

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, 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  
M. Casey  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
S. Marlow  
J. Moffitt  
C. Moore  
H. Mulrenan  
R. Pacelli @ 7:42 p.m.  
M. Parente  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Richard M. Smith  
J. Berchem, City Attorney  
K. Fortunati, City Clerk  
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused:

M. Arciuolo  
B. Broesder  
W. Willis

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 Aldermen held on September 11, 2023.

Ald. Beatty commented that she would like to supplement the minutes of September 11, 2023, by including in item 8(c) that she reported the Democratic majority endorsed the POCD provided it complies with housing as previously approve by this Board.

Ald. Mulrenan and Ald. Moore made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on September 11, 2023, as amended by Ald. Beatty. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro stated it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Italian Heritage Month and Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Smith stated the Italian flag was raised today in honor of Italian Heritage Month. The dome will be lit in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness and Hispanic Heritage Awareness will be recognized as well. Mayor Smith discussed the State of the City address. He stated an open house for boards and commissions will be held on November 11th. He requested the Board's approval for items 8a through 8d.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Matthew Connors, 198 West River Street, 06460, as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Agency, to file the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/25. Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Cynthia Twiss, 169 Gulf Street, 06460, as a regular member of the Fire Commission, to file the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve an Agreement between the City of Milford and South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority regarding restoration and resurfacing costs for Country Lane and to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said Agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked for some background on the agreement. Chris Saley, Public Works Director, stated it is a similar agreement where utility companies pay the City the cost for resurfacing so the work can be completed by the City at its VIP pricing. Ald. Vitali asked if the complete road would be restored. Mr. Saley stated it will be completely restored. The utility usually completes half the road, the City is responsible for the balance. He stated the agreement will allow the City to restore the

entire road with the water company paying a portion. Ald. Marlow asked how long before the final paving can be completed. Mr. Saley stated typically 6 months.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the Milford Maintenance OPEX Proposal between the City of Milford and Schneider Electric and to authorize the Mayor and Public Works Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said maintenance agreement.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if this a renewal maintenance contract. Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney, stated this is a maintenance contract for the Microgrid with Schneider Electric, the contractor that installed the system. Chris Saley discussed the maintenance agreement with Schneider Electric. He stated it is a sole source and they are looking to lock in the five-year pricing. Ald. Marlow asked if items that are not covered are locked into an hourly rate. Mr. Saley stated pricing will be locked in. Discussion ensued concerning the Microgrid function.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve, per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to CGS §8-24 to allow the owner(s) of 1 and 3 Chester Street to construct driveway access within the right-of-way of Chester Road, subject to the attached agreement, and to authorize the City Attorney and Mayor to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said agreement.

Ald. Beatty stated the paper street to Melba Street she did not see a sidewalk. Thomas Lynch, Attorney, stated this is similar to an application on Westmoor Road where there were lots on a paper street and the application was approved to construct a driveway. He stated this is the former Beachcomber property and 2 houses have already been constructed. Attorney Lynch stated the application is for a private driveway to the 2 lots to the rear. He stated the driveway will be paved, 20-foot in width. Attorney Lynch discussed the effect of the agreement. Chairman Vetro asked if trash bins will be brought to Melba Street. Attorney Lynch confirmed they will need to bring the bins to Melba Street. Ald. Casey asked if the City retains ownership with the property owner having a right of way. Attorney Lynch stated the agreement allows the City to improve the road should it wish to. Attorney Berchem stated the City does not own the paper street. He stated it is an unimproved street. The City is not abandoning its rights and the public would be allowed to pass. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the lots were pre-existing non-conforming lots. Attorney Lynch confirmed they are and explained the process.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business not on the Agenda that may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

None

10. Budget Memo Transfers.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #1 and #2, Funds 1005.

Ald. Parente asked for a summary of the transfer. Peter Erodici stated the transfer to fund a special project manager to work on projects in Human Resources and the second transfer is for iPads for Department of Permitting Land Use. Ald. Parente asked for an explanation of projects the special project manager will work be assigned. Mayor Smith discussed the HR department being understaffed and the need for a wage study. Ald. Parente asked for an explanation regarding the vacant position of benefits specialist. Mr. Erodici discussed the support that will be provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$41,077.81. Motion carried unanimously.

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 – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report.
- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – Ald. German stated developers of the mall will be presenting an application tomorrow evening proposing approximately 750 apartments.
- 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 – Ald. Beatty reported on Party in the Stacks. She asked Mr. Saley to comment on the status of the elevator. Mr. Saley provided a status report and stated it should be completed by the end of the month.
- 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 – Ald. Mulrenan stated the State Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner are visiting local health departments. She stated last week Milford’s health department was visited and the Commissioners were very impressed with the services provided.
- 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.

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.

Chairman Vetro requested a motion to enter executive session to consider item 14(a).

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Mulrenan made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vetro announced those entering Executive Session for item 14(a) would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Smith, and City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Ald. Giannattasio and Ald. Vitali made and seconded a motion for the Board to return to public session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Milford and Local 944, International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Toni Jo Weeks  
Recording Secretary