

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2021**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held a special meeting on Monday, August 30, 2021, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Board Members

E. Beatty
B. Broesder (joined @ 7:33 p.m.)
C. Gaynor
A. Giannattasio
G. Harla
S. Marlow
M. Parente
W. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake
J. Berchem, City Attorney
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff
Rosann Farrell, Assistant City Clerk

Excused

J. Golden
M. Hardiman

2. New Business:

(a) Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Milford, Board of Aldermen, for the appointment of (D) Brett Broesder, 55 Beach Shore Drive, 06460, to complete the unexpired term of Frank Smith (resigned 8/2/21) on the Board of Aldermen representing the Third District. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro welcomed Ald. Broesder to the Board. He stated the Ald. Broesder would be assigned to ordinance and claims committees and liaison to library and milford arts council. Ald. Vitale welcomed Ald. Broesder and asked that he tell the board a little

about himself. Ald. Broesder stated he was happy to be joining the Board and provided a brief summary.

3. Old Business:

(a) Ordinances tabled August 2, 2021:

12a-1. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion for the approval of an Ordinance Establishing Chapter 13, License and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Article I, In General, Section 13.3 of the Milford Code of Ordinances (Cannabis Establishments).

Ald. Sutton stated that the ordinance committed passed the ordinance to the full Board for further discussion in light of the legislation adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly. He stated the ordinance will limited all retail cannabis establishments in the City with an exception for medical marijuana. He stated he is in favor of this ordinance. Ald. Sutton stated he believes this needs to be watched and perhaps further addressed in the future depending on how other municipalities handle. Ald. Giannattasio stated he agrees with Ald. Sutton and that it is incumbent on the City to regulate as much as possible. He stated he believes one of the first steps would be for Planning & Zoning to adopt a regulation. Ald. Giannattasio discussed the possibility of forming subcommittee to study other municipalities and recommend best practices. Ald. Vitali concurred with Ald. Giannattasio. He stated he is not in favor of the amount of the fine but understands it is set be statute. Ald. Marlow noted that medical marijuana is not included in the prohibition. He asked if medical marijuana facilities will be allowed to sell retail. Ald. Sutton stated the exception only applies to sale of medical marijuana. Ald. Parente stated she concurs with Ald. Sutton's comments and would like to see a subcommittee to further study how other municipalities are handling.

Motion carried unanimously.

12a-3. Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion for the approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, Sections 15-3(a), (b) and (c) and 15-4(a) and (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford (Possession, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages).

Ald. Giannattasio stated last month he had asked the ordinance language to be amended to include Board of Aldermen be consulted with regard to a designated location.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Vitali made a seconded a motion to amend Section 15-3(b) to state the Mayor, in consultation with the Chief of Police and Board of Aldermen, shall designate a place in the City in which public consumption of cannabis is permitted.

Mayor Blake stated he has no issue with the amendment, but feels is makes the task a little more cumbersome should there be a problem with a designated area. He stated

as currently written Administration, in consultation with the Chief of Police, could change the location and if amended such a change could be delayed until the next Board meeting. Mayor Blake stated a location must be designated by October 1st. He stated that Ald. Giannattasio suggested a location that the Chief and Administration feel would be a good location. Mayor Blake reiterated that a location must be designated by October 1st or the City cannot restrict consumption. Ald. Vitali stated that special meetings could be held if necessary. He stated the importance of the Board being involved in the decision making. Ald. Parente stated she does not support the amendment. She stated she read the law and is comfortable with the ordinance as presented. Ald. Harla commented on homework being done to identify a possible location and asked for clarification on what happened to now seek an amendment. Ald. Giannattasio stated nothing had been referred to a committee. He stated he felt the Aldermen as City representatives should be included. Mayor Blake reiterated that Ald. Giannattasio suggested a location that he and the Chief of Police agree on. Further discussion ensued as to identifying a location.

Amendment passed 11 in favor (Beatty, Broesder, Gaynor, Giannattasio, Harla, Marlow, W. Smith, Sutton, Tranquilli, Vetro, Vitali) and 2 against (Parente, Willis)

Main motion as amended pass unanimously.

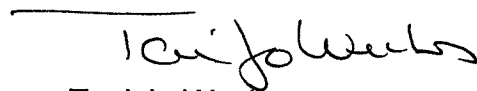
12a-4 Ald. Sutton and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion for the approval of an Ordinance Establishing Chapter 8, Food and Food Establishments, Article I, In General, Section 8-12 of the Milford Code of Ordinances (Cannabis Prohibited). Motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary