



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, and Committee Member Reps. Day, Okun, Nabel, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Mitchell and Ryan. Also present were Kathy Emmett, Law Department; Clemon Williams, Director of Human Resources; Vikki Cooper, Law Department; Tilford Cobb, Animal Control Authority; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety and Health.

Chair Heaphy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR29.041	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 03/23/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended 04/29/15 – Public Hearing Held; Failed in Committee, as amended 05/06/15 – Returned to Committee by full Board 05/19/15 – Held in Committee 06/15/15 – Held in Committee	Item Held

Chair Heaphy explained that she received a call from Ernie Orgera who is on the Mayor's Access 4 All Committee stating they did a walkthrough and found some changes to the ordinance that they would like to propose before the committee takes action.

Rep. Zelinsky added that he would like the Law Department to look at the amended ordinance and to add the changes that he suggested in order for the Committee and Board to either approve or reject. Without objection, this item was held.

12. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare. **Item Held**
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Heaphy
06/15/15 – Held in Committee

Chair Heaphy outlined changes that were made;

- Comments from Rep. McMullen regarding corrections of wording and clarification of terms
- Recommendations from the American Kennel Club and the Cat Fanciers Association
- Breeding Section changes
 - Breeding Section Reduced to just Dogs
 - \$100.00 yearly permit fee
 - No litter fees
- Mr. Jankowski and Mr. Cobb agreed that the Breeders section will help control abuse
- Rep. McMullen does not agree with the breeding section
- Kennel fee is for up to 10 dogs and opens up to inspection by the State (State law)
- Over 10 dogs requires an application for 2 licenses
- Committee agreed to look over amended ordinance and come back with recommendations at the next committee meeting

Without objection, this item was held.

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

3. LR29.051 REVIEW; Status of Ethics Training of Employees and Elected and Appointed Officials. **Report Made**
04/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy
05/19/15 – Held in Committee
06/15/15 – Held in Committee

Mr. Clemons spoke briefly regarding the status of Ethics Training. The committee had several questions regarding whether the training should be available electronically or interactively in person. Other issues discussed:

- Possible creation of a quiz to confirm electronic training
- Ordinance does not say how the training is to be given
- The HR Department is working on the manual which is required by the ordinance
- The HR Department will look into gotomeeting.com (which is an interactive online system)
- The HR Department will get the list of people who have not taken ethics training
- The Committee would like to see the power point presentations
- 250 employees have taken the training

- ²4. [LR29.053](#) APPROVAL; Agreement with Sustainable Strategies DC LLC for Federal Lobbying Services. **Committee Approved 6-0-0**
07/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

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Mr. Madden discussed the attached sheet on Sustainable Strategies. ([Highlights-sheet](#))

- The contract Expires October 2015 with a 2 year option to renew
- Sustainable Strategies work in conjunction with CT's Senators' and Congressman Himes' offices
- Sustainable Strategies hasn't been paid since October 2014 but they have been working for the City
- He will provide the Board office the amount of money Sustainable Strategies has made for the City in 2014-July 2015.

A motion to approve this agreement was made, seconded and approved by a vote 6-0-0. (Heaphy, Day, Nabel, Okun, Silver and Zelinsky in favor)

- ³5. [LR29.054](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 6, Authorities, Boards and Commissions, Article II, Social Services Commission. **Committee Approved 6-0-0**
07/08/15 – Submitted by Vikki Cooper
6. [LR29.055](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 47, Personnel, Article IV, Labor Standards and Responsibilities, Section 47-15, Compliance with Provisions. **Committee Approved 6-0-0**
07/08/15 – Submitted by Vikki Cooper
7. [LR29.056](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 47, Personnel, Article VII, Discrimination, Section 47-23, Policy Declared. **Committee Approved 6-0-0**
07/08/15 – Submitted by Vikki Cooper

Ms. Cooper explained that the purpose of the changes to these ordinances is for clarity and to be consistent with State statutes that say protected classes are extended to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. One of the changes has to do with Contractors that do business with the City of Stamford, who are now under the same laws as the City of Stamford with regard to the Social Services Commission (formerly the city's Human Rights Commission).

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Heaphy, Day, Nabel, Okun, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Heaphy, Day, Nabel, Okun, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Heaphy, Day, Nabel, Okun, Silver and Zelinsky in favor)

*Rep. Day stated that since these items make our local ordinances consistent with State Statutes, he was making a **motion to waive publication for items LR29054-056**. Said motion was seconded and **approved by a vote of 4-2-0**. (Heaphy, Day, Okun, Zelinsky in*

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favor; Nabel and Silver opposed)

- ⁴8. [LR29.058](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to Chapter 23, Finances, to Add Article VII Appropriation of Funds to Nonprofit Agencies. 07/08/15 – Submitted by Mike Toma

**Committee
approved 4-0-1**

Ms. Emmett stated this ordinance

- Was at the request of Brian Buckman and Jay Fountain because some nonprofit agencies that provide services to Stamford residents and are appropriated funds from the City have no financial oversight by the city
 - The Law Department, Reps. Buckman and Fountain, and nonprofit agencies that receive money (Library, Nature Center and Volunteer Fire Fighters) met to discuss this issue.
- This ordinance does not apply to nonprofit education agencies.
- Director of Administration is responsible for monitoring outside agencies use of money and has the right to request a financial report
- The attached form agreement can be tweaked depending on the agency.

Rep. Zelinsky made a motion to reduce the \$50,000 to \$20,000; said motion had no second

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-1. (Heaphy, Nabel, Okun, Silver in favor; Zelinsky abstained)

Chair Heaphy Adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This meeting is on [Video](#).

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