

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Bristol City Hall

ATTENDEES: David Preleski, Greg Hahn, Mary Fortier
ABSENT: - - -
STAFF PRESENT: Tom Conlin, Asst. Corporation Counsel
Diane Waldron, Comptroller
Tom DeNoto, Assessor

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 June 2, 2020 seconded by Council Member Preleski. Minutes were approved.

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Old Business

- a. Sewer Authority – Creation of Charter Section 48A

Attorney Conlin explained this was a simple terminology change. This has been discussed with Rob Longo and Sean Hennessey. This is the essence of the changes to be made but it is not the last version. There may be other changes. Mary pointed out that it is not clear that Rob is the superintendent of both water and sewer. Attorney Conlin said that the changes have been sent to both Rob and Sean but he has not received feedback on the latest version. This can be forwarded to City Council.

Council Member Hahn made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fortier, to refer this matter to City Council to set a public hearing. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

- b. Personnel Committee, Creation

Council Member Preleski has met with HR Director Mark Penney. They are looking at other cities. This item will come back to this committee.

- c. Pension changes pursuant to recent collective bargaining negotiations

Attorney Conlin advised there were Police & Fire negotiations and there have been some contractual changes. Diane Waldron reviewed the main changes on both Police and Fire. Council Member Preleski advised there will be redrafts before the next meeting.

- d. Tax exemptions – energy co-generation systems pursuant to C.G. S. Secs. 12-41, 12-81

Attorney Conlin advised there is a memo from Judy Dick which outlines this. Assessor Tom DeNoto summarized the ordinance. Attorney Conlin reviewed the draft and made suggestions and pointed out options. Some of these are according to statute and some will be policy decisions.

Mr. DeNoto then answered questions. Discussion. Attorney Conlin pointed out that there is also a carbon emissions aspect to this. More information may be needed. General discussion followed.

Council Member Fortier made a motion to accept the Tax Exemption for Co-Generation Systems draft Ordinance in the permissive form as we've discussed tonight and Attorney Conlin will make the correct choices with the language where the notes indicated a choice and to include up to 15 years for exemption in the language. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

- 5. New Business

There was no new business.

- 6. Committee Member Comments

There were no committee member comments.

- 7. Adjournment

Council Member Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. seconded by Council Member Fortier. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper
Recording Secretary