



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

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 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 Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Chair DePina and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Giraldo and Moore. Also present were Reps. Reeder and Ryan; Dana Lee and Michael Toma, Law Department; Damian Ortelli, Harbor Commission; Captain Eric Knott, Harbor Master; Lieutenant Nick Montagnese and several members of the public.

Vice Chair Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

| <b>Item No.</b>                          | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Committee Action</b> |
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| <sup>1</sup> 1. <a href="#">PS29.024</a> | ORDINANCE <u>for Final Adoption</u> ; Proposed change to Sec. 164-6, Noise - to prohibit idling for more than three minutes.<br>12/02/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky<br>12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee<br>01/22/15 – Held in Committee<br>02/19/15 – Held in Committee<br>03/19/15 – Approved by Committee<br>04/23/15 – Public Hearing Held No Action Taken | <b>Approved 5-0-0</b>   |

In response to questions from Committee members, Mr. Lee explained that this ordinance in order to give Citation Officers necessary to enforce this prohibition because the State has only issued a DEEP regulation. A motion to approve this ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor).

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- <sup>2</sup>. [PS29.023](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed Amendment to Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance. **Held in Committee 5-0-0**  
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  
02/19/15 – Held in Committee  
03/19/15 – Held in Committee  
04/13/15 - Held at Steering

Mr. Lee explained that he has met with the Anti-Blight Committee since last appearing before the Committee and has made additional revisions, allowing the Anti-Blight Committee to sit as hearing officers for appeals of blight citations. He distributed revised drafts. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor).

3. [PS29.030](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Concerning Food Service Establishment License and Service Fees. **Held in Committee 5-0-0**  
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay  
02/19/15 – Held in Committee  
03/19/15 – Approved by Committee  
04/06/15 – Returned to Committee by full Board  
04/23/15 – No Action Taken

*Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement*

Chair Quinones explained that none of the invited guests were able to attend this evening. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor).

- <sup>3</sup>4. PS29.039 REVIEW; Persistent Pollution and Accumulation of Litter and Debris in Stamford Harbor and Possible Responses Regarding the City's Mitigation Efforts. **Motion re: recommendation to Mayor Approved 5-0-0**  
04/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan  
04/23/15 – No Action Taken

Rep. Ryan, Mr. Ortelli and Captain Knott described the current status of the pollution in the water at Czescik Park & Marina. Captain Knott stated that the waste includes human and biological waste. He noted that the pollution can only be accessed from the water, which requires equipment the City does not own. They have reviewed ways to clean the harbor with Frank Fedeli. They have been unable to get estimates from contractors. Frank Fedeli has looked at grants and federal funds to fund this. It would cost \$100,000 for the City to purchase this equipment. Members of the public spoke to Director Orgera three weeks ago, who said that the City would clean it up and also do a walk through to try to identify the source of the pollution. A motion to recommend to the full Board that it make a recommendation to the Mayor to request the Board of Finance to appropriate funds from Contingency to purchase aquatic clean-up equipment for the

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City was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor).

5. PS29.032 REVIEW; Plans for new Police Headquarters to replace current HQ at 805 Bedford, Street. **No Action Taken**  
03/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones  
03/09/15 – Held at Steering  
04/23/15 – No Action Taken

Vice Chair Quinones said that he submitted this item, but that it was addressed last month in connection with the approval of the contract and does not need to be taken up.

- <sup>4</sup>6. PS29.035 REVIEW; Policies and Procedures for Paying Medical Expenses for Animals Turned Into or Seized by Stamford Animal Control. **Report Made**  
03/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Reeder  
03/09/15 – Held at Steering  
04/23/15 – No Action Taken

Lieutenant Montagnese explained that the City is in the process of developing a budget for the use of the funds donated by Cynthia Smith. This money can't be used for capital expenses. The City currently has an account with each animal hospital, but has sent out an RFP to veterinarians for routine care. Certain rescue groups will adopt animals which need care and provide the care. Dogs that cannot be adopted will be sent to sanctuaries at a cost of \$500 per dog. .

7. PS29.036 REVIEW; Policies and Procedures of Stamford Animal Control for Transporting Animals Seized by the Stamford Animal Control, including Provisions for Covering Financial Liabilities and Risks. **Report Made**  
03/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Reeder  
03/09/15 – Held at Steering  
04/23/15 – No Action Taken

Lieutenant Montagnese explained, in response to a question from Ms. Reeder, that the horses that were recently transported were transported by volunteers, because the City has no horse transport equipment. Vice Chair Quinones stated that he would like to know that there are written policies and procedures in place for this item and the previous item.

- <sup>5</sup>8. [PS29.040](#) REVIEW; Proposed Changes to Public Safety Camera Review Committee Policy & Procedures Manual. **Report Made**  
05/07/15 – Submitted by Camera Review Committee

Mr. Toma explained that as the CRC has implemented the policy they have identified areas that are difficult to implement or ambiguous and have recommended changes. The purpose and scope remain unchanged, but the definitions have changed, in particular to exclude dashboard and body cameras as non-surveillance, and include a definition of surveillance. Other changes are the result of changes in technology. The

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storage of video for 6 months would cost \$500,000 per year; the storage for 30 days would cost \$80,000 per year. The CRC will provide the office with the final version of the revisions for the Board's approval.

- <sup>6</sup>9. PS29.041      REVIEW; Compliance with Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances, including use of CCTV cameras and policies regarding video feed and recording storage.      **Report Made**  
05/07/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman

Mr. Toma addressed on of the questions raised by Rep. Buckman. The changes to the policy manual need to be approved by the Board. The manual does include provisions regarding the feed and recordings. It is up to the Board of Representatives if it wants to include these policies in the Ordinance and under the control of the Board.

***As a Secondary Committee:***

1. T29.034      REVIEW; Imposition of penalty for creation of illegal fire lanes.  
03/17/15 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera  
04/29/15 – Report Made & Held

Vice Chair Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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