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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 2021

8:40 P.M.

HELD REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETINGS

RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The following Councilors were in attendance: Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph Marrone, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa, Jason Zandri, and Chairman Christopher Shortell. Also in attendance was Corporation Counsel Janis Small.

Chairman Shortell explained what the Ordinance Committee does and how the meeting will work.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2021, Ordinance Committee meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2, 2021 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

MADE BY: SHORTELL

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: PASSED

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Littering and Dumping, Ordinance §139

Janis Small reviewed the current draft ordinance and changes including the addition of fines.

Chairman Shortell thanked Ms. Small for all her work on this. He noted the fines in 139-7 of \$200, \$500, and \$1000. He asked the Committee to weigh in on those fines.

Commissioner Zandri noted that he is good with it. He mentioned that the town recently put up two box planters on Main Street and they were quickly filled with beer cans, junk mail, and other trash. He stated that this ordinance will go a long way to resolving the littering and dumping problem and he appreciated the effort and attention given to this matter.

Commissioner Fishbein asked about Section 139-2 regarding extending the ordinance to property owned by the State. He asked if the State can weigh in. Ms. Small replied that the Town is authorized to do so by State Statute. Commissioner Fishbein asked if Section 139-10A, regarding Silly String, is clear and necessary. Mr. Small explained that the section was already there and she didn't review it but indicated that she is happy to look at it. Commissioner Fishbein stated that it is not clear when you can't sell it. Ms. Small replied that the concern was that people would go crazy with Silly String during events. She said she could circulate something for the Council to react to. Commissioner Fishbein stated that appreciates the work that went into the ordinance. He suggested moving forward with the ordinance and deciding later what to do with the silly string item. He supported asking Ms. Small to look at that section.

Commissioner Zandri explained that Silly String was sold at parades and events damaged property. It stained the brickwork in the center of town and removed paint from cars. It became a level of vandalism. It's a nuisance ordinance. Commissioner Fishbein asked why the sale was only banned for 10 days a year. Chairman Shortell noted that it does Section B states not possessing or using it on public property and not during festivals.

Chairman Shortell suggested advancing this ordinance as presented to a public hearing and discuss the silly string item later.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE THE LITTERING AND DUMPING ORDINANCE §139 TO THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI: YES
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
MARRONE: YES

MORGENSTEIN: ABSENT
SHORTELL: YES
TESTA: ABSENT
TATTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES

7 - AYE

0 - NAY

2 - ABSENT

0 - ABSTAIN

MOTION: PASSED

Chairman Shortell announced that this item now goes to Town Council for a Public Hearing. He declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl-Ann Tubby
Recording Secretary