



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, April 18, 2015

Time: 7:00 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, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Okun. Also present were Burt Rosenberg and Michael Toma, Law Department and Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR29.066	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving a License agreement between Vineyard Vines Retail and the City of Stamford for PD Harbor Unit Substation. 03/08/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/14/16 – Held at Steering 03/29/16 - Approved by the Planning Board 04/14/16 - Approved by the Board of Finance	Approved 8-0-0

Chair Heaphy opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Rosenberg explained that:

- This is a resolution for approximately 330 ft² in the lobby to be used as a police substation for the harbor police (it cannot be used for processing arrestees)
- There is no rent and no cost to the City
- This was approved by the Board of Finance
- The owner and tenant preferred that this be a license agreement (a license agreement is usually of shorter duration than a lease and is not self-renewing)

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

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- ²2. [LR29.065](#) ORDINANCE, for public hearing and final adoption; **Approved 7-1-0**
Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement Among
The City Of Stamford and Park 215 Limited
Partnership and The Housing Authority of The City
Of Stamford for 47 Below Market Units Located At
195-215 Stillwater Ave.
03/08/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
03/21/16 – Approved by Committee

Chair Heaphy opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Gottlieb noted that the agreement provides:

- 12 units are reserved for families at or below 25% of AMI
- 18 units are reserved for families at or below 50% of AMI
- 16 units are reserved for families at or below 60% of AMI
- 5 of those total units are Federal Public Housing Units for which residents pay 30% of their income
- 23 units are project-based Section 8 units for which residents pay 30% of their income

A motion to approve this ordinance was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Heaphy, Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Coleman opposed).

- ³3. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for final adoption; Amending Chapter **Approved as amended 8-0-0**
111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare. **amended 8-0-0**
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
09/21/15 – Held in Committee
10/29/15 – Held in Committee
11/16/15 – Approved by Committee for publication
12/14/15 – Held at Steering
01/19/16 – Public Hearing Held & Held in
Committee
03/21/16 – Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

Committee members reviewed the changes proposed by Chair Heaphy to §111-10. Items discussed included:

- Whether the Police Department should create the policies for the Animal Control and Care Center
- Whether the policies should be published. (Attorney Toma noted that the policies would be available even if not published)

A motion to change §111-10(B) as recommended by Chair Heaphy to read:

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- B. The SACCC is responsible for executing federal, state and city laws, policies and directives concerning health, welfare and safety of Stamford residents as regards to animals and concerning the health, welfare and humane treatment of animals within its jurisdiction. As part of these responsibilities, the SACCC shall work with the SPD to establish and make available to the public, as appropriate, written policies, regarding the management of shelter volunteers; adoption and fostering procedures for animals in the shelter; management of the surrender of animals to the shelter; efforts to reunite lost pets with their owners; and encouragement of adoptions of the shelter's animals and other such policies and directives as the SPD shall determine.

was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to change §111-10(F) as recommended by Chair Heaphy to read:

- F. The SACCC must annually submit to the Board of Representatives, ~~through the BOR Legislative and Rules Committee,~~ a report of its activities, practices and policies.

was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

Committee members discussed §111-7 regarding feral cats, the need to control the feral cat population and the enforceability of the section. A motion to amend §111-7(D) as follows:

D. Feral Cats

- (1) No person shall provide food, water, or other forms of sustenance or care to a feral cat or feral cat colony/colonies unless that person is willing to ~~assume the following responsibilities:~~
 - (a) Provide a clean feeding area for the cats and takes care to avoid leaving their food out at night when raccoons and other wild animals are around.
 - (b) Prevent feeding activities from creating a nuisance or public health issue for neighbors.—~~The Stamford Police Department may, as necessary, issue more specific feeding restrictions to address such concerns in this area.—~~
 - ~~(c) Have a veterinarian tip all cats on the left ear to indicate they have been spayed or neutered;~~
 - ~~(d) Remove any sick animal from the colony for immediate veterinary care; and~~
 - ~~(e) Attempt removal of any kittens by eight weeks of age for domestic placement under the guidance of Animal Control or an animal welfare group.~~
- (2) The Animal Control Officer shall investigate any feral cat colony where there is reason to believe that the animals there are in imminent danger.
- (3) No person having the care and control of any feral cats shall abandon said animals anywhere in the city, or introduce animals from outside the city into any existing Feral Cat Colony inside the city. Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate- Release (TNVR) protocol does not constitute abandonment.

was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Coleman, Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Heaphy abstaining).

Committee members discussed the need to have a new public hearing on this item. A motion to approve the Ordinance for republication and public hearing was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Coleman, Day, Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky in favor).

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This item is on [video](#).