



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

James Diamond, Chair

Arthur Layton, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, June 22, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Diamond and Vice Chair Layton and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Day, Esposito, Gabriele, Heaphy, Lodato, C. Martin and Zelinsky. Excused was Committee Member Rep. Mitchell. Also present was Thomas Cassone, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs, City of Stamford.

Chair Diamond called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR27.100	APPROVAL; of language for the republication in summary form of Item No. LR27.080, proposed ordinance requiring the abatement of discharge of fats, oils and grease into public sewers.	Committee Approved 8-0-0

Chair Diamond explained that this is a summary of item LR27.080 for republication as a result of changes made by the Committee. He stated that republication in summary form rather than republication of the full ordinance will save the City approximately \$3000. A motion to approve the language was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Diamond, Layton, Day, Gabriele, Heaphy, Lodato, C. Martin and Zelinsky in favor).

2. LR27.080	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for republication & final adoption; requiring the abatement of discharge of fats, oils and grease into public sewers.	Committee Approved 8-0-0
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Chair Diamond stated that this is the actually ordinance previously considered by the Committee with the one change made by the Committee to the penalty provision, which would permit the WPCA Board to defer the imposition of penalties, for good cause shown, until not later than July 1, 2011. A motion to approve the ordinance was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Diamond, Layton, Day, Gabriele, Heaphy, Lodato, C. Martin and Zelinsky in favor).

4. [LR27.098](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE, for publication; amending Section 1-22, Publication of a Summary of a Proposed Ordinance. Committee Approved 10-0-0

The committee then considered LR27.098. Chair Diamond explained that this is a proposed ordinance for publication. This ordinance modifies the current ordinance which permits the Board to publish a proposed ordinance in summary form. Chair Diamond noted that the current process, in which the committee chair must present the Board with the language of the proposed summary prior to the Board's approval is arduous, as was recognized during the publication process for LR27.080. This ordinance changes the current requirements so that the Board does not have to approve the publication language prior to the vote. In addition, the committee noted that there was a typographical error in the original ordinance which will be corrected by this ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Diamond, Layton, Berns, Day, Esposito, Gabriele, Heaphy, Lodato, C. Martin and Zelinsky in favor).

3. [LR27.099](#) RESOLUTION & **public hearing**; approving a lease agreement between the City of Stamford and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the Board of Education. Committee Approved 10-0-0.

Chair Diamond opened the public hearing on item LR27.099. No members of the public were present to speak and the public hearing was closed. Chair Diamond noted that there is a typographical error on this lease, and that the letter "e" was omitted from the word "lease" on page 2. In response to inquiries from members of the committee, Mr. Cassone stated that this lease has the same terms as the lease currently in effect, and that he knows of no concerns or problems expressed by either party to the lease. A motion to approve the ordinance was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Diamond, Layton, Berns, Day, Esposito, Gabriele, Heaphy, Lodato, C. Martin and Zelinsky in favor).

5. [LR27.097](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending Section 97-13 of the Code of Ordinances to correct a discrepancy in the fines. Committee Approved 10-0-0

Chair Diamond explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to clean up a discrepancy in the current Code of Ordinances. He noted that in response to a state change in the maximum amount of the fines municipalities could impose the Board had previously passed enabling language increasing the maximum fine imposed to \$250. The Board had neglected to do the same for violations prosecuted by the civil citation process. This ordinance would accomplish the same for civil citations. A motion to approve the ordinance was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Diamond, Layton, Berns, Day, Esposito, Gabriele, Heaphy, Lodato, C. Martin and Zelinsky in favor).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Diamond, Chair