

Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Committee – Board of Representatives

Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair Keith Silver, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888

Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Co-Chairs Cerasoli and Silver and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones, Reeder and Zelinsky. Also present were Reps. Coleman, Day, Di Costanzo and Moore; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Robert DeMarco, Building Official and Tom Rich (see public hearing sign-in sheet).

Co-Chair Cerasoli called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Item No.

Description

Committee
Action

1. CS29.003

RESOLUTION and public hearing; Concerning
Building Permit Fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
02/26/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended

Secondary Committee: Operations

Committee
Approved, as amended, 8-1-0

Co-Chair Cerasoli opened the public hearing. Mr. Rich spoke in opposition to these increases, requesting that the increases be reduced or that credit be given to builders for the use of 3rd party reviewers. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. DeMarco stated that the proposed residential fee is competitive with other municipalities and the commercial fee is competitive but \$1 higher than other municipalities. Committee members discussed whether the fees should be competitive with other municipalities or higher than other municipalities. Committee members also discussed whether it made sense to increase these fees given the disparity between the costs incurred by the Building Department and its revenue. A motion to amend the proposed resolution to reduce the proposed \$17 commercial fee to \$16.50; to reduce the proposed residential minimum of \$75 to \$60; and to reduce the proposed commercial minimum of \$150 to \$75 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-1-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Silver, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Reeder in favor; Rep. Zelinsky opposed). A motion to delete the

first two Whereas clauses was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-1-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Silver, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Reeder in favor; Rep. Zelinsky opposed). A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-1-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Silver, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Reeder in favor; Rep. Zelinsky opposed).

2. <u>CS29.013</u> RESOLUTION and <u>public hearing</u>; Concerning Car And Truck Tire Disposal Fees. 02/05/2015 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/26/15 – Approved by Committee

Secondary Committee: Operations

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Cerasoli, Silver, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Reeder abstained).

As a Secondary Committee:

1. <u>LR29.041</u>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amending Chapter 214, Article V, Sidewalk Cafes, Section 214-46, Permit Application, concerning permit fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/17/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended 03/02/15 – Held in Committee by full Board
2. <u>PR29.025</u>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving Fee Increases For Terry Conners Ice Rink. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
3. <u>PR29.026</u>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Concerning Beach Pass Fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
4. <u>PR29.027</u>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Establishing Fees For Summer Camp Programs. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
5. <u>PR29.028</u>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Concerning Recreation Program Fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
6. <u>PS29.030</u>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Concerning Food Service Establishment License and Service Fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/19/15 – Held in Committee

7. PS29.031 ORDINANCE for Public Hearing and Final Adoption;
Amending Chapter 146, Article II, Apartments,
Multiple Dwellings, Rooming Houses and Hotels,
Section 146-35, Fees, Concerning Housing License
Fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
02/19/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended

8. T29.029 ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 231, Article I, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 231-7, Parking Violation Penalties, to Provide for New Fines for Parking Violations.

11/20/14 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Franzetti 03/02/15 – Held in Committee by Full Board

9. T29.032 RESOLUTION and public hearing; Establishing Fees For City Owned Garages and St. John's and St. Andrew's Lots.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
02/17/15 – Approved by Committee

Co-Chair Cerasoli adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair

This meeting is on video.