



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Report of Meeting and Public Hearing

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016

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. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Chair DePina and Giraldo. Also present were President Skigen; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Karen Cammarota, Grants; and Erin McKenna, Land Use Bureau. .

Vice Chair Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
11. PS29.057	<u>ORDINANCE for Public Hearing and Final Adoption;</u> Amendments to Code §146 - Blight Ordinance. 11/13/15 – Submitted by Kathryn Emmett 12/14/15 – Held at Steering 01/21/16 – Approved by Committee for publication	Committee Approved 4-1-1

Vice Chair Quinones opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm, there being no one from the public to speak he closed the public hearing.

The committee briefly talked about the minimal changes to the ordinance. Rep. Adams was concerned about the Board of Representatives not being able to approve the members of the Blight Committee. After a brief discussion Mr. Adams made a motion to amend the ordinance keeping Sec. 146-48. (a) "The Mayor shall appoint with the approval of the Board of Representatives". Said motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 2-4-0. (Adams and Zelinsky in favor; Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola and Kolenberg opposed) A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-1. (Quinones, Caterbone, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor; Adams opposed; Coppola abstained.)

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2. [PS29.058](#) RESOLUTION, Adopting 2016-2021 South Western Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Committee approved 6-0-0
02/02/16 – Submitted by Karen Cammarota

Eric McKenna explained that in order for Stamford to receive FEMA funds they have to have a [mitigation plan](#).

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0. (Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor)

- 3³. PS29.060 REVIEW; Camera Review Committee's Work. T. Jankowski
01/11/16 – Submitted by President Skigen R. Skigen

President Skigen stated there have been a number of questions regarding the use of cameras and a desire from representatives to get more cameras for their district so he felt it would be more useful to have a review and discussion:

- 5 member Committee including
 - President Skigen(Chairman)
 - Mr. Ted Jankowski
 - Mr. Donald Rozier
 - Mr. Ron Thomas
 - Mr. Paul Waldron
- Committee Scheduled to meet monthly (only if items to address)

Mr. Jankowski stated:

- Applications for camera surveillance needs 10 days public notice before the meeting
 - The meeting has an open session for the public in case of any concerns
 - The public notice is on the website and
 - Advertised in the advocate
 - Meetings are all video taped
- Cameras are used for
 - crime prevention, deterrence, detection and investigations
 - illegal dumping (9 locations approved; level 4 surveillance; only monitor camera if a report of illegal dumping in that area)
 - Traffic Cameras (currently 75)
 - Requesting Level 3 surveillance for 40 traffic cameras for emergency purpose
- Updating the 911 communications center which will allow the Sergeant on duty to the ability to look at surveillance cameras should something arise in the City (new program and fine tuning the surveillance aspect and would never be monitored on a consistent basis)
- Issues with Eversource concerning cameras being put on their poles; contract being made through legal to have this resolved
- Pilot program to have 7 blue light emergency phone and camera towers at City parks (Parks were chosen by 911 responses)

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- Carwin Park
- Cummings Park
- Cove Island Park
- Mill River Park
- Leone Park
- Scalzi Park
- Veterans Park
- 2 Cameras for Emergency use
 - Hurricane Barriers
 - Ponus Yacht Club (Harbor)
- Feeds are kept for 30 days
 - A new contract with AST a company that will provide videos requested

President Skigen said they are working though it while considering the sensitivity to the community along with law enforcement needs and being as transparent as they can be.

As a Secondary Committee:

1. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE for final adoption; Amending Chapter 111. **No Action taken**
Public Safety and Animal Welfare.
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep.
Heaphy

2. E29.037 REVIEW; Pedestrian Safety Programs for Stamford **No Action taken**
School Children: programs currently in effect for
educating students of all ages and their families about
pedestrian safety.
01/06/16 – Submitted by Rep. Di Costanzo

Vice chair Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Quinones, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).