

**CITY OF NORWALK  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Shanahan, Chair; David Heuvelman, Thomas Livingston, Dominique Johnson, Kadeem Roberts, Manny Langella, Tom Keegan

**STAFF:** Attorney Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel, Tom Kulhawik, Police Chief, Nick Roberts, Parks and Recreation, Anthony Robert Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works, Jessica Paladino, Waste Programs Manager

**OTHERS:** Diane Lauricella, Rich Bonenfant

**1. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on)**

There was no public hearing.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diane Lauricella was the first speaker. She spoke on the Noise Ordinance saying it is a not just an ordinance or enforcement issue it is a health issue as well. Lauricella said we have to teach the neighbors about noise and help the city achieve a better quality of life. She said it has taken about four years to get to this point and she is happy about it, but would like to get a timeline for training and enforcement. She said this came to life on Washington Street. She mentioned Salt Water Cafe was recently sold and we need to teach the new owners about the new ordinance so the noise is kept inside and does not come out on the street. She said that way we will not end up in court.

Rich Bonenfant of 17 Park Hill Avenue was the next speaker. He spoke on regulating fees for beach stickers. He said to look up the deed and there was a land swap at Calf Pasture Beach and it might define what can and cannot be done. His second point was about renaming Chestnut Street and said now you have to be deceased for a year and suggested the wait of 1

year be adhered to. Mr. Bonenfant said if you change the rule for just one person it could cause a problem later.

Bobbie Kinn submitted a letter by email saying there are a number of reasons a resident may not have a vehicle registered in Norwalk. Military personnel who rent or own in Norwalk may have an official residence in another state, employees may be paying rent on an apartment but are not required to change their permanent residence or using a rental vehicle, there are Norwalk residents who own or rent properties in 2 states, they may be paying property tax in Norwalk but legally registered in another state, residents with disabilities who depend on a non-resident relative for transportation to the beach and residents using a company owned vehicle registered in the location where the company is.

## **5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

January 21, 2020 – ordinance committee meeting

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. LANGELLA).**

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss and vote to approve payment to Eric Zwerling of the Noise Consultancy, LLC for acoustical consulting services. Discuss training and equipment.

**\*\* MR. DAVID HEUVELMAN MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Livingston asked about the bill saying it was more than anticipated.

Mr. Candela explained it was \$9,500. Mr. Candela said Mr. Zwerling made two visits to Norwalk. One time was in April for a 2-day visit and met with city officials and to a meeting of the Ordinance Committee. The second time he came in July for two days and wanted to see how the businesses were doing and said the businesses on Washington Street were code compliant. He also responded to DEEP comments on the original noise ordinance. Mr. Candela said he put in significantly more time than he expected. In addition to the times he came to Norwalk, Mr. Candela said Mr. Zwerling was on three or more conferences calls for three or more hours.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO PAY ERIC ZWERLING \$13,490.57 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next discussion was about the training and equipment needed.

Police Chief Tom Kulhawik said it will be just under \$10,000 for his travel, training and course fees not including overtime for officers. He said that could be upwards of \$15,000 and added the good news is Asset Forfeiture Funds will be used to pay the entire cost. Kulhawik said 20 officers will be trained over 3 days. He said they will use community police officers and some evening shift supervisors.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and vote on Section 74-1: Free admission for residents and real property owners who do not pay vehicle tax to Norwalk;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 74-2: Admission for residents and real property owners who do not pay vehicle tax to Norwalk;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 74-3: Season sticker for residents and property owners of certain towns;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 74-4: Parking fees;**

The Committee debated the terms “resident” and “real property owner”. Mr. Nick Roberts pointed out there is only a fee for parking at the beach. The agreed to a change to say Norwalk residents and/or real property owners.

Mr. Nick Roberts said you do not need a physical pass to enter the beach.

They debated the issue with a corporate car which is not covered by the ordinance. Mr. Nick Roberts said a person would have to provide a letter on company letterhead that they are the sole driver of the vehicle and provide a paystub as well. Mr. Candela said he and Mr. Nick Roberts could work on the language of a new Subsection D.

74-1, 74-2 is a new section, 74-3 used to be 74-2, 74-4 used to be 74-3, the old 74-4 was removed and 75-5 will be a new section.

**\*\* MR. LIVINSTON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE CHANGES.**

**\*\* MOTION TO MOVE TO A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 17, 2020 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Discuss and vote on Ordinance Name Change to Chapter 94, Article 1 of the City Code;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 94-18: Disposal Pass for residents and real property owners who pay vehicle tax to Norwalk;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 94-19: Admission for residents and real property owners who do not pay vehicle tax to Norwalk;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 94-20: Other Permits**

**Discuss and vote on Section 94-21: Admission for non-residents and non-permit holders;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 94-21: Admission for non-residents and non-permit holders;**

94-20 will be change from “residential” to “resident disposal pass”. Ms. Paladino said you need the disposal pass to get the disposal permit card which is issued at the transfer station. Mr. Carr said you need to get a card for for non-commerical pickup trucks, vans and trailers which literally looks like a credit card. Mr. Candela said he will change 94-20a to remove the word “card”.

**\*\* MOTION TO MOVE THE CHANGES TO A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 17, 2020 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Discuss and vote on Section 95-38: Policy and considerations;**

**Discuss and vote on Section 95-39: Procedure; and**

The Committee debated whether the time for renaming a street should change for a deceased person. The city is considering an Ordinance change so Cesar Ramirez an honorary plaque could be placed. Ms. Shanahan pointed out living individual can have a plaque but deceased have to wait a year.

Mr. Keegan said he wanted to respect the rules in place. He said at one point many years ago we decided we wanted to wait and at the time emotions are raw and he understands why there was a waiting period.

**MOTION TO MOVE THE ITEM TO A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 17, 2020 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8. DISCUSSION ITEM**

There was no discussion item.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Venuto  
Telesco Secretarial Services