June 2nd. He stated the Fire Commission is currently meeting to appoint an interim chief. Mayor Smith discussed Walnut Beach and proactive measures taken to make the weekend safe.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to accept the State of Connecticut Grant Agreement for SLFRF, Re: Auto Theft and Violent Crimes, and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Police Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio stated the grant mentions violent crimes and would like additional information. Capt. Cullen stated additional patrols will be assigned due to the amount of car break-ins and thefts. Ald. Vitali asked how many additional staff members will be needed. Capt. Cullen stated there will be 2 additional officers per shift. Ald. Vitali asked how the program will be funded once the grant is exhausted. Capt. Cullen stated the program will end at that time.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Understanding and that the city enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and that the Mayor is authorized to take all steps necessary, including the signing of all documents to effectuate said Memorandum of Understanding.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the agreement is an update for sharing with surrounding towns. Attorney Jonathan Berchem, discussed custodial assets and our requirement to indemnify Homeland Security and DEMHSS. Ald. Parente asked if the agreement will be updated with the Acting Chief as Emergency Management Director. Attorney Berchem stated he believed the agreement would be revised prior to signature.

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.

None

10. Budget Memo Transfers.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve budget memo transfers #9 and #10, Fund 1005. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$68,211.23. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Parente stated the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and the ordinances were tabled due to not being included on the regular Board of Aldermen meeting. She stated a special meeting will be scheduled later this month.

- 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 – 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. – no report.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission – Ald. Parente thanked former Chief Doug Edo for his service to the community.
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission – no report.
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee – 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.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to enter executive session to consider items 14(a) and 14(e).

Ald. German and Ald. Beatty 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(e) would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Smith, City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem, and Assessor, Marcus Irrek.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to exit executive session.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m.

(14a) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Milford Chase Ventures, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 68-70 West Main Street. Motion carried unanimously.

(14b) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Milford Hunt Ventures LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 253 West River Street. Motion carried unanimously.

(14c) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of 354 Woodmont Rd LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 354 Woodmont Road, Motion carried unanimously.


(14d) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Drill Masters Realty LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 332 Boston Post Road. Motion carried unanimously.

(14e) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Wheelers Farms Partners, LLC v. City of Milford, Re: 470 Wheelers Farms Road. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks

Recording Secretary