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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 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 5:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Tyler.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 6, 2022
 - b. September 15, 2022 (Special Meeting)

Councilwoman Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022 and September 15, 2022 meetings, seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Old Business

- a. Peddler's license fees section

Councilwoman Tyler stated that she received a letter from Deputy Chief Morello with the Police Department's recommendations regarding the fees for a peddler's license. Currently, the statute stated that the City can't charge more than \$200 for a permit fee. Our current Ordinance states that the fee is \$250.00. He recommended to change the fee to \$185 per year from the date of issuance, with an application fee of \$15.00 for a total of \$200, and will be paid to the Police Department. This would make the ordinance comport with the state statute. (A copy of the recommendation from D.C. Morello is attached hereto.)

Councilwoman Tyler asked the Committee Members to wait another month to give them an opportunity to go over the entire section. Councilwoman Thibeault stated that the peddler's season is over and it wouldn't hurt to wait another month.

Councilwoman Olsen made a motion to Table Item 4a – Peddler's license fee section to next month. Seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor - Motion passed

Councilwoman Thibeault asked for an update on the Covanta issue. Councilwoman Tyler stated that the online Emissions Continuous Monitoring App will be available to our community by the end of January, 2023. She also asked for an update of the permits that are under DEEP's review.

5. New Business

Councilwoman Thibeault stated that at the last meeting, they talked about the consumption of cannabis and where it wasn't allowed. She would like the Committee to consider other places they can and can't and maybe they should look at what other towns are doing.

Councilwoman Tyler stated that she will add Covanta and Cannabis on to the November agenda for discussion.

6. Committee member comments

7. Adjournment

Jackie Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. seconded by Cheryl Thibeault. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary



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October 4, 2022

From: D.C. Mark Morello
To: Sue Tyler, Ordinance Committee Members
Re: Ordinance Revisions

As requested, we have conducted an overall review of City Ordinance Section 17. Article II Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers.

During this review we found that under Section 17-34(a) Peddlers Fee, the City Ordinance lists a fee of \$250.00 for Peddlers, however Connecticut General Statutes Section 21-37 Town Ordinances re: vending, hawking, or peddling, states that fees are not to exceed two hundred dollars a year. This matter was sent to Corporation Council for review by Detective Lieutenant Duval upon discovery. Attached is the associated correspondence. We still request Corporation Council reviews this matter and offer a legal opinion on this topic. However, based on our interpretation, the following changes appear to be warranted:

Recommendation is to change the fee and associated language in City Ordinance Section 17-34 (a) Peddlers from two hundred and fifty dollars to one hundred and eighty five dollars. We currently charge a
* fifteen dollar application fee as outlined under section 17-33 (a). This combined with a permit fee of one hundred eighty five would total the maximum allotted fee by the state.

Current: (a) *Peddlers*. The license fee for a peddler as defined in section 17-16(a) shall be two hundred-fifty-dollars-(\$250.00) per year from the date of issuance and shall be paid to the police department. A peddler's license shall not be issued for a shorter period of time.

New: (a) *Peddlers*. The license fee for a peddler as defined in section 17-16(a) shall one hundred eighty five dollars (\$185.00) per year from the date of issuance and shall be paid to the police department. A peddler's license shall not be issued for a shorter period of time.

We also explored the option of eliminating the various fees and making a singular flat fee for all police department permits issued under Article II- however, we found the fees were reasonable as currently listed and no additional changes are being recommended at this time.

Respectfully,

Deputy Chief Mark Morello

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