

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
City Hall West
131 North Main Street, Second Floor Bristol, CT

ATTENDEES: Susan Tyler, Cheryl Thibeault, Sebastian Panioto

ABSENT: - - -

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Tyler. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. February 7, 2023

Councilman Panioto made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

Councilwoman Jackie Olsen, 370 Willis Street stated that when she was on the Committee, discussion was had on cannabis in public places. She presented a petition to the Committee to expand on the smoking ordinance to include prohibiting smoking of cannabis in public areas. Attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

4. Old Business

a. Sec. 21-21.10 Shopping Carts – Report from Public Hearing

Chairwoman Tyler stated that a Public Hearing was conducted prior to this meeting wherein no one from the public came to speak in favor or against.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to forward the new language for section 21-21.10 Shopping Carts to the City Council for final approval, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

b. Sec. 17-22 Farmer's Market Exemptions – Report from Public Hearing

Chairwoman Tyler stated that a Public Hearing was conducted prior to this meeting wherein no one from the public came to speak in favor or against.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to forward the new language for section 17-22 to remove sections A & B to the City Council for final approval, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

c. (NEW) Fair Rent Commission

Chairwoman Tyler stated that the City is required to incorporate a Fair Rent Commission into their Ordinances prior to July 1 pursuant to the State of Connecticut. She said that a committee had been formed and they have come back with some recommendations. The Chairman, some members of the commission and Attorney Welch were in attendance to answer any questions.

The Committee discussed with Commission members some of the following:

1. Inspection of the rental units and whose responsibility that would be.
2. Whether we need to put together a budget and if any money is allocated for this. Do we need a recording secretary.
3. Who would get the applications and how they would be processed.
4. Training for members of the Commission.
5. Mechanisms to hold landlords accountable to make repairs.
6. Is there an appeal process if tenant/landlord doesn't like a decision?

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to amend paragraph D to read that the two landlord's must have been a landlord for at least one year, the two tenants must have been a tenant for a least one year and to change the word "homeowner" to "elector", seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to include the words "Government Owned" under Section 2, paragraph B, exempted properties, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to include language that if a landlord, tenant or other member of the Commission should no longer be a landlord, tenant or elector of the City of Bristol, this would cause a vacancy on the Commission, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to refer all three amendments to the City Council and set a date for a public hearing, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Councilman Panioto made a motion to move item 5b up on the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

5b. Review of Chapter 15, Article IV

Chairwoman Tyler stated that a lawsuit is pending regarding this section which caused the Committee to review the language. It appears that the language is antiquated and isn't effective. She asked Chief Gould to speak about the language.

Chief Gould stated that he researched this ordinance back at least 15 years and he couldn't locate anything to support that this ordinance has ever been utilized. He stated he have new laws now and this would be handled through the criminal court system, not through a ticketing process and therefore it is obsolete.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to repeal Chapter 15, Article IV in its entirety and send to the City Council for a public hearing, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

4d. Removal of Elected & Appointed Officials

Attorney Conlin stated that he added some new language regarding sexual misconduct. The Committee would like to have more time to review the new changes.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to table item 4d, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

e. Air Quality Issues update

Chairwoman Tyler stated that someone had asked her why air quality was removed in 2021. She determined through the Corporation Counsel's Officer that the language was antiquated and that we can no longer apply this language as it falls under the powers of the Public Health Director.

Attorney Conlin also stated that when Dave Preleski was Chair of this Committee, he had asked his committee to do what this committee is doing which is to identify any ordinances that no longer apply or have antiquated language.

Chairwoman Tyler stated that she received an email from Mark VanWeelden of Covanta regarding a status update. A copy of said email is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

No action taken.

5. New Business

a. Litter Ordinances, review of sections 10-2; 10-4 21-6; and 4-3.

Attorney Conlin stated he performed some research and he has provided the committee with some language from Stamford as a working draft. Stamford's litter ordinance has been in existence for about 30 years and it covers both public and private property. So this language would be a good starting point for the committee.

No action taken.

6. Additional Public Participation

Tim Gamache, Stafford Avenue had a question regarding the Air Quality issue and said it sounded like it related to open air space. He wanted to know if it also included the schools in Bristol and if we would put in an air purification ordinance for our schools.

7. Committee member comments

Chairwoman Tyler stated that the bell ringing issue from the past few meetings has been resolved. The company that repaired the bells, has put a felt cover on the hammer which has diminished the volume considerably.

8. Adjournment

Councilman Panioto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm, seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary

February 19, 2023

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Thank you

Roberta Allain

Johnnie

Mary Ann Murphy

James Grissell

Ann Margaret Chynoweth

Shirley

Cosmin J. Kulesa

Lauren Caterone

Emily Grubb

Maia Monteleone

Anna Jones

Richard B. B. B.

Matthew Thomas

Bob Parucka

Michael J. Jackson
Doree Gregory

Mike Gumbel

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Lynda Russell Kathy Eblen

Barbara Fok Marilyn Ruel

Rose Parenti June Lozowski

Sheila Bousquet Y. Kozian

James Bousquet Darlene Coffey

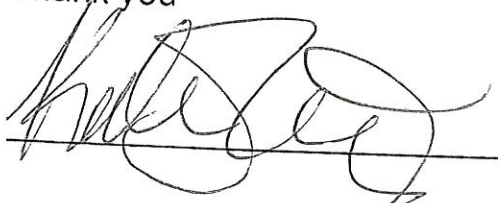
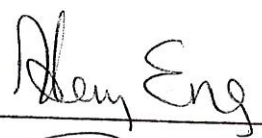
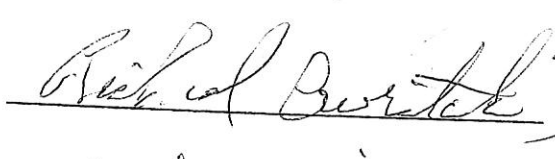
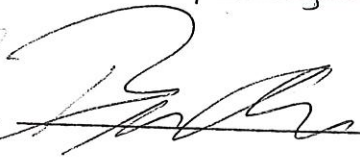
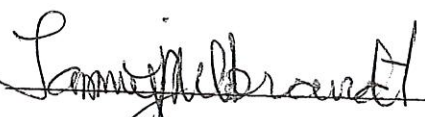
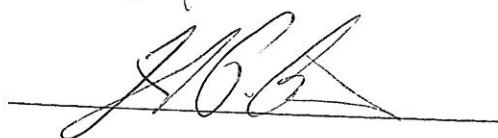
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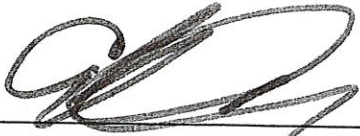
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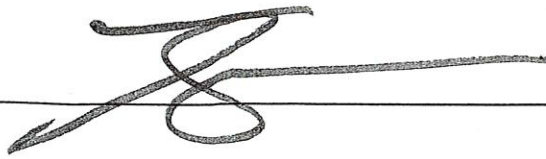
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Marion Cockayne

Linda LaMarry



Bruce Cockayne

Lane St. Hain

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Wille Biele

Jim Matthews

Jacqueline Olsen

Bristol Update for tonight's meeting

VanWeelden,Mark A <MVanWeelden@covanta.com>

Tue 3/7/2023 2:54 PM

To:Susan L. Tyler <susantyl@bristolct.gov>;

Cc:Jeffrey Caggiano <jeffcaggiano@bristolct.gov>;

Councilwoman Tyler,

- BMW permit application status has remained unchanged. All requested engineering drawings have been submitted at the end of Jan and they are under along with our original permit submissions with CTDEEP. We have not received any substantial questions/clarifications from CTDEEP as of this date.
- Facility has been continually operating and processing waste very well with only minor unplanned cleaning outages this year.
- Major boiler outages are planned for late May on unit one and early June for the unit two.
- CEMS – Continuous Emissions Monitoring System is still scheduled to go live on our website as part of our outage work list.
- Below represents pictures our two baghouse modules and our APC (Air Pollution Control) replacement unit on site ready for installation. The major focus for this years planned outage(s) is the in-kind replacement of this equipment that will reduce our unscheduled downtime and reduce our maintenance/repair costs in the future. Total 2023/2024 investment(s) will be over 10M.



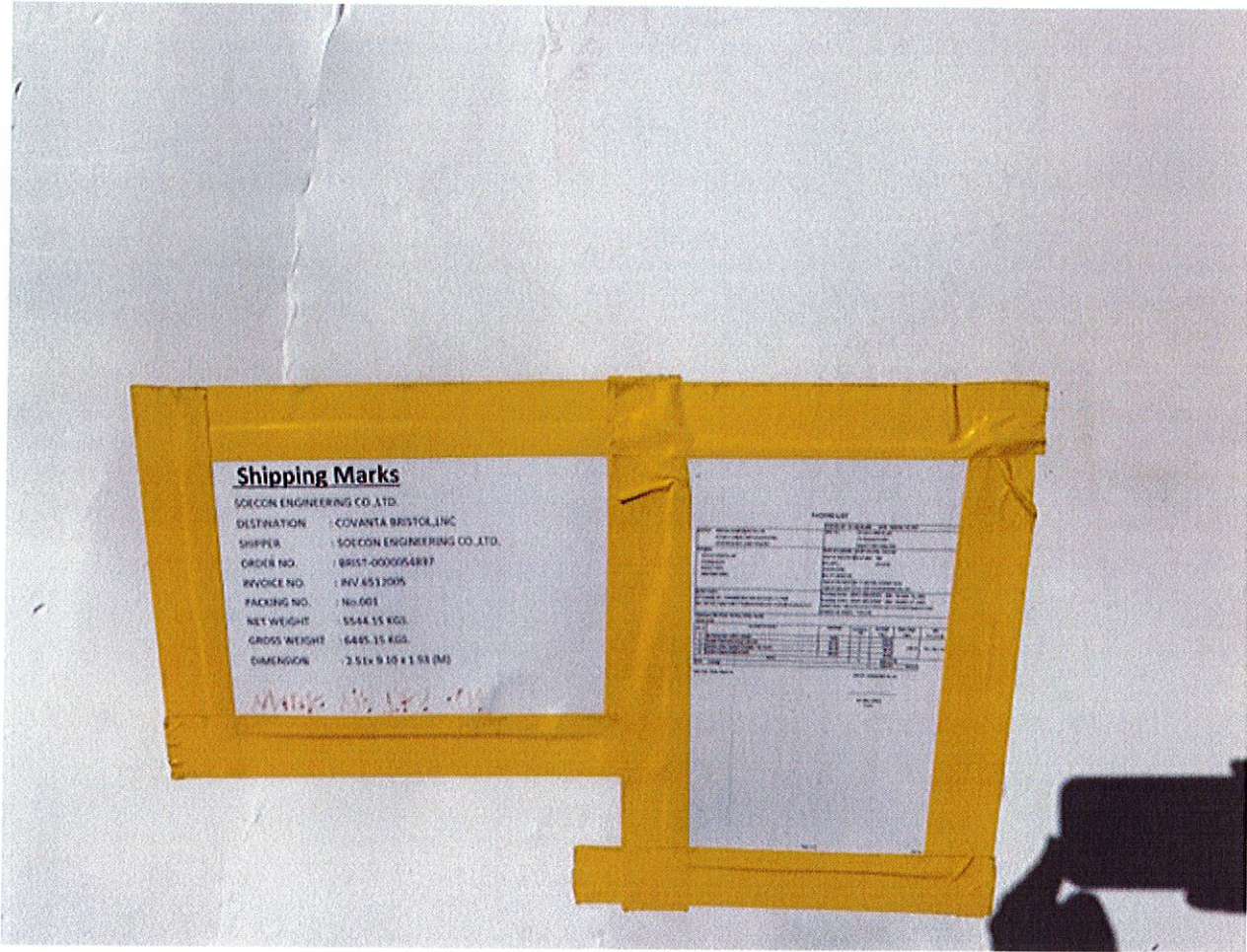


















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