

The Council of the City of Milford met in a Work Session in conjunction with the Administrative Services Committee in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 6:30 p.m. on October 27, 2009. Mayor Hinners called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Charlene Hinners, Vice Mayor Amy Brewer, Ralph Vilardo, Jr., Bryan Hawkins and Goeff Pittman. Absent: Sam Pschesang and Kim McBeath. Mr. Pittman made a motion to excuse Mr. Pschesang and Ms. McBeath, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

**Meeting Purpose:** The purpose of this special Work Session was to discuss the current financial statements and third quarter review and any other business appropriate to come before the committee of the whole.

Mayor Hinners introduced Tim Petric, Financial Director. Mr. Petric gave an overview of our budget for the General Fund, Property and Utility Funds and distributed copies to Council. Mr. Petric explained that due to our cutbacks and frugal spending we have decreased our deficit. In our projected budget we had \$70,000 for Estate Tax. Mr. Petric stated that he has just learned that we will be receiving an additional \$200,000 that was not expected. He also discussed the Real Estate and Cinema Tax. A discussion followed with Council.

City Manager Rokey provided an overview of revenue and expenditure estimates, which indicates a shortfall for the General Fund of around \$13,000.

Mr. Vilardo, Jr. requested that Mr. Petric provide a line item comparison for review.

Mr. Pittman stated many money saving ideas have come from department heads and employees. He asked if we have ever considered an incentive program such as this. Discussion followed by Council.

Mr. Hawkins stated that we should give a "Hats off" to all of our staff.

Mr. Petric announced that the projected net difference of expenditures and receipts before cutbacks was \$493,744.24. Our projected deficit, with the inclusion of the \$270,000 Estate Tax is about \$13,000.

A discussion was held concerning the Garbage Contract and the Storm Water Fund. Council also discussed businesses moving in and out of Milford.

City Manager Rokey also discussed the AFSCME contract. The contract was acceptable with Council and will be approved at the next regular Council meeting. Mr. Hawkins stated that he liked the contract and the AFSCME negotiators were easy and understandable to work with. Negotiations with the Police Department will be next.

Mr. Vilardo, Jr. asked Mr. Petric if had a feel for the 2010 projections. Mr. Petric said it could not be necessarily good in 2010. A lot depends on our economy.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before this Special Work Session of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

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Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council

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Charlene Hinners, Mayor