

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 5:00 P.M.
First Floor Meeting Room, Bristol City Hall

ATTENDEES: David Preleski, Greg Hahn, Mary Fortier

ABSENT: - - -

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Conlin, Asst. Corporation Counsel
Josh Medeiros, Parks & Recreation

1. The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Council Member Preleski.

2. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Hahn made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2019 and December 18, 2019, seconded by Council Member Preleski. Council Member Fortier abstained. Minutes were approved.

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Old Business

a. Report from public hearing Secs. 16-3 through 16-8 Tobacco Products

Council Member Preleski reported on the Public Hearing. The speakers were: Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services, Sandra Bogdanski, Parks Commissioner, and Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, who all spoke in favor of the ordinance change. The Department Heads and the City Council members had a chance to review and take part in drafting the revised ordinance.

Council Member Fortier made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hahn, to refer the ordinance to the City Council for a vote at its next meeting on February 11. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed.

b. Report from public hearing Secs. 18-180 through 18-204 Bristol Development Authority

Justin Malley, Executive Director of the Bristol Development Authority, spoke at the Public Hearing in favor of the amended ordinance. There were no other speakers at the public hearing.

Council Member Hahn made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fortier, to refer the amended ordinance to the City Council for review. All present voted in favor and the motion was passed.

5. New Business

a. Sewer Authority – creation of Charter Sec. 48A

Attorney Conlin reported that a new section was created in the charter. This is currently a draft. There will be two or three additional sections that will also go along that will be informative.

- This is now only FYI
- It will be addressed again

- This will go to the Water Board before it comes back to this committee.

b. Sec. 15-25 Noise Ordinance

These are not misdemeanors. References to "misdemeanor" and "conviction" should be removed and only include "fine." Reference to police officers would be coming out. Who can issue the noise citation will be added.

Council Member Fortier made a motion to send the added item Section 15-25 as amended to Public Hearing. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

6. Committee Member Comments

Council Member Preleski spoke to the Department Heads regarding items for Ordinance cleanup but there were department time constraints, e.g., for the Public Works director.

The next Ordinance Committee meeting will be March 3.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. seconded by Council Member Fortier. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper
Recording Secretary