



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Public Safety & Health Committee met indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson, and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, de la Cruz, Matheny, Summerville, and Weinberg; Attorney, Michael Toma; Director of Public Safety, Lou DeRubeis; Director of Health & Human Services, Jody Bishop-Pullan and Chief Enforcement Officer, Jennifer Pinto.

Vice Chair Morson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Action Taken
1. PS31.043	ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amending Chapter 146, Section 13 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Setting of a Fine that may be Imposed by the Health Department for Violation of Chapter 146 of the Code of Ordinances. 06/13/23 – Submitted by Jody Bishop-Pullan 07/10/23 – Moved to Pending 02/29/24 – Approved by Committee 5-0-1	Motion to approve 8-0-0

Vice Chair Morson opened the public hearing. Two Stamford residents urged the committee to move forward with the ordinance. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson, Reps. Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack in favor).

2. PS31.044	ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amending Chapter 146, Section 34 of the Code of Ordinances Concerning the Setting of a Fine for the Late Submission of a Renewal Application for a Multi-Family Dwelling Operating License. 06/13/23 – Submitted by Jody Bishop-Pullan 07/10/23 – Moved to Pending 02/29/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	Motion to approve 8-0-0
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Vice Chair Morson opened the public hearing. Two Stamford residents urged the committee to move forward with the ordinance. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson, Reps. Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack in favor).

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| 3. PS31.051 | REVIEW; City Citation Officers; How City ordinances are Enforced under the City's Citation Process, and its Difficulties.
02/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella and de la Cruz
02/29/24 – Held by Committee | Motion to recommit to steering 8-0-0 |
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Chief Enforcement Officer Jennifer Pinto discussed the day-to-day operations of the department. Reps. Pavia, de la Cruz and Pollack discussed the complaints they are receiving regarding the lack of enforcement of ordinances. CEO Pinto offered some possible solutions to some of the complaints received.

A motion to recommit Item 3 to steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Stella, Vice-Chair Morson, Reps. Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, Graham, Pavia, and Pollack in favor).

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| 4. PS31.020 | REVIEW; Of a "duty to report law" Requiring Property Managers, Building Superintendents, Security Personnel, Doormen, Etc. to Notify 911 of any Emergencies.
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis, Stella, and Pavia
04/20/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/22/22 – Report Made & Held in Committee 7-0-0
07/11/22 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Held by Committee 6-0-1
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending
07/10/23 – Moved to Pending
11/29/23 – Held by Committee
01/25/24 – Held by Committee
02/29/24 – Held by Committee | HELD |
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| 5. PS31.049 | REVIEW; Park Police Staffing and Park Enforcement for 2024
12/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
01/25/24 – Held by Committee
02/12/24 – Held by Steering Committee | REPORT MADE |
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As a Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

The City has two part-time positions funded and available with only one position currently filled. Director DeRubeis discussed a two-part plan to enhance park safety, enforcement and hiring efforts:

- Add a third part-time park police position with a more attractive salary.
- Create twelve part-time park ranger positions.

Reps. Campbell and de la Cruz suggested adding a benefits package to the positions.

Chair Stella added that establishing a lateral transfer from park police to the police department may help in attracting viable candidates. Additionally, one of the reasons it has been difficult to fill these positions is because of the pay level. Park police officers get paid less than citation officers. The city needs to start properly compensating the park police positions.

Rep. Adams suggested installing gates to use as a deterrent for residents entering the parks afterhours.

No further discussion was had, and Item No. 5 was closed.

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| 6. PS31.002 | REVIEW; Administration Plans to pursue Air Quality Monitoring as Proposed in Resolution 4081 . (Previously PS30.092)
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns
12/13/21 – Moved to Pending
03/01/23 – Report Made
03/06/23 – Recommitted to Steering at Board Meeting by Unanimous Voice Vote
03/13/23 – Moved to Pending
04/20/22 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
05/18/22 – No Action Taken
06/13/22 – Moved to Pending
05/18/23 – Report Made
06/05/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board
06/12/23 – Moved to Pending
08/24/28 – No Action Taken
09/21/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering, 6-0-1
10/26/23- Report Made and Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0
11/13/23 – Moved to Pending | Motion to hold
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Rep. de la Cruz discussed the EMS call volume regarding breathing problems as it relates to air quality. Director DeRubeis highlighted that in April of 2023, the Mayor signed the City's first climate executive order to ensure the City departments take action to address climate change. A decision was made to engage with a consulting firm to assist the City in creating a plan to implement a citywide air quality monitoring program.

A motion to hold Item 6 to was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair Stella, Reps. Berns, Campbell, Camporeale, and Pavia in favor).

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Stella, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).