

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 7, 2021**

The Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen held meeting and public hearing On Monday, June 7, 2021. Vice-Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

A. Giannattasio  
G. Harla  
A. Sutton  
R. Vitali

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
J. Rosen, Mayor's Assistant  
J. Berchem, City Attorney

EXCUSED

F. Smith

Vice-Chairman Sutton stated the Committee was here tonight to consider one ordinance concerning beach parking. He stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the legal notice posted in the New Haven Register on June 2, 2021.

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Section 14-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford. (Beach and other Restricted Parking Areas).

Vice-Chairman Sutton open the public hearing for An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Section 14-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford. (Beach and other Restricted Parking Areas) at 7:03 p.m. T

There being no speakers in favor or in opposition the public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to refer An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Section 14-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford. (Beach and other Restricted Parking Areas) to the full Board for consideration.

Ald. Vitali asked once this is adopted what level of enforcement will be in place. He stated he read letters received from the public and would like to know if there will be a meter person or police officer stationed to enforce. Mayor Blake stated the ordinance will extending the dates beaches are opened and closed. He further stated that he spoke with Chief Mello who indicated tickets are being issued. Mayor Blake stated the beaches are busy and the parking revenue covers a fraction of the beach expenses. He further stated that per his discussion with Chief Mello meter persons would require the establishment of a parking authority and that issue is

currently being reviewed and researched. Mayor Blake discussed the benefit of police officers in the beach areas. Ald. Vitali asked the parking ticket amount. Mayor Blake stated the amount was established by the Police Commission last year at \$85 and that amount is also reflected in the proposed ordinance. Ald. Vitali asked for a clarification of the metered street parking. Mayor Blake stated the metered street parking is \$5.00 per hour or \$40.00 per day. He stated this was based on an 8 hour day.

Ald. Giannattasio stated that parking enforcement has had an adverse effect on the neighboring residents. He stated visitor and tradesmen are being ticketed and that PD has been cooperative in addressing any such ticket. Ald. Giannattasio stated he would be in favor of discussing a parking authority, but in the meantime neighbors are frustrated and the City needs to be sensitive to their parking issues. Mayor Blake agreed and stated this is a complicated issue. He stated that Silver Sands State Park is able to close their gates but Milford beaches cannot do the same as they are located in neighborhoods and parking would then inundate the neighborhood streets. Ald. Giannattasio discussed concerns with destruction of City property. He asked if there was any discussion with State police and working cooperatively as Silver Sands abuts Walnut Beach. Mayor Blake stated he did speak with the Deputy Commission who stated they do not use State Police. They use Encon Police who are geared more toward environmental issues and they rely on the local police departments to enforce illegal activity.

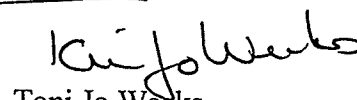
Ald. Vitali asked if it is possible to provide visitor parking passes for neighboring residents. Mayor Blake discussed the various issues that could result from such visitor passes. Vice-Chairman Sutton stated he previously resided in Stamford and neighboring residents were provided with 2 hanging placards each year for their visitors.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary