



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Coppola, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Chair DePina and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Giraldo, Kolenberg. Also present were Rep. Ryan, Captain Tom Wuenemann, SPD; Jim Minor, Law Department; Richard O. Warren, Facilities Manager, O&G; Steven Loeb; and Carol Ann McClean.

Vice Chair Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:07. There being no quorum, no actions could be taken.

Item No.	Description	Invitees
¹ 1. PS29.016	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Proposed change to Sec. 164-5, Noise - Restrictions on Sunday demolitions 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Cerasoli & Coppola 06/09/14 – Held at Steering 10/2/14 – Held in Committee	Held in Committee

Vice Chair Quinones read the letter from William Hennessey with a recommended change to the ordinance. Mr. Warren explained that many state and municipal roadway activities occur at night. As there is increased development around their facility, an exemption for state and municipal roadway work will be needed. He noted that there have been no complaints against O&G in the past 7 years. The committee discussed whether this change is necessary. There being no quorum, no action was taken.

² 2. PS29.023	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> , Proposed Amendment to Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance. 10/07/14 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones	Held in Committee
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Vice Chair Quinones noted that he and Rep. DeLuca will be working with the Law Department on this issue.

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- ³3. [PS29.024](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed change to Sec. 164-6, Noise - to prohibit idling for more than three minutes. **Held in Committee**
12/02/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

Rep. Zelinsky distributed draft language revising this ordinance. He explained that this revision is to match the ordinance to the State limit of 3 minutes. He stated that this ordinance is for the benefit of 18 families. Captain Wuennemann noted that the current ordinance only applies to public streets, not the private property at issue here. There is a federal statute which is only enforceable by the State DEEP. There is an infractions ticket which City officers can write for school buses. The Police Department cannot prohibit idling on private property. Captain Wuennemann stated that there is no statute permitting the police to enforce this. This is a State DEEP regulation.

- ⁴4. [PS29.025](#) REVIEW; Construction-Generated Persistent and On-Going Polystyrene Foam Pollution in the West Branch of the Stamford Harbor and the City's Law-Enforcement, Environmental and Land Use Authorities' Response to Mitigate Such Hazard. **Held in Committee**
12/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan

Mr. Loeb explained that although he is a member of the Harbor Commission, he is here as a member of the public. He detailed the instances of Styrofoam coming off 2 BLT buildings into the harbor and attempts to have it cleaned up. He stated that DEEP said it is a littering issue. Captain Wuennemann stated that he also saw the Styrofoam, on BLT's property. He noted that the one time he went down, BLT had put up nets to try to stop the Styrofoam. He sees this as a building department and DEEP issue rather than a littering issue, because this is an active construction site. The Committee discussed that this is a more appropriate issue for the Building Department to deal with it and inviting Bob DeMarco of the Building Department, BLT's chief engineer, Bill Buckley and the Law Department to meet about this next month.

Vice Chair Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Quinones, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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