

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 16, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Amanda Brown, Chair; Andrew Conroy, Carvin Hilliard;

STAFF: Robert Maslan, Jr., Corporation Counsel; Hal Alvord,
Department of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brown called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Revisions to Chapter 95, Streets and Sidewalks
Proposed Revisions to Chapter 95A, Littering and Illegal Dumping
Proposed Revisions to Chapter 112, Trees.

Ms. Brown asked Mr. Alvord to provide an overview of the proposed revisions, and he stated the changes were to do systematic procedural updates to remove the dollar values as authorized in CT general statutes.

Ms. Diane Lauriella, representing the Norwalk League of Women Voters spoke to provide support of the fee structures for updating values for the above revisions to the Streets and Sidewalks and Littering and Illegal Dumping, as required provisions of the city code. She added the objective of the League was to encourage the staff to have a methodology of pulling public outreach to provide educational information and requested updated information on the website and the inclusion of fliers and brochures for residents who do not have access to the internet.

In regards to the Chapter 112, Trees, she acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Alvord as the Tree Warden and recommended creating an Advisory Committee for making it a more active program for public input. She added comments regarding Section 112.4 -1 (D) and 112-7 and recommends coordination with other departments as schedule changes conflict with other committees, such as the Conservation Committee. She also proposed the inclusion of additional language to help other departments that would be required to coordinate with the Tree Warden.

Regarding Section 112-7, Ms. Lauriella stated that the appeal process is too severe, is not user friendly relative to the posting process, and should be changed to embrace a more modern view. She added that she did a test with a tree near Calf Pasture Beach and the process of negotiation with the Tree Warden was entirely too difficult to schedule and manage. She suggested that there be a public posting process such as on the website rather than just posted on the tree, as it is not necessarily noticed in time to take action.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no further public participation at this meeting. Ms. Brown closed the Public Participation session of the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and requested a five-minute recess prior to the regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brown called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Brown stated that due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes from the January 20, February 17, March 17, and May 19 meetings would be tabled and added to next month's meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Blight Ordinance Correspondence

Ms. Brown submitted copies of e-mails responding to John Hamlin and John Moeling of the Harbor Shores Neighborhood Association of Norwalk, for discussion and asked for them to be included into the record.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CONROY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Services