## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE March 18, 2019

A **REGULAR MEETING** was held by the Ordinance subcommittee of the City Council & WPC Authority on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the City Hall Auditorium.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Chairman Gregg Cogswell, Councilman Paul Cavagnero, and Councilwoman Anne Ruwet. Interim Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell was also present.

Chairman Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## Discussion

Atty. Muschell presented statutory regulations regarding the sale of tobacco and vaping products, and stated that the City of Hartford recently passed an ordinance increasing the legal age to purchase tobacco and vaping products to 21. The committee discussed and agreed that any ordinance to increase the legal age for purchasing vaping products in Torrington should target the sale of tobacco products as well.

The committee discussed a bill that was proposed in the state legislature to raise the age requirement for purchasing vaping and tobacco products to 21, and agreed that Torrington should move forward with an ordinance of its own. They continued to discuss the harmful consequences of vaping in Torrington Public Schools and how the ordinance could be enforced.

Atty. Muschell stated that he would produce an actionable item and the committee agreed to meet again to discuss the matter further.

## Addition to the Agenda

On a motion by Councilman Cavagnero, seconded by Councilwoman Ruwet, the committee voted unanimously to add the following item to the agenda:

*Review and discuss a proposal to adopt an ordinance that would allow for a Downtown Torrington residential overnight parking permit program.* 

Mayor Carbone presented the proposal to adopt an ordinance that would allow for a Downtown Torrington residential overnight parking permit program. The committee expressed their concerns and agreed to consider the matter further at its next meeting.

## Adjournment

On a motion by Councilwoman Ruwet, seconded by Councilman Cavagnero, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk

ATTEST:

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