

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 2, 2022**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. 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

E. Beatty  
B. Broesder  
M. Casey  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
G. Harla  
S. Marlow  
J. Moffitt  
H. Mulrenan (joined at 8:07 p.m.)  
R. Pacelli  
M. Parente  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali  
W. Willis

Also Present

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

Excused:

M. Arciuolo

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.

Jeanne Cavallaro, 109 Seemans Lane, president of Milford Coalition of Condominiums discussed ordinance concerning garbage and recycling rebate. She stated the cost provided in the ordinance is over 20 years old and should be reviewed and made equitable for condominium associations.

Phil Lorenzo, 121 Oakridge Lane, spoke regarding condominium reimbursement for garbage and recycling. He offered his assistance on a committee to review and bring equity.

Sonia Bannon Depenagos, 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke in favor of discontinuance of Baldwin Street between Court and Stanley Street in the Laurel Beach area. She discussed rebuilding of tennis courts.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on April 4, 2022.

Ald. Harla and Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro advised Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> has been selected for budget deliberations. Ald. Giannattasio reminded Chairman Vetro that he and Ald. Marlow are delegates to the 14<sup>th</sup> District Senatorial Convention scheduled for the same evening. He requested the budget deliberation date be reviewed and rescheduled. Chairman Vetro stated the date would stand and that Ald. Giannattasio and Marlow should find alternates for the convention. Chairman Vetro wished all Mom's a happy Mother's Day and announced Memorial Day activities planned.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Blake also wished all a happy Mother's Day. Mayor Blake asked the Board for their consideration of agenda items 8a-8c.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the School Readiness Grant Program application and to authorize the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said grant.

Ald. Vitali asked if the amount of the grant. Mayor Blake provided an explanation of the annual School Readiness grant and stated it is approximately \$500,000 annually. Ald. Giannattasio asked why this has not come before the Board in the past. Mayor Blake stated there are updates in the regulations associated with Department of Early Childhood and there is a new liaison that has made improvements to the program. He state the contract was reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and

requirements Board approval. Ald. Giannattasio asked what the main criteria is for acceptance in the program. Mayor Blake stated the criteria is listed in the grant and discussed the sliding scale.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Harla and Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Establishment of Accounts Related to Reduction of Solid Waste.

Ald. Marlow asked if we know what funds will be realized and what will the City do with the funds. Mayor Blake discussed the new legislation and stated based on lack of history he unable to provide anticipated revenue at this time. He stated towns are to use the funds to protect the environment. Mayor Blake stated the resolution is for the establishment of a reserve fund. He discussed how the funds can be utilized. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the reserve account specific to the 50 ml exclusively. Mayor Blake stated it is for nip bottles. Ald. Giannattasio asked if this is separate from other bottle returns. Mayor Blake stated he is not aware of any other bottle return revenue. Ald. German asked why the legislature chose every 6 months for payment to the City. Mayor Blake stated he does not know the legislature's intent. Ald. German if there is a wish list. Mayor Blake stated this is so new and the prioritization list will be based on the needs of the City. Ald. Beatty discussed adding to the public works agenda to provide suggestions.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Harla and Beatty made and seconded a motion for the discontinuance of Baldwin Street between Stanley Street and Court Street, pursuant to C.G.S Section 13a-49, and to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said discontinuance.

Ald. Giannattasio asked for background on the request. Mayor Blake stated this is an 8-24 request for the paper street next to the Laurel Beach tennis courts. He stated the association made the request because they are looking to improve their property. Mayor Blake stated the neighbors all in favor of the discontinuance. Ald. Giannattasio asked if it will be additional recreational space. Mayor Blake discussed the Laurel Beach Association plans. Ald. Marlow asked if the area to be eliminated. Mayor Blake stated the area under consideration is already part of the recreation area. The paper street is grass area and incorporated into the field area and would not be recognized as a road as it stands today. Ald. Marlow asked if driveways off Stanley Street would be impacted. Mayor Blake it does not impact access to any adjacent properties.

Ald. Mulrenan recused herself from the vote as she is a member of Laurel Beach Association.

Motion 13 in favor (Beatty, Broesder, Casey, German, Giannattasio, Harla, Marlow, Moffitt, Pacelli, Parente, Vetro, Vitali, Willis), 1 recusal (Mulrenan).

(8d) Ald. Harla and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approved Allocation Transfer No. 3 (Water Service and Other Supplies & Charges).

Ald. Giannattasio asked for background on the transfer. Mayor Blake stated it is additional funding for this fiscal year for Golf Course. He stated the sand trap project depleted the maintenance account and there are sufficient funds in the account from which it will be drawn.

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

Ald. Harla and Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approved Budget Memo Transfers #7 and #8, Fund(s) 1005 and 2812. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Harla and Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$40,861.76. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee – Ald. Giannattasio discussed representatives from the condo association were present this evening requesting a further amendment of the trash reimbursement. He requested that the ordinance committee meet to approve ordinances to forward to the full Board. Ald. Beatty asked for document referred to for follow up.

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. 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 – no report.
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission – no report.
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee – no report.

Ald. German announced ceremony rededicating Wasson Field on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in memory of Daniel Wassonb.

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.

(14a.) Consideration Of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Milford and CALU / Milford Nurses, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

(14b.) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Dispatchers Union AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 4, Local 1303-454, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025.

(14c.) Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 4260 Milford Professional Telecommunicators Association, IAFF, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Casey made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Consideration Of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Milford and CALU / Milford Nurses, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024, Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Dispatchers Union AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 4, Local 1303-454, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025 and Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 4260 Milford Professional Telecommunicators Association, IAFF, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously

Chairman Vetro announced the full Board, along with Mayor Blake, City Attorney Jonathan Berchem and Assistant City Attorney Debra Kelly would enter Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:55 p.m.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Milford and CALU / Milford Nurses, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Milford Police Dispatchers Union AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Council 4, Local 1303-454, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025 as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.


Ald. Harla and Ald. Beatty made and seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 4260 Milford Professional Telecommunicators Association, IAFF, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025 as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Marlow stated the May 16<sup>th</sup> convention date was selected and committed to prior to any budget meeting dates being posted. He stated he would do his best to find an alternate, but is uncertain as to whether that is possible at this late date.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary