

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 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 5:03 p.m. by Chairwoman Tyler. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. March 7, 2023

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

3. Public Participation

Andrew Collins, 155 Redstone Hill Road, addressed the Committee stating there is a real problem with litter throughout the City and he is happy that they are addressing this issue. He has been reaching out to the community and has formed a group that goes out and collects the litter but they can't do it alone.

Attorney Jon Fitzgerald made some clarifications to the language that was approved at the last meeting and addressed some typos in the language.

4. Old Business

a. Report from public hearing section (NEW) Fair Rent Commission

Chairwoman Tyler stated that the public was opened and no one from the public came out to speak.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to forward to the recommended changes to the Fair Rent Commission suggested by Attorney Fitzgerald to the City Council for Adoption. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

. Report from public hearing Chapter 15, Article IV

b. Report from public hearing Chapter 15, Article IV

Chairwoman Tyler stated that the public was opened and no one from the public came out to speak.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to forward to the recommended changes to Chapter 15, Article IV to the City Council for Adoption. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

c. Removal of Elected & Appointed Officials

Attorney Conlin stated that he has presented language and suggested changes at the last two committee meetings and the committee needed to decide if additional changes need to be made or to refer it to the City Council.

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

d. Proposed Litter Ordinance

The Committee would like another month to review the material before making any recommendations to the City Council.

No action taken.

e. Air Quality Issues update

Chairwoman Tyler stated that she has not received any updates.

No action taken.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of revisions to section 22-77 et seq. Fats Oils & Grease (FOG)

Attorney Conlin stated he has sent some language to Rob Longo for his review to which comments were made. Rob Longo stated that he wanted to change the ordinance as they had no power to write citations the way the ordinance was written.

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

b. Discussion/reconsideration of section 5-58 of section 5-58 International Property Maintenance Code

Rick Brown addressed the Committee and explained the International Property Maintenance Code and what the Building Department's Role was in enforcing it. He explained that other departments, such as Fire have a different set of codes that they follow. Attorney Conlin asked him to forward the IPMC to him so that he could share it with the Committee for review.

No action taken.

6. Additional Public Participation

7. Committee member comments

8. Adjournment

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm, seconded by Councilman Panioto. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary