

The Council of the City of Milford met in a Special Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. Mayor McBeath called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor McBeath, Vice Mayor Hinnners, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Brewer. Absent: Mr. Antell. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to excuse Mr. Antell, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Employee Health Insurance

City Manger Rokey introduced the proposed health insurance plan for all eligible City employees. Harry Steger, Finance Director, stated that four different proposals were studied but it was decided to continue with United Health Care. This will be an HRA plan where each employee will be issued a debit card to be used for medical purchases (not over the counter medication). Midwest will give two presentations to the employees. After much consideration it was decided that staying with United Health Care and going with the new plan would be to the advantage of the employees. City Manager Rokey stated that we would still be in the state pool.

Mr. Hunter made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins that Council of a Whole draft an Ordinance Authorizing an agreement with United Health Care and Custom Design Benefits for Health Insurance coverage for City of Milford Employees, and Declaring an Emergency. All voted yes.

Ordinance:

07-613 An Ordinance Authorizing an agreement with United Health Care and Custom Design Benefits for Health Insurance coverage for City of Milford Employees, and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Hunter. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes.

Personnel Commission Terms of Office:

City Manager Rokey stated that she has been unable to find initial documentation of the terms of the current Personnel Commission since the four-year terms were established in the City Charter effective January 2000. In the absence of better documentation Mr. Rokey suggested the following rotation of terms.

Jack Kemp	term expires January 1, 2008	Mr. Kemp has been served the longest
Gretchen Hurt	term expires January 1, 2009	
Suzanne Stagg	term expires January 1, 2010	

There is a possibility that there will be a vacancy before a term expires. Frederick Carey of Cleveland Ave. has expressed his interest in serving on the Commission.

Ms. Brewer made the motion that Council of the Whole accept and approve the terms of office for Mr. Kemp, Ms. Hurt and Ms. Stagg, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Council Policies: Council members discussed many different issues concerning Council Policies and rules. One of the items discussed was the selection of vice-mayor and Council vacancies. They agreed that selections should be made from Council of the whole and not committees. All applications should be sent to the Clerk of Council who will distribute them to Council. Law Director Minniear agreed to put together a procedure form for this process. Mayor McBeath stated that there is a state process form, which she will acquire and copies will be placed in Council Members mailbox.

Also discussed were ethics and conflicts of interest. There are no set rules and regulations on which charities or organizations that the City is requested to donate. This will be discussed further at committee meetings. The Council did agree that the City would not purchase a table at the Clermont Counseling Center fundraiser dinner since the date has been changed and no Council Member would be attending. A discussion was held concerning the use of City Hall facilities, i.e. Council Chambers. The consensus of opinion was that the facilities should be used only for City business. Since we do not have a staff person who would be on the premises during evening hours. Some Council members did feel that the facilities should be open for public use since City Hall was a public building. Daytime use would be another issue since the building would be occupied. Weddings would also continue in Council Chambers since the Mayor of Vice-Mayor would be in attendance.

These issues will be discussed at a Community Development meeting on August 2, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a Public Services Meeting on August 3, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

City Managers Evaluation and Wage Increase:

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next regular Council Meeting as a Committee of the Whole.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before this Special Meeting of Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with a motion by Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.