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**CITY COUNCIL & WPCA**

**PUBLIC HEARING: CH. 158 "PEDDLING & SOLICITING" REGARDING FOOD TRUCKS**

**CITY HALL AUDITORIUM/ZOOM**

**November 14, 2022**

A **PUBLIC HEARING** was held by the City Council & WPCA of the City of Torrington on November 14, 2022, to solicit citizen input regarding the proposed changes to Chapter 158 "Peddling and Soliciting", regarding Food Trucks.

Attendance was by ZOOM and in person. Present at City Hall were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, City Councilors Anne Ruwet, and Armand Maniccia. City Councilors Drake Waldron and Keri Hoehne participated via Zoom, as did Public Works Director Ray Drew, Litchfield Hills Northwest Elderly Nutrition Program Supervisor Christine Brown, and Street Supervisor Bill Mayers. Also present in person were Deputy Fire Chief David Tripp, Facilities Director Jamie Sykora, Economic Development Director Rista Malanca, WPCA Administrator Ed Tousey, Fleet Manager Emil Castro, and Building Committee Co-Chairs Ed Arum and Mario Longobucco. City Councilors David Oliver and Paul Cavagnero were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Carol Anderson read the legal notice into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ryan Batchelder, a Torrington resident, and Food Truck owner asked Council what changes had occurred from the Ordinance that was proposed in June until now, Councilor Ruwet explained that the Badges had been removed, the distance to set up near an established business had been changed from 250 feet to 500 feet, and that the Ordinance Committee had put in a grandfathering clause for people who have been in the same location for 2 years. He asked if the 500 feet distance from someone selling like items applies if you are on private property, Council Ruwet said that it did not apply to private property only to City property.

Nick Whiteway, a Torrington resident, stated that losing the badge for employees was his whole issue with the Ordinance.


Andrew Ward, an Attorney for the Institute for Justice, urged Council to reject the Food Truck Ordinance due to the 500-foot rule from businesses selling like items, and the background check provision in order to get a license.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Mayor Carbone declared the public hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

  
CAROL L. ANDERSON, CITY CLERK