

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, December 4, 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

M. Arciuolo, II
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
M. Casey
J. Frederico
P. Healy
A. Fowler
J. Jenkins
S. Marlow
H. Mulrenan
R. Pacelli, Jr.
W. Smith
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Anthony S. Giannattasio
J. Berchem, City Attorney
K. Fortunati, City Clerk
P. Erodici, Finance Director
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused:

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.

Evan Winters, 30 Liberty Street, thanked the City for sidewalks at Chester Street. He discussed maintenance and flooding issues at Beaverbrook Trail.

Tim Chaucer, 104 Hawley Avenue, discussed the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and a reenactment scheduled to take place on December 16th.

Emmeline Harrigan, 107 Oronoque Road, commented on the Milford Public Schools Facility Utilization Report.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on November 13, 2023.

Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on November 13 ,2023.

Peter Erodici stated he was present at the October 2, 2023 and November 13, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously, as corrected.

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

Ald Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on November 21, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro wished everyone a happy holiday. He welcomed all new members to the Board.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Giannattasio welcomed all to this evening's meeting. He congratulated the Board and stated he looks forward to working with them. He stated it was an honor to attend the Thanksgiving Day football game and tree lighting. Mayor Giannattasio stated both events were well attended. He stated the budget process is underway and he will be meeting with departments. He requested consideration on items 8a through 8j. Mayor Giannattasio announced the following appointment:

Milford Council on Aging – (R) John C. Drapp, III, 41 Jackson Drive, 06460, term to expire 12/31/23.

Dr. Anna Cutaia provided a presentation on the Facility Utilization Study and discussed enrollment figures. Discussion ensued concerning the facility utilization study and presentation.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) John Grady, 5 Timber Trail, 06460 as a Union Representative of United Public Service Employees Union Local 424 for the Pension and Retirement Board, term to expire 12/31/26. Motion carried unanimously.

(8b) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Michael Hedman, 1137 Naugatuck Ave, 06460 as an Alternate Union Representative of United Public Service Employees Union Local 424 for the Pension and Retirement Board, term to expire 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve appointment of (R) Jerry Farina, 31 Bonsilene Street, 06460 as an alternate member for the Pension and Retirement Board, term to expire 12/31/23. Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Kendra D. Davis, 559 Milford Point Road, 06460 as a DAR representative on the Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission, term to expire 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Andrew P. King, 32 Cedarhurst Lane, 06461 as an alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 12/31/23. Motion carried unanimously.

(8f) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Willis made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Dawn Woods-King, 32 Cedarhurst Lane, 06461 as a member on the Animal Shelter Commission, term to expire 12/31/26. Motion carried unanimously.

(8g) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Milford Point Road Elevation.

Ald. Marlow requested background from Chris Saley, Public Works Director. Mr. Saley, stated the project has been in the plans for some time and funds became available and the City applied for such funding. Ald. Marlow asked if the elevation would impact existing driveways. Mr. Saley stated it will be tied into the driveways without any difficulty.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8h) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Bayview Beach Flood Mitigation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

(8i) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 5 (Fund Balance Unreserved-Sewer Fund to Project Accounts: Various Wastewater Projects including maintenance, equipment replacement, tree removal, pipe lining, docking stations, and miscellaneous related expenditures). Motion carried unanimously.

(8j) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the acceptance of the 2023/24 State Highway DUI Grant, and to authority the Mayor, City Attorney and Capt. Garon Delmonte to take all steps necessary to effectuate said grant, including signing all documents. 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. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfer #3 and #4, Funds 1005. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Federico made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$8,983.04. 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 – Ald. Beatty read a prepared 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 – 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 – 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
- 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 items 14(a) through 14(e).

Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo 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 Giannattasio, and City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem and 14(b) would be the full Board of Aldermen, Mayor Giannattasio, City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem, Chris Saley, Public Works Director and Robert Harrigan, Solid Waste foreman.

Ald. Smith stated he will be recusing himself from item 14b as his has a conflict.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened at 9:33 p.m.


14a. Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Lowes Homes Centers, LLC f/k/a Lowes Home Centers v. City of Milford, Re: 311 Old Gate Lane as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

14b. Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of a claim Re: All American Waste Tipping Fees. Motion carried 14 in favor (Arciuolo, Beatty, Bevan, Casey, Federico, Fowler, Healy, Jenkins, Marlow, Mulrenan, Pacelli, Vetro, Vitali, Willis) and 1 recusal (Smith).

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

The Board adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary