

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
Meeting Room 3, Lower Level
Bristol Public Library, 5 High St., Bristol, CT

ATTENDEES: Susan Tyler, Cheryl Thibeault, Jacqueline Olsen

ABSENT: - - -

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel

COUNCIL MEMBER: ---

1. The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairwoman Tyler.

2. Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022 meeting seconded by Jacqueline Olsen. All present voted in favor – motion passed.

3. Public Participation

Tom Bentivengo, 5 Village Street spoke with regard to allowing senior housing in an R10-R15 zone. He stated there is a company coming in that wants to build 85 senior housing units (55+) on Redstone Hill Road which would significantly increase traffic and the roads can't handle that amount of traffic. He asked the City Planner if a big company came in and bought all the single family homes in that area and converted them to duplexes and called them senior housing, would they be able to do that. The City Planner responded yes, they would. He thinks this is inconsistent with the Ordinance and there is no protection for seniors. He would like the Committee to review the ordinances.

4. Old Business

a. Peddler's Licenses, Sec. 17-33 and 17-34

Chairwoman Tyler stated that Lt. Duval was not able to make the meeting but he and others at the Police Department are actively reviewing this ordinance. He stated at the last meeting that he would most likely report at the August meeting.

Attorney Tom Conlin put together a packet of different towns in Connecticut and what their process was and their fee structures for the Committee to review. A copy of which is attached hereto.

Councilwoman Thibeault was in favor of a different fee structure for both residents and non-residents and also a yearly, monthly and even one time event fee. Chairwoman Tyler agreed that we need to come up with a structured fee schedule to fit these types of events.

No action taken. Item is tabled.

b. Air quality issues update

Chairwoman Tyler stated that there wasn't really anything to report except that there will be another meeting this month, along with a tour of the Covanta facility. She will have more information at the August meeting.

No action taken.

5. New Business

Councilwoman Thibeault stated that she would like the Committee to look into the ordinance for housing in and R10 & R15 zone that was brought up by Mr. Bentivengo in Public Participation. Attorney Conlin stated that there was no ordinance and that it was a Zoning Regulation. The Zoning Commission has authority over this and not the Ordinance Committee.

Councilwoman Olsen brought up an issue about pan handling on the corner of South Street and Main Street across from Walgreens. There is a man there all the time and she would like to know if she can have the material that Attorney Conlin had put together on this matter so she could review it and maybe revisit the ordinance. She wanted to know if there was a way to stop this type of activity. Attorney Conlin stated that it is a constitutional issue and it is their 1st Amendment Right of free speech, which is protected. He stated that private owners have been allowing this type of activity on their land and it has become an issue with traffic and pedestrian safety. He will send Ms. Olsen the background information he researched on this.

6. Committee Member Comments – There were no member comments.

7. Adjournment

Jackie Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. seconded by Cheryl Thibeault. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary