



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican 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, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Chair DePina and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone and Giraldo. Also present were President Skigen; Rep. Ryan; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Health & Safety; Kathy Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Ron Miller, Health Department; Sergeant Robert Monck, Stamford Police Harbor Unit; Captain Eric Knott, Harbor Master; Frank Fedeli, Citizens Services; Vincent Freccia, Esq.; and several members of the public.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
12. PS29.030	RESOLUTION and <u>approval of public hearing</u> ; Concerning Food Service Establishment License and Service Fees. 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 05/28/15 – Held in Committee	HELD IN COMMITTEE 5-0-0

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

The Committee first considered Item No. 2. Mr. Miller stated that the resolution has not been amended since the last time it was considered by the Committee. Committee members discussed whether the fees are too high. A motion to amend the resolution to make the permit fee for all classes of Establishments with a seating capacity of 1 to 15 people to \$100 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Moore opposed). A motion to amend the resolution to make the permit fee for all classes of Establishments with a seating capacity of 16 to 25 people to \$150 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Moore opposed). A

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motion to amend the resolution to make the permit fee for all classes of Establishments with a seating capacity of 26 to 50 people to \$250 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Moore opposed). A motion to eliminate the seating surcharge for Class IV Establishments with 1 to 100 seats was made but not seconded.

The Committee then discussed the result of these amendments that larger establishments may be paying less than small establishments and that the members should review the entire resolution to come up with consistent changes. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor).

- ²1. [PS29.023](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed Amendment to **APPROVED**
Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance. **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
05/28/15 – Held in Committee

Ms. Emmett and Mr. Freccia explained the changes in the proposed ordinance, including

- Making the Blight Committee the hearing officer for appeals, which means no City employees may be on the Committee
- Clarifying and simplifying the process which now will conform to State statute
- Clarifying and expanding the definition of blight

A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor).

- ³3. [PS29.046](#) RESOLUTION; Recommending the Mayor request the **APPROVED, AS**
Board of Finance Appropriate Funds to Purchase **AMENDED**
Marine Clean-up Equipment for use in the City's **5-0-0**
Navigable Waterways.
06/02/15 – Submitted by Reps. Quinones, Ryan and
Zelinsky

Mr. Fedeli provided the Committee with an update on the efforts of the Harbor Commission to clean the harbor;

- They have narrowed their options to obtaining a Cleaner Board made in Illinois
- This boat will be able to provide other services beyond cleaning, including pulling open water moorings and serving as a working boat for the harbor master
- The price is \$100,000, they are looking for grant funding
- They are negotiating for a demonstration of the boat
- They are looking at other options to finance the boat, including sharing it with other small ports and a lease/buy option

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- The boat comes with a trailer
- The boat is simple to operate, maintain and clean
- The Mayor has asked that they look at grant options

Rep. Zelinsky noted that because the cost of this boat would be over \$50,000, the funds would be a capital request and would not come from contingency. A motion to amend the resolution to read: "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recommends that the Mayor attempt to identify funding sources and appropriate funds to lease and/or purchase marine clean-up equipment for the City's use." was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor).

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor).

- ⁴4. [PS29.042](#) REVIEW; Stamford Marine Police Unit Location. **REPORT MADE**
05/17/15 – Submitted by Harbor Management
Commission

Mr. Jankowski and Sergeant Monck explained that:

- The Marine Police Unit was forced to give up its office space on 2 weeks' notice and is now housed on Magee Avenue which is 1 mile away from where the boats are housed.
- The boats are still located at Brewer Yacht Haven and the officers are usually down on the boat or at the boatyard maintaining the boats.
- The previous space was donated and there is no budget for leasing office space.
- They are currently exploring various options to obtain space near Brewer Yacht Haven.
- They do not want to move the boats because they are currently outside the hurricane barrier.
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- ⁵5. [PS29.043](#) APPROVAL; Proposed Changes to Public Safety **APPROVED**
Camera Review Committee Policy & Procedures **5-0-0**
Manual.
06/01/15 – Submitted by Camera Review Committee

Mr. Jankowski, Ms. Emmett and President Skigen reviewed the current proposed changes to the policies and procedures, the most important being the change in the retention rate from 6 months to 30 days. Changes include:

- Excluding Automated License Plate Recognition from advanced technology and exempting it from the requirements of Section 18 of the manual.
- Clarifying that body worn cameras and dashboard cameras would be under the policies of the Police Department
- Including definitions for Emergency Management Cameras, the term "monitor" and the term "surveillance"
- Clarifying that the use of the Camera Surveillance System may not be inconsistent with the ordinance

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- Clarifying that cameras not previously authorized may be used in emergency situations
- Changing the minimum retention rate from 6 months to 30 days, which is consistent with State retention regulations and would not prevent the retention of records for criminal prosecution.

A motion to approve the changes to the Public Safety Camera Review Committee Policy & Procedures Manual resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Quinones Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor).

As a Secondary Committee:

1. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare.
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Heaphy
2. [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
05/18/15 – Held in Committee

Vice Chair Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).