

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2020**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 via video / teleconference Zoom meeting. 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 Present

E. Beatty
C. Gaynor
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
G. Harla
M. Parente
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Sutton
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
P. Erodicti, Finance Director
K. Fortunati, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Chairman Vetro welcomed everyone to the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen. He reviewed how the meeting will be conducted via Zoom and guidelines to be followed. He further stated a recording of the meeting will be available on the City's website.

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.

None.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on May 4, 2020.

Ald. Sutton and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro stated he hoped everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend and remembered those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated his hope that everyone is being safe and remaining healthy. He also stated that City continues to prepare to retool its operations due to Covid-19. Mayor Blake asked for consideration of items 8a through 8c on the agenda.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Acceptance of the CARES Act CDBG-CV award.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if by accepting the \$303,000 it will be used or earmarked for future expenses due to Covid-19. Mayor Blake stated this is through CDBG as part of the CARES Act and is for those communities already participating in HUD. He further stated that there is criteria that must be complied with. Mayor Blake stated the City is looking to continue the food program for kids over the summer which ends with the end of the school year. Julie Nash, Community Development Director, stated the funds will be used toward future expense and will be focused toward Covid-19 related expenses. Sheila Dravis, Block Grant Coordinator stated HUD will look to be certain there is not funding through other sources such as FEMA. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the City received approval to use the funding for school lunches. Ms. Dravis stated an email is being sent to HUD for consideration. She stated she believes it is related to Covid-19 due to economic and health concerns and the increase in need for food. Ald. Giannattasio asked if funding would be upfront or reimbursable. Julie stated all CDBG funding is reimbursable. She further stated that in order to receive the assistance individuals must qualify. Ald. W. Smith mentioned the Economic Development Committee discussing ways to kick start the economy and asked if any of the funding would be used for kick start events. Ms. Nash stated the CDBG funds are for low to moderate income assistance. Ald. W. Smith asked what the process for a business to apply for assistance. Ms. Nash stated the business must have a qualified, low to moderate income person working for the business. Ald. Gaynor asked what the area median income is. Ms. Dravis stated is by the number of persons in the household and reviewed the current median income information.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve an a Resolution Re: Acceptance of the Amended CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this is due to the inclusion of the CARES Act. Ms. Dravis stated the resolution is being amended to allow waivers to expedite the CDBG-CV funds in response to Covid-19. Ms. Nash stated it allows for virtual hearings, shortens the length of time and public comment.

Motion carried 14 in favor, Ald. F. Smith not able to vote due to technical difficulties.

(8c) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 5 (COVID-19) Emergency).

Ald. Grant asked if the funds are earmarked for projects or for the future. Mayor Blake stated the City has been cataloguing and identifying all Covid-19 related expenses and will be seeking reimbursement through the grant award. He gave a brief explanation of related expenses such as PPE and infrastructure for a safe workplace.

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.

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

(a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer #5 and #6, Fund 1005, FY 20. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

(a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$69,827.64. Motion carried 14 in favor, Ald. F. Smith not able to vote due to technical difficulties.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – no report.
- 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 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. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – 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.

The Chairman shall announce, in public session, those items to be covered in executive session and call for a vote to enter executive session. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to enter executive session, is obtained, the hall shall be cleared and executive session declared.

Ald. Vitali mentioned the activities in the country over the past few days. He stated his hope that our community is ready to address such issues. He also expressed his hope that everyone stay safe and for a resolution soon. Ald. Parente stated she appreciates Ald. Vitali's comments and thanked Chief Mello for his recent statement on these issues. Ald. F. Smith also state he appreciation. He also stated he was experiencing technical difficulties with his internet service and stated he was in favor of all of tonight's motions.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary