



## ***Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives***

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2014

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

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

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coppola, Kolenberg and Giraldo. Also present were Reps. Cerasoli and Heaphy; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff ; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel; and Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau; Annie Taylor, Animal Control Task Force member; and Carol Ann McClean.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The Agenda items were taken out of order

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
15. PS29.014	REVIEW; Status of site location and plans for a new animal shelter. 06/04/14 – Submitted by Rep. Reeder 06/09/14 – Held at Steering 08/11/14 – Held at Steering	<b>Report Made</b>

Mr. Jankowski explained that:

- The Task Force has worked with Police Department as far as procedures
- The Website is up to date with the latest information (Videos, Minutes, etc...)
- Added Animal Control Center Volunteer Coordinator (Interim basis)
- There are 18-20 Volunteers
- Posted for Animal Control Center Manager
- Center is being run more efficiently

Ms. Heaphy explained: ([Deliverables](#) for Stamford Animal Control Center Task Force)

- Task Force has had 7 meetings (one public hearing)
- Communicated with other municipalities for input
- Communicated with the State head of Animal Control
- Established a new volunteer policy

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- Established a new policy for pet adoption
- Focus is to revise the City Ordinance and/or Policy
- Add guidelines for additional pets like cats, rabbits etc.
- Visited potential new sites

Ms. Taylor explained

- Visited 6 sites
- Accessed each site by a scoring system including (City owned, size, area, Zoning etc.)
  - Haig Avenue (City Owned)
  - Vacant Lot (Off High Ridge Road)
  - Stamford Nature Museum
  - Courtland Avenue (City Owned) (2012 considered most efficient)
  - 260 Long Ridge Road (Vacant property owned by BLT)
  - Existing site

<sup>2</sup>2. PS29.020      REVIEW; Status of Police Headquarters Building.      **Report Made**  
 07/10/14 – Submitted by President Skigen, Reps.  
 Cerasoli, Fedeli and Zelinsky  
 10/2/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee

Mr. Jankowski explained:

- Informal meeting with OSHA regarding their Citations
  - Mr. Jankowski, Kathy Emmett, Michael Pollard , Both police chiefs and union representatives attended this meeting
- The City was cited with one (1) offence in seven (7) different areas
- They Able to bring fines down from approximately \$2700.00 to \$1600.00 because of compliance
- Abatement period has been extended for 6 out of the 7 items until January 5, 2015
- Monitoring the air quality of ACM quarterly
- Looking for a new location
- OSHA did test and found lead in the water on one site and the water has been shut off; Health Department continues to monitor the water

Mr. Pollard explained:

- Mayor Martin met with OSHA in late September regarding these issues
- Confirmed with OSHA that a likely conclusion to this would be to not touch ACM areas making the whole building to be potentially asbestos contaminated
- The air quality is well below any level of health risk as long as nothing is being disturbed
- Required to do ongoing monitoring on the air quality
- Formal response due on Monday November 24, 2014
- Priority is to make sure workers are safe
- Suggested the Board of Representatives do a Sense of the Board Resolution to commit to a new building
- They must clean up the asbestos in the building by March
- January Deadline is for training and informing vendors that there is asbestos in the building; notification of variety of different groups

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- Trying to avoid an interim move; pursuing one move; Actively been looking for a location since the summer

Mr. Emmett explained:

- Resolution is to agree to not go above the drop ceiling ever and have quarterly monitoring
- No individual has been tested for any ailments
- OSHA's citation had to do with the ACM being disturbed and as soon as they were aware of this the air quality was tested and the air handlers were shut off; Air Quality was totally acceptable.

- <sup>3</sup>1. [PS29.016](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed change to Sec. 164-5, Noise - Restrictions on Sunday demolitions **Committee Approved 4-1-0**  
 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Cerasoli & Coppola  
 06/09/14 – Held at Steering  
 10/2/14 – Held in Committee

Ms. Emmett explained:

- This ordinance is to prohibit the use of demolition equipment other than for emergency work on Sunday in residential areas

Mr. Orgera explained:

- In some situations it is required to do demolition on a Sunday
- Normally demolition is during the week

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-0. (Reps. Quinones, Caterbone, Moore and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. DePina opposed)

*Secondary Committee – Operations*

- <sup>4</sup>3. PS29.022 REVIEW; Proposed change to Sec. 164-6, Noise - to prohibit idling for more than three minutes. **Report Made**  
 10/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
 10/14/14 – Held at Steering

Mr. Zelinsky explained neighborhood issues with trucks running all day and possibly all night long. He explained that this is a quality of life issue for citizens of Stamford.

Ms. Emmett explained there is State support for this and the Connecticut law prohibits vehicles of all kinds from unnecessary idling for more than 3 minutes. There are also state regulations with exceptions.

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- <sup>5</sup>4. PS29.023 ORDINANCE for publication, Proposed Amendment to Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance. **Held in Committee**  
10/07/14 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones

Ms. Emmett stated there is a proposed amended ordinance but did not have the draft today. She stated her office suggested this ordinance be looked at in its entirety to be amended and would like input from the Board of Representatives. Chair DePina said she would bring this to the President of the Board and will let her know what Board members are chosen.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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