



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

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2015

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

**Place:** Republican 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 Members Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams and Giraldo. Also present were Reps. Mitchell and Ryan; Jim Minor, Law Department, Assistant Chief Trevor Roach, Stamford Fire Department; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; John Freeman, Harbor Point; Jim Hricay, OPM; and Anne Fountain and Ron Miller, Health Department.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
11. <a href="#">PS29.016</a>	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 12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee	<b>Approved 6-0-0</b>

Rep Quinones explained that this item had previously been approved, but that there was additional language to be considered. Mr. Minor explained that this language was submitted by attorneys for O&G because O&G is contracted by the City and the State to repave roads, which occurs at night and on weekends. He knows of no instance where O&G has been ticketed for engaging in this activity in the past. Rep. Mitchell stated that this affects her district, and she has never received complaints about O&G's work. Mr. Orgera noted that the repaving of streets by the State does not occur frequently. Rep. Coppola stated that this work should be done on nights and weekends to minimize traffic disruption. A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor.)

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2. **PS29.023** ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed Amendment to Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance. **Held in Committee**  
10/07/14 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones  
11/20/14 – Held in Committee  
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee  
01/12/15 – Held at Steering

Chair DePina stated that this item was being held.

- <sup>2</sup>3. **PS29.024** ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed change to Sec. 164-6, Noise - to prohibit idling for more than three minutes. **Held in Committee 7-0-0**  
12/02/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee

Mr. Minor stated that this item was discussed last month. There is a state statute and a state program to convince people that idling is bad. Norwalk has a similar ordinance, which is enforced by the Health Department or Citation Officers. There is no statutory authority for the police to enforce this, but it could be enforced by Citation Officers. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

- <sup>3</sup>4. **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  
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee

Chair DePina said this item would be held. Mr. Ryan stated that the only open item at this point is enforcement. Mr. Orgera stated that the building has been sealed and closed, so that this problem is not going to occur any more. Mr. Ryan stated that enforcement is still an open question; he will rework it and submit it as a new item for Steering.

- <sup>4</sup>5. **PS29.027** APPROVAL; Amended & Restated Software License Agreement with TriTech Software Systems for Police and Fire Dispatch Software. **Approved 7-0-0**  
02/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Assistant Chief Roach explained that the City began a project 2 years ago to upgrade the Computer Aided Dispatch (“CAD”) System by upgrading the mapping portion of the software with a GeoComm product, which does not work with the current CAD system. TriTech agreed to put that contract toward their next level, a geo-based system rather than a file-based system. In response to questions from the Committee, he noted that;

- This system will constantly be looking at police and fire apparatus positions and determine who is in the best position to respond

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- This will not interfere with the responses of the volunteer companies
- It will go live 6-9 months after the contract is signed
- The current equipment will be used with the new software
- There will be a slight savings on equipment maintenance
- The system will integrate the software in police officers' cars

A motion to approve this agreement was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

- <sup>5</sup>6. [PS29.028](#) APPROVAL; Amended & Restated Software Service Agreement with TriTech Software Systems for Police and Fire Dispatch Software. **Approved 7-0-0**  
02/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

In response to questions from the Committee, Assistant Chief Roach stated that there will be a cost for initial support for training for a few weeks, but subsequent support will be live internet support. A motion to approve this agreement was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

- <sup>6</sup>7. PS29.029 REVIEW; Chapter 7, the use of CCTV Cameras for the Prevention of Graffiti. **Report Made**  
02/05/15 – Submitted by Reps. Cerasoli, Fedeli, Kolenberg & Ryan

Mr. Orgera stated that they would like to use video cameras to prevent Graffiti. They have seen a decline in illegal dumping after installing cameras in key areas. This would only be for City property. The Committee discussed that no change to the ordinance would be required.

- <sup>7</sup>8. [PS29.030](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Concerning Food Service Establishment License and Service Fees. **Held in Committee 6-1-0**  
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay

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Mr. Miller explained that they are proposing going from a seating to classification system, which is consistent with the rest of the State. The fees have not been raised since 2003, and are completely out-of-line with neighboring communities. Ms. Fountain explained that the increases reflect the degree of work done by the inspectors. Committee members expressed concerns regarding the size of the increases for smaller establishments and asked that the resolution include the definitions of the classes. Committee members asked for detail on comparable communities. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-0. (Reps. Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. DePina opposed.)

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- <sup>8</sup>9. [PS29.031](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 146, Article II, Apartments, Multiple Dwellings, Rooming Houses and Hotels, Section 146-35, Fees, Concerning Housing License Fees. **Approved, as amended, 7-0-0**  
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay

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Mr. Hricay explained that these fees have also not been increased since 2003. These are not large increases. These increases are in line with neighboring communities. This is an annual fee. Committee members discussed whether the fee increases should be larger. A motion to amend the Hotel License fee to \$500 plus \$100 per hotel unit was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-3-0 (Reps. Caterbone, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. DePina, Quinones and Coppola opposed.). A motion to approve the ordinance, as amended, for publication was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).