



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Moore, Quinones and Zelinsky. (Reps. Quinones and Zelinsky arrived late; Rep. Zelinsky left early.) Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Coppola, Giraldo and Kolenberg. Also present were Dana Lee, Law Department; Robert DeMarco, Building Department; Assistant Chief Tom Wuennemann, Stamford Police Department; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; and Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
11. PS29.072	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Establishing Requirements to Assist in Saving Water with Professionally-Installed Irrigation Systems. 10/07/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 10/19/16 – Held in Committee 11/30/16 – Approved by Committee, as amended	No Action Taken

Chair DePina opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Jankowski explained discussed the ordinance with the Committee as follows:

- The purpose of this ordinance is to not have irrigation systems running in the rain or when the ground is wet
- This will also enable people to turn off their systems
- Most excess water in the area is due to the use of irrigation systems
- This will apply if a resident installs a new system or does a major repair or a replacement of the control box of an existing system
- The Building Department will include the ordinance in the permitting and final inspection process

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Mr. DeMarco explained that most of these systems are installed without a permit, although the Building Department picks them up when they are installed at new construction

Mr. Jankowski stated that

- The City will inform the Irrigation System companies of the new requirements
- The penalty would be paid by the homeowner

Because there was no quorum present at the time, no action was taken on this item. The Committee decided to take action at the end of the meeting when there would be a quorum. (Because there was no longer a quorum at the end of the meeting, the item will be taken up at a meeting on February 6, 2017.)

The Committee next took up Item No. 4

- ²4. PS29.075 RESOLUTION; Amending [Emergency Water Regulations](#). **No Action Taken**
12/05/16 – Submitted by President Skigen

Committee members discussed Rep. de la Cruz's concerns regarding the prohibition on the issuance of new pools with Mr. DeMarco and Mr. Jankowski, as follows:

- For most new pools, the water is purchased and trucked in; this water must be approved by the CT DPH
- A new pool must be filled or it will lift out of the ground
- A pool can be constructed at a later date
- The pool is usually built after the house is constructed
- Homeowners do use their own water to refill the pool

Because there was no quorum present at the time, no action was taken on this item.

- ³2. [PS29.062](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Process For Food Truck Vendors To Request And Obtain Permission To Sell Food and Beverages in Stamford, and the Enforcement Procedures. **Held in Committee**
03/28/16 – Submitted by Reps. Quinones and DePina
04/11/16 – Held at Steering
06/13/16 – Held at Steering
07/21/16 – Held by Committee
08/18/16 – Held by Committee
10/19/16 – Held in Committee

Mr. Lee and Chief Wuennemann reviewed the most recent proposed changes to the ordinance with the Committee and discussed the proposed ordinance as follows:

- Specifying in the ordinance that the vehicles not be stored on a might be onerous; there are fewer commercial spots available than in the past
- Murder should be added to §179-36
- It is difficult to craft language prohibiting the vehicles near residences, because there are residences throughout the City

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- The “hot spots” in the City change over time
- The Food Truck Committee should have flexibility to limit food trucks in terms of time and location in order to prevent disruption to neighborhoods
- The ordinance consolidates requirements that are contained in other ordinances

Mr. Lee said he would amend the ordinance in light of the discussion for next month’s meeting.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Adams, Moore, Quinones and Zelinsky in favor).

- ⁴3. [PS29.074](#) REVIEW; Grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation **Report Made** for Crime Prevention on West Side and Waterside.
11/22/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Pollard reviewed the [attached handout](#) with the Committee:

- This is a \$65,000 grant to promote health on the West Side and Waterside
- The goal is to develop a long term strategy to end gun violence and to improve health conditions in the City – focusing on the West Side and Waterside neighborhoods
- The money goes toward travel and attendance at 4 required conferences with other cities and data collection
- The City is looking for feedback in incorporate into its overall strategy
- The Committee is expanding to increase the depth of understanding of the community; Committee members noted the lack of any health care professional on the Committee

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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