



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, September 21, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Day. Also present were Reps. De la Cruz and McMullen; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Michael Toma, Law Department; Michael Nemec, Cacace, Tusch & Santagata; and approximately 12 members of the public.

Chair Heaphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR29.060</a>	RESOLUTION; Approving Real Estate Sales Agreement Between the City of Stamford and The Innis Arden Golf Club (0 Fairfield Avenue). 07/17/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 08/11/15 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a> 08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance 08/31/15 – Held in Committee (public hearing held)	<b>Held in Committee 8-0-0</b>

Chair Heaphy stated that there have been several community meetings regarding this issue. Rep. Mitchell stated that she would like to hold this item in order to give community members time to retain an attorney and to get a list of concerns to the Board by October 13<sup>th</sup>. In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Pollard stated that the Administration has no specific timeline for this agreement. A motion to hold this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

2. [LR29.041](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 214, Article V, Sidewalk Cafes, Section 214-46, Permit Application, concerning permit fees. **Held in Committee 8-0-0**  
 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  
 07/21/15 – Held in Committee  
 08/31/15 – Held in Committee

*Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement*

Chair Heaphy stated that the Access4All Committee is still reviewing the draft. A motion to hold this ordinance was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor.

4. LR29.059 ORDINANCE for publication; amendment of Chapter 220, Article IV of the Code, Senior Citizens Tax Abatement, to make Pilot Program permanent. **Held in Committee 8-0-0**  
 07/16/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain  
 08/31/15 – Held in Committee

Chair Heaphy explained that the Law Department had not completed this draft ordinance. A motion to hold this ordinance was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor.

3. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare. **Held in Committee**  
 06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Heaphy  
 06/15/15 – Held in Committee  
 07/21/15 – Held in Committee  
 08/31/15 – Held in Committee

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

The Committee reviewed the changes made to the Ordinance at last month’s meeting and then reviewed Sections 111-.7 through 111-9 in detail. There was extensive discussion of Sec. 111-7.C.1(c), regarding the neutering or spaying of feral cats, and Sec. 111-7.E, regarding the fines for violation of the section, particularly as to how and when fines would be charged and whether the Animal Control Officer would have discretion regarding the fines. Changes were made to these sections to clarify the language, including deleting the last sentence of Sec.111-7.E(1); adding “If the violation is not remedied within 30 days” the beginning of Sec.111-7.E(2) and removing the words “for each violation” from the first sentence of Sec.111-7.E(2).

A motion to change the word “may” to “shall” in Section 111-7.E was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-0. (Reps. Heaphy, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Mitchell opposed.

A motion to strike Section 111-7.E(3) was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-2-0 (Reps. Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Heaphy and Coleman opposed).

The Committee requested that Mr. Toma review the language “not to disturb” in Sec. 111-8.C(1) for next month in order to make that section less ambiguous.

The Committee agreed to continue reviewing the draft, beginning with Section 111-10.

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).