

MINUTES  
ORDINANCE STUDY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2013

Present: Councilwoman and Chairwoman Mary Bartolotta and Councilman Joseph Bibisi. Staff Counsel: Attorney Wisneski

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the Special Meeting of February 4, 2013. Councilman Bibisi made a MOTION to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Bartolotta. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

**1. Proposed Revision - Chapter 1, Article I, Section 1-19, Changes in Adopted Ordinances.**

There was a brief discussion about whether this ordinance also needed to address the changes in title to the new department, which will consolidate the previous Personnel and Legal Departments (i.e. Office of the General Counsel). Attorney Wisneski explained that those changes were part of the ordinances that had already been voted on by the Council (i.e. Chapter 31, Article IV, Merger of Personnel and Legal Departments and Chapter 31, Article V, Elimination of the Personnel Department) and would have to be voted on again at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting per the Charter. Councilwoman Bartolotta brought up the fact that the Personnel Review Commission had proposed to change the name of the new Department to "Office of the General Counsel/Human Resources." Attorney Wisneski explained that any changes to the ordinances that were previously considered by the Council to merge the Legal and Personnel Departments would have to be made on the floor at Monday night's meeting.

Councilman Bibisi made a MOTION to approve the proposed Ordinance without amendment. Councilwoman Bartolotta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Proposed Revision – Section 262-16, Dumping snow in the highway; parking ban for snow removal.**

There was a brief discussion that the proposed changes to this ordinance were put forth by the Mayor in light of problems that occurred after the February 2013 blizzard. Several individuals ignored the City's parking ban during that blizzard and caused significant problems. The Mayor wanted to make sure that for future parking bans and

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storms, the City had in place a significant financial deterrent to ignoring such bans. This proposed ordinance changes the penalty for ignoring a parking ban to the maximum allowed under Connecticut law -- \$250.

Councilman Bibisi made a MOTION to approve this proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bartolotta. The Motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Proposed Revision – Section 74-41, Effect of payments under Workers' Compensation Act.**

Councilwoman Bartolotta raised concerns that she had received an email from Councilwoman Kasper that more changes were needed to this ordinance to protect the City's interest. Councilwoman Bartolotta did not have the email at her disposal, so she felt that this issue should be tabled so that Councilwoman Kasper's concerns can be addressed.

Councilman Bibisi made a MOTION to table this proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bartolotta. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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**4. Appropriation – Codification of Ordinances.**

A discussion ensued based upon a recent email from the Town Clerk that the office was over budget for the year for the codification of the ordinances. In light of that issue, the Town Clerk's office is seeking an appropriation from the Finance & Government Committee for future codification costs until the end of the fiscal year. It will be seeking another \$8,000 to cover codifications through the end of the year based upon an estimate that there will be about twelve more ordinance changes through the end of the fiscal year.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION to Adjourn by Councilman Bibisi, seconded by Councilwoman Bartolotta at 6:52 p.m.