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Public Hearings Minutes

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held certain Public Hearings, Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT for the following:

Chairman Deko called the Public Hearings to order at 7:01 p.m.
Roll Call-11 present 4 Absent (Glassman, Santino, Pacelli, and Pompano)
Staff Present: Town Attorney, Michael Luzzi, Finance Director, Jim Keeley, Police Chief Ed Lennon, and Assistant Chief, Patrick Tracey.

Public Hearing #1

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:

For an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance transferring from the Contingency Account 01-885-0689 to Legal and Lawyer Fees Account 01-113-0668—as follow:

To:	01-113-0668	Legal and Lawyer Fees	\$175,000.00
From:	01-885-0689	Contingency Account	\$175,000.00

Attorney Luzzi explained that this is the transfer that was discussed in the last meeting's executive session for the legal fees that pertain to the following. There are fifty plus unfinished land use hearings, affordable housing regulations, short term rentals issues to be determined, and accessory housing. The main driver of this transfer is for every hearing for Barberry Road One v. Maturo. Jim, our finance director, agrees that we have the funds available.

Public Hearing #2

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:

For an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance Section 12-4. Cleaning up after dogs and cats."

Attorney Luzzi explained that the only change to the ordinance is that we added cats due to someone who has a trail cam and has made a complaint to Animal Control.

Councilman Balter asked how we would be able to enforce cats.
Attorney Luzzi indicated that the complainant has a camera to verify.

Public Hearing #3

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:

For an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-46. Parking Ban. Automatic parking ban at start of all snow events, parking in off-street facilities required when available.”

Chairman Deko recognized Police Chief Lennon who explained that this an adjustment not for small snow storms but for predicted large storms when the snow starts falling.

Chairman Deko stated let’s make sure it gets enforced.

Councilwoman Martin felt that it is a bit vague.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that the police department along with public works both know at the onset of a storm the parking ban starts at the shore.

Councilwoman Cesare asked if the police department have to wait for public works to call. What about those people who have no alternative parking.

Chief Lennon indicated no, staff knows when the ban goes into effect and we are cognizant of those with no alternative parking.

Councilwoman Parlato asked what is the amount of the fine and is it at the onset of the storm.

Chief Lennon indicated that the ban is for 24 hours and we are mindful of those who do not have alternative parking, which are few and far between. The fine is a Class E \$100.00.

Councilman Bimonte asked about condos that have on street parking.

Chief Lennon stated most have off street parking.

Public Hearing #4

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:

For an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-3. Depositing of organic materials on roadways and sidewalks.”

Chief Lennon stated that public works has complaints regarding debris being blown in the street and plowing snow into the street from private property.

Public Hearing #5

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:

For an ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Section 11-49. Enforcement.”

Chief Lennon indicated that the text is repeated twice while it is covered in 16 and 17.

Public Hearing #6

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:
For an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 15-4 Procedure for Contesting Certain Non-Parking Ordinance Violations Issued By the Police Department, Code Enforcement Officer, or Fire Marshal.”

Public Hearing #7

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:
For an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 17-1. Street numbering of residential properties; owner’s responsibilities.”

We have complaints from the Fire Marshal the property owners need 3 in. numbers on any structure. We needed to define who writes the violation.

Public Hearing #8

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:
For an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-16. Stopping and parking prohibited in certain places.”

Chief Lennon that this amendment updates the violations for parking overnight in the grove overnight of commercial vehicles and during snow events during the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Parlato is there language added to access.

Chief Lennon stated they try to educate the residents who are affected by the gate access.

Public Hearing #9

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:
For an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 17-41. Snow and ice removal-Required.”

Attorney Luzzi noted that it is a convoluted process this is to clarify compliance with other ordinances.

Public Hearing #10

Councilwoman Lesco read the following proposed ordinance:
For an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance Section 11-17. Penalties for parking violations.”

Chief Lennon stated that those that are in violation during a storm will be towed.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to adjourn the public hearings.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Hearing adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Council Clerk