

**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-20112 – FINAL VOTING SESSION**  
**MARCH 9, 2011**

The Milford Board of Finance held a budget deliberations session on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in Conference Room B of the Parsons Complex. Chairman Lema reconvened the budget session at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members Present

Brian A. Lema, Chairman  
Joseph J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.  
Joseph M. Agro, Jr.  
Paul Beckwith  
Scott Marlow

Also Present

Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr.  
Judy Doneiko, Finance Director

Chairman Lema stated tonight was the final vote to adopt the budget for 2011-2012. He noted he received three pieces of correspondence since the last meeting. A letter from the Department of Permitting and Land Use dated March 7, 2011; a letter from the City Clerk dated March 3, 2011; and a letter from the Public Health School Nurses dated March 7, 2011. Chairman Lema explained the process tonight is tedious, but they do proceed page by page, department by department, line item by line item.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4111 Board of Aldermen. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4112 Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4115 Registrar of Voters, line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$11,250 from \$19,000 for a new subtotal in Personal Services of \$127,377, and a new department total of \$134,828. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the following Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4116 Milford Gov't Access TV. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4121 Mayor, line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$450 from \$500 for a new subtotal in Personal Services of \$244,995 and a new department total of \$150,947. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4122 General Expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4123 Community Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4129 City Clerk, eliminate Grade/Step 24-3 – Clerk A position, which would reduce line item 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$284,045 from \$320,492 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$1,412 from \$1,584 for a new subtotal in Personal Services of \$299,407 and a new department total of \$339,087.

Vice Chairman Beckwith stated in light of the removal of a position he would move to amend the motion as follows: line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary increase to \$7,000 from \$6,300 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$300,107. Motion seconded by Mr. Marlow.

By roll call vote the motion carried 3 yes (Beckwith, Marlow, Lema) and 2 no (Fitzpatrick, Agro).

Ms. Doneiko stated the new department total would be \$339,787.

On the main motion, motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4131 Law Department, eliminate Grade/Step 24-X Clerk position, which would reduce line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$354,265 from \$393,665 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$1,772 from \$1,969; and line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$450 from \$500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$496,487 and a new department total of \$513,137. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4132 Ethics Commission, reduce line item 4168 0000 Secretarial Fees reduce to \$250 from \$500; reduce line item 4189 0000 Misc. Professional Fees & Svc to \$250 from \$500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$500; and reduce line item 4712 0000 Training Expenses reduce to \$250 from \$500, line item 4774 0000 Postage reduce to \$100 from \$200; and line item 4783 0000 Office Supplies & Expenses reduce to \$100 from \$200 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$450 and a new department total of \$950. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4133 Probate Court. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4141 Board of Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4142 – Permitting and Land Use, eliminate Grade/Step 24-1 Clerk A position, which would reduce line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$824,379 from \$858,463 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$4,122; and reduce line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary to \$22,950 from \$25,500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$892,702 and a new department total of \$824,379. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4143 Board of Assessment Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4144 Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budgets as presented: 4145 Pension Board, 4146 Flood and Erosion Board, 4147 Tree Commission, 4151 Civil Service Commission, 4153 Park, Beach and Recreation Commission, and 4155 Economic Development Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budgets as presented: 4156 Conservation Commission and 4159 Fowler Memorial Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budgets as presented: 4160 Housing Code Board of Appeals, and 4161 Housatonic River Estuary Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4193 Public Library, eliminate Grade/Step 23-2 Library Aide position, which represents a reduction in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$702,476 from \$735,465 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$3,513 and a new department total of \$1,012,488. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4210 Finance Department, eliminate Grade/Step 25-X Certified Clerk position and eliminate Grade/Step 24-1 Clerk A position, which reflects a reduction in line items 4111 0000 regular Wages to read \$1,318,328 from \$1,394,549 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$6,556; and reduce line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary to read \$3,500 from \$28,500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$1,356,334 and a new department total of \$1,574,961. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4215 Management Information Systems (MIS) line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary reduce to \$450 from \$500 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$448,301 and a new department total of \$662,630. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4219 Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4310 Police, eliminate Grade/Step 3-X Non Rep Stenographer positions (2) and Grade/Step 23-2 Comm. Agent, Civilian position, which reflects a change in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$7,698,254 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$38,492 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$9,198,379 and a new department total of \$10,360,751. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4320 Fire Department, eliminate Grade/Step 4-1 Firefighter position and Grade/Step 4-N Firefighter position and Grade/Step –3 Dispatcher position, which reflects a change in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$7,454,219 from \$7,598,077 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$37,272 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$9,354,317 and a new department total \$10,574,667. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4331 Civil Preparedness, a technical correction as to line items 4746 0000 Communication Costs and line item 4976 0000 Communications Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4340 Animal Control, reduce line item 4117 0000 Seasonal/Temporary to read \$14,400 from \$16,000 for a new subtotal in Personal Services of \$287,611 and a new department total of \$360,541. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4360 Lighting, Hydrants, Water. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4420 Public Works Office, eliminate Grade/Step 24-X Clerk A position, which reflects a change in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$197,132 from \$240,326 and line item 4111 0000 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$982 from \$1,198 and a new subtotal in Personal Services of \$201,364 and a new department total of \$208,704. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4421 Highway/Parks, eliminate Grade/Step 10-1 Maintainer position, which reflects a change in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$1,895,247 from \$1,932,875 and line item 4111 0000 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$9,411 from \$9,599 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$2,105,658 and a new department total of \$2,443,658. Motion carried unanimously

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4423 Building Maintenance, eliminate Grade/Step 11-1 Custodian, Nights position, which reflects a change in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$1,369,713 from \$1,369,713 and line item 4111 0000 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$6,620 from \$6,804 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$1,400,334 and a new department total of \$2,866,939. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4424 Engineering, eliminate Grade/Step 27-X Engineering Technician position, which reflects a changes in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$297,596 from \$347,650 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$1,481 from \$1,731 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$354,177 and a new department total of \$364,227. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4429 General Garage, eliminate Grade/Step 8-X

Serviceperson, Automotive position, which reflects changes in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$453,881 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$2,255 from \$2,473 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$481,136 and a new department total of \$1,213,632. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4431 Solid Waste, eliminate Grade/Step 10-5 Laborer positions (2), which reflects changes in line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$1,376,103 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$6,832 from \$7,239 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$1,904,185 and a new department total of \$4,510,485. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4502 Equipment Reserve Allocation.

Mr. Agro asked if this account would fall off the radar by next fiscal year.

Ms. Doneiko responded yes. She stated it should be next year, as the numbers fall off. She stated they would no longer have to show this account next year.

Mayor Richetelli added they have handled equipment through the Vehicle Acquisition Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4503 Public Debt Service.

Chairman Lema commented the Board had discussed this during its deliberations. He stated it was his understanding the clean water principal represents a portion of the debt service payments on the new water treatment plant.

Ms. Doneiko replied yes, he was correct.

Chairman Lema asked about nitrogen credits.

Ms. Doneiko explained it is through the debt service reserve fund, which is also used to pay down on the sewer use portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4610 Health Department, eliminate Grade/Step 49-4 Sanitarian II position, which reflects changes in the following line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$700,842 from \$762,223 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$3,490 from \$3,797 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$744,832 and a new department total of \$837,732. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4620 Recreation Department, eliminate Grade/Step 47-X Supervisor

position, which reflects changes in the following line items 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$338,130 from \$392,346 and line item 4111 9942 1/5 Fiscal Week to read \$1,682 from \$1,953; and line item 4161 0000 Fee Paid Officials reduce to \$27,000 from \$30,000 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$701,062 and a new department total of \$775,912. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 4710 Employee Benefits, reduce line item 4212 0000 FICA to read \$1,052,600 from \$1,102,600 and line item 4219 0000 Unemployment Insurance to read \$260,000 from \$60,000 for a new sub-total in Employee Benefits of \$17,390,810 and a new department total of \$17,405,810.

Chairman Lema referenced line item 4211 9909 Post Employment Benefits and commented this has been discussed a great length.

Mayor Richetelli stated he would be setting up a trust with an Ordinance that will be going before the Board of Aldermen at their April meeting.

Mr. Agro spoke regarding the debt services and the difficult economic times. He stated these are difficult decisions and it has been difficult tonight making the changes they have had to make.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4720 Insurance and Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4740 Claims and Refunds. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4790 Benefit & Salary Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4799 Unallocated Contingency, line item 4899 0000 Contingency Account, should read \$25,000 from \$0. It was noted this is a technical correction. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lema commented at this point in the budget book they are getting into the grants.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4801 Council of Aging, line item 4708 0000 Grant reduce to \$1,320,000 from \$1,359,864 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$1,325,500 and a new department total of \$1,345,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4803 – Fine Arts Council, line item 4708 0000 Grant reduce to \$67,500 from \$71,250 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$67,500 and a new department total of \$67,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4805 C-MED. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4807 Regional Mental Health Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4811 Borough of Woodmont, line item 4708 0000 Grant reduce to \$200,000 from \$210,000 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$200,000 and a new department total of \$200,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4812 Transit Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4813 Bridges, line item 4708 0000 Grant, reduce to \$350,000 from \$363,188 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$350,000 and a new department total of \$350,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4815 Veteran Graves. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4816 Milford Flotilla 73, line item 4708 0000 Grant reduce to \$7,300 from \$7,500 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$7,300 and a new department total of \$7,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4817 Human Services Department, line item 4708 0000 Grant, Human Services reduce to \$231,550 from \$242,357 and line item 4710 0000 Grant, Youth & Family Services reduce to \$235,560 from \$242,620 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$475,110 and a new department total of \$475,110. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4818 – Historic District. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lema stated he would be recusing himself from the voting on department 4819 Milford Progress, Inc., as he is a member.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4819 Milford Progress, Inc., line item 4708 0000 Grant reduce to \$10,000 from \$12,000 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses and a new department total of \$10,000. Motion carried 4 yes (Marlow Beckwith, Fitzpatrick, Agro) and 1 abstention (Lema).

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4820 Historic District II. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4821 Health Services/VNA. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4822 Cemetery Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4823 Patriotic Organization Association, line item 4708 0000 Grant, reduce to \$3,787 from \$3,852 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$3,787 and a new department total of \$3,787. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4825 Beth El Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4826 Boys & Girls Club, line item 4708 0000 Grant, reduce to \$5,000 from \$5,500 for a new sub-total in Operational Expenses of \$5,000 and a new department total of \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor recommended budget as presented: 4992 Private School Textbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4993 – Education Audit Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4994 School Debt. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4995 Employee Benefits, Non-Teaching. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lema stated they would skip over 4996 Education Operations and come back to it.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4997 – Education Health Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following change: 4998 Education Health Services: School Nurses, eliminate Grade/Step 30-X Nurse, Public Health 10 month position, which reflects a reduction in line item 4111 0000 Regular Wages to read \$1,100,068 for a new sub-total in Personal Services of \$1,160,859 and a new department total of \$1,204,588.



Mr. Agro commented they have received a great deal of contact from the school nurses. He stated it shows the gravity of the circumstances they are faced with. He went on to speak of the budget, explaining tonight was just the third of four steps in adopting the budget. He told those present there would be an opportunity to discuss this issue with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Beckwith commented he takes his vote tonight very seriously, but reiterated this is still the early part of the process. He stated at this time this is the Board's best estimate of where they are with revenues. He stated these are just more than numbers, there are faces. He also stated the economy is still tough and that the city is at a crossroads and this board has to make some decisions and it has been very tough. He reiterated this is about people, their lives and how this budget will impact them.

Chairman Lema spoke regarding the anticipated revenue the city expects to receive from the state, which he stated is significantly less than expected. He stated given the uncertainty in Hartford it would not be responsible for this Board to rely on numbers that may not end up coming to this town.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4154 Sewer Commission Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4426 Wastewater. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 0012 0000 Sewer Fund (Revenues). Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4157 Harbor Management Commission (Expenditures). Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4157 Marina Enterprise Revenue.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked for clarification regarding line item 3655 0000 State PILOT: Boats.

Mayor Richetelli explained it was because the City received less from the State.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4121 Golf Course (Revenues). Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget as presented: 4121 Golf Course (Expenditures). Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's recommended budget with the following changes: 0010 0000 General Fund Revenue, line item 3670 0000 Manufact. Machines/Equip. to read \$0 from \$1,088,621 for a new sub-total in State PILOT Grants of \$1,855,118 and a new department total of \$29,126,103.

Mr. Agro asked about line item 3831 0004 and asked the length of the agreement.

Mayor Richetelli stated the Milford Power agreement is a 10 year agreement. He stated the GenConn agreement is a 30 year agreement.

Mr. Agro asked about discharges if they were to file bankruptcy.

Mayor Richetelli explained there are many safe guards in place in the agreement.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about line item 3765 0000 Sales Tax.

Ms. Doneiko explained it is a placeholder if the Board of Alderman decides to consider it.

Chairman Lema commented he had concerns about other items, in particular the conveyance tax. He stated they are budgeting slightly less than last year, but given the poor real estate market and the low number of transactions, he stated he was concerned they might not meet the number.

Mayor Richetelli stated there are many questions they are still awaiting from Hartford. He stated the Board of Aldermen would likely have more information when they get the Board of Finance budget.

Chairman Lema asked about line item 3643 0001 State Realty – Pequot.

Mayor Richetelli responded that was the number the governor recommended.

Chairman Lema asked about the ECS portion of the grant and if it was the same as last year.

Mayor Richetelli stated the federal stimulus money is gone. He stated the governor has proposed an increase, but without solid information that it will in fact happen, the Board of Finance could at this time elect not to add the money until confirmation has been received about those funds.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about the school debt and if it included interest and principal.

Ms. Doneiko stated it is old debts issued before 1996. She went on to explain the process and the bonding for a project. She stated over the next 8 years it should disappear.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve account 4996 Education Operations as follows: line item 4001 0000 Lump Sum Appropriation to read \$84,477,440, which represents a 1.5% increase or a \$1,248,435 increase over last year's budget.

Chairman Lema stated this Board has discussed this number at length. He explained they were not budgeting an increase in ECA monies at this point, however they were fairly optimistic there would be an increase. He stated he would support an increase of the education budget by 1.5%, which would represent a budget of \$84,759,589.

Mr. Agro stated with the difficult economic times and the decreases this Board has made tonight he would be comfortable with the number recommended by Mr. Beckwith.

Chairman Lema stated his message to the Board of Aldermen would be if the ECS monies due come into the City that the Board of Aldermen consider funding the Board of Education at a higher level. He stated hopefully more revenue would come, but that he would be comfortable passing this budget as it is and have the Board of Aldermen prioritize individually. He expressed his hope it would be conveyed to the Board of Aldermen that this Board is very hopefully more revenue is coming.

Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out it is still an increase and also noted this Board just cut \$1,000,000 from the city side. He stated the amount recommended by Mr. Beckwith is justified and reminded the members of the Board they were talking about taxpayer dollars and that they taxpayers needed to be considered. He stated it was important to keep the budget as close to a \$0 increase as possible. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated these are still tough time and that the Board needed to be prudent and work within the means of the City.

Mr. Beckwith commented he along with Mr. Marlow have served on the Board of Education. He stated he would like to commend Mr. Cummings and the Board of Education for their work. He noted they have been transparent in their needs and also that they do receive many unfunded mandates, i.e. VoAg Program. He stated because of that mandate the city pays \$250,000 yearly for the program. Mr. Beckwith stated he agreed with Mr. Fitzpatrick that this Board needed to do its small part so that people can afford to live in Milford. He stated as much as he would like to support the education side, this Board needed to be practical. He stated if additional funds do become available; it would be up to the Board of Aldermen to restore the funds.

Mr. Marlow added he agreed with most of what was being said tonight, adding it is a very tough budget year. He stated they are talking about people and not just numbers. He continued they were here to live within their means and as a Board of Finance they have to balance revenues and expenses. He stated the Board of Aldermen would have the ultimate say. Mr. Marlow thanked the department that came before the Board. He reiterated as a city we have to live within our means, just like we would at home.

Mr. Agro stated he was grateful for the steady hands of both Mr. Cummings and Mr. Russell with the difficulties the school was facing. He also recalled what the economy was like two years ago and that there was a sense of terror. Mr. Agro also recognized all of those municipal unions who came forward and worked with the mayor and negotiated there would be no increase with no layoffs. Mr. Agro stated at that time the Board was looking at the possibility of lays. He stated he was hopeful they had weathered the worst, but he was not sure the economy has fully recovered at this point. He stated the numbers are difficult, but extrapolations. He thanked everyone for all of the solutions during the last few years. Mr. Agro also stated he hoped the economy would soon turn the corner, but acknowledged there is difficulty with the costs of healthcare. He spoke regarding the city's debt which he stated is up from last year, but noted they spent the most, but a lot of those monies were for sewer plans and that there should be a long life expectancy. Mr. Agro apologized to anyone tonight's decisions may leave in personal difficult, but renewed his hope the economy would finally turn the corner. He expressed his appreciation to the department heads, Boards and Mayor during this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lema stated the Board would take a 5-minute recess. The Board recessed at 8:33 p.m.

Chairman Lema reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:42 p.m.

Vice Chairman Beckwith and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve the General Fund Summary of Expenditures in the amount of \$182,770,067; and line item 3111 0000 Current Taxes to read \$153,643,964 as recommended by the Board of Finance; with a mill rate calculated at 29.35 mills as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Mr. Agro acknowledged the Finance Director and her staff and thanked Ms. Doneiko for her help and guidance through the budget process.

Chairman Lema thanked Mr. Beckwith as well and expressed his appreciation of everyone during the entire budget process.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Agro made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary