

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chairman Ron Sill called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Ronald M. Sill, Evelyn Browning, Louis Oliwa

Also Present: Alderwoman Bev Moran
Andrew Baklik, Chief of Staff
Salvatore Coppola, Finance Director
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Sill asked if there was anyone who wished to address the committee.

Andrea Guerra, 58 E. Bassett Lane, Derby, CT

Mr. Guerra said this situation has been going on for six to seven years. The street is new and when the contractor built on the street he did not install street lights. He said he has discussed this with former Mayor Staffieri and former Mayor Dugatto and he has had no luck. Mr. Guerra went to UI and they didn't help him. He has a petition from his neighbors stating that they want a street light. He can't understand why that wasn't a requirement when the contractor was building on the street. Mr. Sill asked if there are any poles on the street. Mr. Guerra said no – all the electrical work is underground. He said he talked to former Mayor Dugatto about 100 times regarding this situation and she bought the light but it's no good. Mr. Oliwa asked who told him that the light is no good. Mr. Baklik said the light is more decorative – something that you would have in your yard – it's not necessarily a street light. He said Mayor Dziekan has reached out to UI to see how much it would cost to install lights. Mr. Sill said he thought that the Building Department would have made them install lights. Mr. Baklik said it's his understanding that the homeowners on the street at the time wanted a dark, quiet street. Mr. Guerra said a lot of people on the street don't live there – they're professionals who travel for work. It would have been much easier to have installed the lights at the very beginning. He noted that former Mayor Staffieri said if we do it for you we'll have to do it for everyone. Mr. Sill said once Mayor Dziekan receives the information from UI we can then bring it to the Board of Aldermen for review and a decision.

Mr. Sill asked three more times if anyone else wished to speak during the public portion. Hearing no one wishing to address the committee the public portion was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING DATED MARCH 22, 2018

A MOTION was made by Mr. Oliwa with a second by Ms. Browning to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

TRANSFER OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Baklik said his email should be in the packet. The Police Department is "cycling out" two vehicles and they informed the city department heads in case a department could use the vehicles. The Board of Education is requesting to have the 2005 Ford Explorer 4x4.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Browning with a second by Mr. Oliwa to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to authorize the transfer of surplus police vehicle to the Board of Education. **Motion carried.**

ESTABLISH TAX INCENTIVE STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Sill said this is something that Mr. DiCenso wished to explore. Mr. Baklik said Mr. DiCenso would like to offer incentives to new businesses and explained that he, Mayor Dziekan and Mr. DiCenso wanted to bring this to the full Board of Aldermen as they didn't want to be the only ones to make a decision. The suggested makeup of the committee is as follows:

- President of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen
- 2 other members of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen appointed by the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen President on an annual basis
- Mayor
- Economic Development Liaison or coordinator

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to move to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to establish a Tax Incentive Study Committee that will make recommendations to the Community Relations Committee for adoption by the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen. **Motion carried.**

REQUEST REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE

Mr. Sill said there is correspondence in the packet from the Building Department secretary, Lisa Narowski, explaining the need for the refund. There was an error in the calculation of the fee.

A MOTION was made by with a second by to move to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to refund \$3,490.00 to DiGiorgi Roofing and Siding for roofing work done at Birmingham Condominiums, 273 Derby Avenue due to a difference of interpretation of the permitting fee structure. **Motion carried.**

FINANCE DIRECTOR REQUEST TO MODIFY DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Coppola said he just learned that all department heads are being asked to attend the monthly Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month. He explained that he has a standing commitment on that evening – choir practice at St. Mary's Church. He said he attended a presentation today at Griffin

Hospital that was presented by Aetna Insurance, which will provide cost savings to the City. Mr. Sill asked if we would need to change providers. Mr. Coppola no – they presented different contracts, which will also be discussed in the Operations Committee meeting this evening. Mr. Coppola noted that budget season is upon us and commencing May 8th deliberations will begin with each department head. The Audit is also completed and he has copies available in his office. Mr. Oliwa noted that department head reports are at the beginning of the meeting and they can arrange to have the Finance Department report is first.

FUTURE USES FOR VARCA BUILDING – DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Baklik said the building will be vacated at noon on Friday, April 27, 2018. All locks will be changed and the building will be insured by the City. He said VARCA has asked to retain a small office in the building for a short time. The City has allowed VARCA to have the office and Public Works will be in charge of providing access to the building. No additional key will be given. Mr. Baklik said the next issue would be to retrofit the building and they are looking at different departments that could be housed at the site – Senior Center, Housing Authority. There might also be private entities housed at the site. Mr. Baklik said that Ansonia has funds available for a regional Senior Center. Mr. Sill asked if he would be able to tour the site. Mr. Baklik stated that the building is deceptively large. He said they would be at the site on Friday April 27th at noon and invited everyone to join them.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Oliwa with a second by Ms. Browning to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 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.