

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2024**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:31 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
B. Bevan
M. Casey
J. Federico
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:

E. Beatty

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.

Mark Lofthouse, 56 Wilbar Avenue, discussed pedestrian traffic in the area of Dockside Brewery and Bridge House Restaurant on Bridgeport Avenue.

Ruth Carlson, 8 Londonderry Avenue, discussed property tax increase and education budget cuts.

Buddy Prete, 293 Milford Point Road, spoke in favor of appointing Nick Veccharelli to the Fire Commission.

Elizabeth Sheridan, 33 Fowler Terrace, discussed a notice of violation received regarding diverting water into the public street.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on March 4, 2024.

Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Willis made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on March 4, 2024.

Ald. Healy made a correction to item 8g. He stated the minutes should reflect that he indicated the information presented was over 5 years old, outdated and did not identify the requesting party that would benefit from the abandonment.

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

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

None

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

None

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Giannattasio extended condolences to the Patterson family on the passing of former Aldermen James Patterson. He also extended condolences to Ald. Mulrenan and her family on the loss of her mother-in-law. Mayor Giannattasio thanked the Board of Finance for their work on the budget. He stated the Board of Aldermen will be considering the budget in the near future and he asked that they be mindful of taxpayers during the budget process. Mayor Giannattasio discussed the annual tree giveaway. He stated registration begins tomorrow and that Earth Day will be held on April 20th. He commented He requested approval of agenda items 8a – 8j.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

Chairman Vetro stated Item 8a will not be going forward as Mr. Veccharelli has withdrawn his name from consideration. Mayor Giannattasio stated he spoke with Mr. Veccharelli this afternoon and he is not withdrawing his name for consideration.

Ald. Pacelli requested a 5-minute recess.
The Board recessed at 7:57 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman Vetro read an email received from Mr. Veccharelli withdrawing his name for consideration. He stated a copy was forwarded to the Mayor and the City Clerk's Office. Chairman Vetro stated it will be put to a vote.

(8a) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo, Jr., 57 Pond Street, 06460, as a member of the Fire Commission to fill the expired term of Kevin McGrath, new term to expire 12/31/26.

Ald. Healy stated a vote is being taken on an individual that has withdrawn his name and does not believe it is an appropriate action at this time. Ald. Vitali stated the agenda item is a Mayor's appointment and that only the Mayor can remove it from the agenda. He stated the Mayor spoke with Mr. Veccharelli who stated he would like to be considered for the appointment. Ald. Pacelli suggested having a discussion with the City Attorney's Office concerning who can remove items from the agenda. City Attorney Jonathan Berchem stated he is happy to review, but the rules dictate how agenda items are set. Ald. Pacelli suggested the rules committee meet to review the rules. Ald. Federico stated she cannot support a motion for a candidate that has withdrawn his name. She further stated that after hearing how important Mr. McGrath is to the Fire Commission she cannot support replacing him.

Motion failed, 7 against (Arciuolo, Federico, Healy, Mulrenan, Pacelli, Vetro, Willis), 7 in favor (Bevan, Casey, Fowler, Jenkins, Marlow, Smith, Vitali).

(8b) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Cheryl M. Lacadie, 150 Bittersweet Road, 06460, as a member of the Fair Rent Commission as a Landlord, to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/25. Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Jeffrey P. Attolino, 25 Avalon Drive, Unit 2231, 06460 as a member of the Fair Rent Commission as a Tenant, to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/25. Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Carl S. Moore, 172 Snowapple Lane, 06460, as an alternate member of the Fair Rent Commission, to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/25.

Ald. Mulrenan asked if Mr. Moore is serving as an alternate tenant or landlord member. Mr. Rosen stated that Mr. Moore will serve as an alternate citizen member. Ald. Mulrenan asked for clarification that there are alternates for each landlord, tenant and citizen member. Mr. Rosen confirmed that is correct.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8e) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (U) Thomas Mangan, 52 Housatonic Drive, 06460 as a Union Representative of Local 944 Fire for the Pension and Retirement Board, to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.

(8f) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve for the appointment of (D) Carl S. Moore, 172 Snowapple Lane, 06460, as a member of the Transit District Advisory Board, to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.

(8g) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (R) Robert Jeffrey Einig, 74 Melba Street, 06460, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/26. Motion carried unanimously.

(8h) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement and that the city enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and that the Mayor is authorized to take all steps necessary, including the signing of all documents to effectuate said Memorandum of Understanding.

Ald. Smith and Ald. Marlow made and seconded a motion to postpone the item to next month.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8i) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution re: State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) – 2024.

Ald. Fowler asked where funds will be delegated. Mayor Giannattasio stated LoCIP funds go to street paving, sidewalks and infrastructure.

Motion carried unanimously.

(8j) Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution re: cash advance for State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) – 2024.

Ald. Federico asked how the dollar amount is determined. Mayor Giannattasio stated it is an allocation provided by the State.

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 Transfers #7 and #8, Fund 1005. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

11a. Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$25,073.25. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee –

Ald. Pacelli reported the Ordinance Committee meet earlier this evening and voted to forward the ordinance to the full board for consideration.

12-1 Ald. Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford posted from March 4, 2024.

Ald. Healy stated the ordinance was postponed from the last meeting and there have been a number of opportunities to review the documents and the financial impact. He stated he would like some additional clarity and that the documents do not provide the aggregate amount.

Ald. Healey and Ald. Smith made and seconded a motion to postpone the ordinance in order to obtain additional information. Motion carried, 10 in favor (Arciuolo, Casey, Federico, Fowler, Healy, Jenkins, Marlow, Mulrenan, Vetro, Smith), 4 against (Bevan, Pacelli, Vitali, Willis).

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 – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – Ald. Federico discussed applications considered by the Commission.
- 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 – Ald. Jenkins reminded the Board the Fire Commission has invited members of the Board to Seamans Lane Facility on April 13th.
- 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. Arciuolo and Ald. Casey 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, City Attorney, Jonathan Berchem, and Marcus Irrek, Assessor.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

14a. Ald Pacelli and Ald. Arciuolo made and seconded a motion to approve the settlement of Schopick, Laurie E. v. City of Milford, Re: 34 Shipyard Lane, Unit D, as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary