

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; Josh Goldstein, Johan Lopez, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Jalin Sead

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela

OTHERS: Nicole Eaddy

Via Videoconference and Teleconference

ROLL CALL

Council Member Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Discussion and vote on Chapter 69 – Norwalk Harbor, Article I – General Regulations, §§ 69-1, 69-5, 69-6.**
- **Discussion and vote on Chapter 69 – Norwalk Harbor, Article III – Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, §§ 69-20, 69-21, 69-22, 69-24, 69-25 (proposed new section)**
- **Discussion and vote on Chapter 66A – Mooring and Anchoring, Article I – Rules and Regulations: §§ 66-A-3, 66-A-9, 66-A-12, 66A-20**
- **Discussion and vote on Chapter 66A – Mooring and Anchoring, Article II – Permit Fees: §§ 66A-26; 66-A-27**

Council Member Shanahan explained that the Committee members would be considering all the of the items at one time. She then opened the public hearing portion of the meeting and asked if there was any member of the public present. There were no members of the public on the call that wished to speak at this time.

Atty. Candela said that Ms. Sue Powers had submitted an email.

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

Atty. Candela said that Ms. Powers had asked in her email if they would be taxing boat slips on the Norwalk River. He then made the following statement:

Generally speaking, the changes that are seen in Chapters 69 and 66A are cleaning up the language that make clear that there is a mooring fee schedule. This language also makes clear that process to modify or revise the fee schedule. Specifically answering Ms. Power's question, nothing has changed with the Harbor Management geography based on the revisions to this ordinance. It remains identical. Only mooring field are currently subject to the fee. There are no fees for boat slips. That could change however, if the Harbor Management Commission proposes fees in the future, which would, of course, be subject to Common Council approval. But as it pertains right now, the only changes are we're modifying the process to make the fee schedule process more clear and we're making clear to everybody that there is a mooring fee schedule. The geography didn't change and the fact that it's only for mooring field fees is the only thing and not for boat slips as of yet.

There were no additional comments or concerns from the Council Members at this time.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SHANAHAN MOVED TO REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- **CHAPTER 69 – NORWALK HARBOR, ARTICLE I – GENERAL REGULATIONS, §§ 69-1, 69-5, 69-6.**
- **CHAPTER 69 – NORWALK HARBOR, ARTICLE III – NORWALK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, §§ 69-20, 69-21, 69-22, 69-24, 69-25 (PROPOSED NEW SECTION)**
- **CHAPTER 66A – MOORING AND ANCHORING, ARTICLE I – RULES AND REGULATIONS: §§ 66-A-3, 66-A-9, 66-A-12, 66A-20**
- **CHAPTER 66A – MOORING AND ANCHORING, ARTICLE II – PERMIT FEES: §§ 66A-26; 66-A-27**

**TO THE FULL COMMON COUNCIL TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to comment at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- **June 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting of the Ordinance Committee**

Council Member Shanahan said that Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner had not left the meeting, but may have briefly fallen off the call. Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner said that she occasionally will turn her camera off for better streaming.

The following correction was made:

Please strike the comment regarding Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner leaving the meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AS CORRECTED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to consider at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to consider at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no additional items to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

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Hi Brian, I apologize if this is late. I can ask during the meeting tonight if it doesn't make it into public comments. But my question is does the article proposed propose to tax boat slips on the Norwalk River? Thank you, Sue Powers

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