

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

(Immediately following Blight Committee Meeting)

JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chairman Ron Sill called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Ron Sill, Evelyn Browning, Louis Oliwa (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)

Also Present: Andrew Baklik, Chief of Staff
Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer
Carlo Sarmiento, Building Official
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk
Vincent Marino, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Sill said we need to remove Item #9 – Derby Pension Plan – as there is a Pension Committee meeting scheduled for May 8, 2019 and we need to add approval of the March 14, 2019 meeting minutes.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to remove item #9 – Derby Pension Plan and add new item #6a. Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Community Relations Subcommittee meeting. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Sill asked if anyone wished to address the committee.

Andrew Baklik, 501 Roosevelt Drive, Derby, CT (Chief of Staff – City of Derby)

Mr. Baklik said he had a thought today with the sale of VARCA that came through this sub-committee I think we should consider upon the completion of that sale making a donation to a cause that is in line with what VARCA stood for. A small percentage of the sale just as a gesture because I think there's been some public sentiment that we inherited that building from VARCA and those people were displaced. So, we can collectively think about maybe where to funnel those – maybe even speak to some of the old VARCA board members – Chief Cota, Dominick Thomas – and maybe get an idea of maybe where we can make a nominal donation of some sort to a cause.

Mr. Sill said that would be very nice and asked Mr. Baklik if it should be brought up at the next Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen meeting. Mr. Baklik said the company that

won the bid has a sixty-day due diligence period so we can bring it up after the closing. He said he just wanted to bring it up now to have people start thinking and get some ideas.

Mr. Sill asked if anyone else wished to address the committee. No one wished to address the committee and the public portion was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2019 COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING

A MOTION was made by Ms. Browning with a second by Mr. Oliwa to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2019 COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING

A MOTION was made by Ms. Browning with a second by Mr. Oliwa to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

TEMPORARY USE OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON LOWER CAROLINE STREET

Letter from George Schrade of A-Quick Pick Crane Service was read:

My name is George Schrade, CFO of A-Quick Crane Service located at 205 Water Street, Derby, CT. We have just purchased a 400 Ton crane, which requires more storage space than we have at our present yard. We are looking to rent about 125' & 100' space at the back end of Water Street. We would use the storage space for crane boom sections, counterweight trailers, and temporary crane to load at difficult times. Ninety five percent of the time it would be daylight hours. We would be looking at 2 months to 2 years depending if we could secure another place in Derby. Thank you for your consideration. George Schrade.

Mr. Schrade was present at the meeting to answer any questions the committee might have. The various parts of the parking lot were reviewed for the best possible section to park the crane. Mr. Sill asked when the crane would be delivered. Mr. Schrade said he expects to receive it in about four weeks. Atty. Marino noted that the City would have to enter into a written agreement with the City being able to terminate at any time with reasonable notice.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Oliwa with a second by Ms. Browning to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that the City enter into a Lease for the parking of a crane at the municipal parking lot on lower Caroline Street with George Schrade of A-Quick Pick Crane Service with a price to be negotiated prior to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen's meeting. **Motion carried.**

CITYWIDE PLASTIC BAG BAN

Mr. Sill said this is something that he came up with after reading several articles and watching a program regarding the disposal of plastic bags. He said this is something that is going to take some time to put together. He informed the committee that he has spoken with management at Aldi's and they already have a ban on the use of plastic bags – they sell paper bags for their groceries – and they are all in favor of the ban. Mr. Sill said that he has heard that Big Y is already discussing the potential ban on

plastic bags. He said he went to Shop Rite and spoke to a woman who directed him to Sam Cingari, one of the owners of Shop Rite, to discuss the matter. Mr. Sill said there are several towns that have already passed the ban – Westport, Greenwich, Weston, Hamden, Mansfield, Middletown, New Britain, Norwalk and Stamford and it is being proposed in Branford, Newtown and New Haven. He said he feels that this is something that we can start working on and eventually bring it before the Operations & Procedures Sub-committee. Mr. Sill said he will get in touch with some of the towns who have already enacted the ban to see how they handled the process. He said he is not looking to shove this down anyone's throat but feels that it is worth looking into.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderswomen to endorse the concept of adopting an Ordinance prohibiting the use of plastic bags by retail establishments. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn
Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.