

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Alderman Ronald Sill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Ronald Sill, Barbara L. DeGennaro, Carmen DiCenso

Absent: Anthony Staffieri (Excused)

Also Present: The Honorable Mayor Anita Dugatto
Alderman Thomas Donofrio
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk
Susan Cable, Interim Chief of Staff
Marjorie Shansky, Esq.
Alderman Stephen Iacuone (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
Alderman Arthur Gerckens (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to add the following items to the agenda:

- Nominations for Chair
- Election of Chair
- Adopt Roberts Rules of Order

MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. DiCenso to add discussion of parking for 47 Gilbert Street to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Sill asked if anyone wished to speak during public portion.

Sharon Cane, 47 Gilbert Street, Apt. 3, Derby, CT

Ms. Cane came to the meeting to ask about the process of obtaining a parking permit for the lot on Gilbert Street. She said the parking that is in her driveway is inconvenient since you have to back out and she has a disability. Ms. DeGennaro asked if she has a

handicap sticker. Ms. Cane said she does. Ms. DeGennaro said the Ordinance that the Board of Aldermen adopted covers from Mountain Avenue to High Street. She said houses past High Street are not included. Ms. DeGennaro explained that the understanding of the full Board of Alderman was to see how this is working out and if there were problems then it would be addressed. She explained to Ms. Cane that right now she is excluded due to the Ordinance. Mr. Sill asked if there were handicap spaces in the parking lot. Ms. DeGennaro said there are two handicap spaces. Atty. Welch said he was informed by the Public Works Director that there have been six permits issued. Ms. DeGennaro said if the Ordinance needs to be re-visited she suggests having the Operations & Procedures Sub-Committee look into the situation. Atty. Welch said he would contact Public Works Director Anthony DeFala for an update. Mr. Sill informed Ms. Cane that this committee will turn it over to the Operations & Procedures Sub-committee and someone from that committee would be in touch with her. Ms. DeGennaro suggested placing it on the Operations & Procedures Sub-committee for this evening's meeting although it will ultimately have to go back to the full Board of Aldermen.

Hearing no other requests to speak the public portion was closed.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. DiCenso to nominate Ronald Sill as Chair of the Community Relations Sub-Committee. **Motion carried.**

ELECTION OF CHAIR

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. DiCenso to elect Ronald Sill as Chair of the Community Relations Sub-Committee. **Motion carried.**

ADOPT ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. DiCenso to adopt Roberts Rules of Order. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2015

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Sill to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2015 as presented. Ms. DeGennaro abstained. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL BUSINESS CALVERT LOCKSMITH – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Calvert handed out a package to the committee members. He said he has a dilemma with regard to the Route 34 enlargement. Mr. Calvert told the members that the Department of Transportation (DOT) said that they would be erecting a retaining wall and that's all that was going to happen. He said he spoke to Rick Dunne from the Lower Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments who basically told him the same thing. Mr. Calvert explained that the DOT has now informed him that they aren't going to go erect the wall and he has three months to get out. He said he has been at the mercy of the City for years with this project and is now looking to the City for support to oppose this new concept. Mr. Calvert noted that he is the last taxpayer in that area trying to survive. The State will be taking a lot of land. Is the City going to receive any compensation for this land? The DOT will use slope rights in order to obtain the land. The

City will throw away all that land – he isn't sure if this has already happened. Mr. Calvert wants the City to go to the State and make them keep to the original plan. He said he has contacted Joe Crisco, Linda Gentile, Theresa Conroy and Themis Klarides. Only Themis Klarides has returned his call.

Mr. DiCenso asked if the State had approached Mr. Calvert. Mr. Calvert said the State would give him \$320,000 and three months to vacate. He said he doesn't know where they can go. Mr. Sill noted that Mr. Calvert has stayed with the City throughout the entire process. Mr. Calvert noted that the City paid \$1.7 million to Ceruzzi. He also stated that his business was never the business holding the plan up. Mr. Calvert just wants the City to step up to the plate.


Mr. DiCenso asked Corporation Counsel if the State ever gave the City a reason why for the change. Atty. Welch said they told Mr. Calvert. Mr. Calvert said DOT told him that it's cheaper this way. He said he doesn't feel that the State is treating Derby fairly. Mr. Sill asked Susan Cable if the City is meeting with the State. Ms. Cable said we can always set up a meeting. Atty. Shansky said a meeting was this week. Ms. Cable noted that it was a progress meeting. Mr. Sill said it is important to have land in order to work with developers. Atty. Shansky and Ms. Cable were asked to keep everyone informed and perhaps have the aldermen involved with the process. Mayor Dugatto said we will meet soon and she informed Mr. Calvert she would mention his thoughts. Mr. Sill asked to keep us informed – we want to be involved.

With no further business to attend to...

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. ***Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn
Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.