

## ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING

CITY HALL, ROOM 215

\*TELEPHONIC &amp; IN-PERSON

September 8, 2020

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority was held at City Hall in Room 215 on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The meeting was attended in-person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell, Chairman Frank Rubino and City Councilor Anne Ruwet. Councilor Paul Cavagnero joined the meeting by telephone.

Chairman Rubino called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Veteran's Advisory Committee**

Mayor Carbone provided a brief background and update on the leadership of the Veteran's Service Office. She explained that C.G.S. § 27-135 requires every city or town to establish a local veteran's advisory committee or designate a city or town employee to serve as a veteran's service contact person. Councilor Cavagnero expressed his concerns that the local veterans would not be supportive of additional government oversight and Councilor Ruwet requested additional information regarding the State's requirements. The Mayor explained that establishing a veteran's advisory committee would fulfill the City's obligation and Chairman Rubino noted that veterans would have the opportunity to provide input at a public hearing. On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to advance to the City Council a recommendation to schedule a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 for the purpose of soliciting citizen input regarding the creation of a veteran's advisory committee.

**Wireless Telecommunications Facilities**

The committee discussed correspondence from a group of concerned citizens regarding wireless telecommunication facilities. Mayor Carbone explained that the group was concerned with the State's control over wireless and other communications matters. On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to refer the matter to Corporation Counsel for further review.

**Noise Ordinance**

The committee discussed a request made by a member of the public for the City to adopt a noise ordinance. Chairman Rubino informed the committee that he discussed the matter with the Chief of Police and he described some of the Chief's concerns regarding implementation and enforcement of a noise ordinance. The committee discussed the concerns and additional training that police officers would need in order to enforce decibel limits. Chairman Rubino and Councilor Cavagnero expressed their support for allowing police officers to exercise their judgement when responding to noise complaints.

**Business by Committee Members**

Chairman Rubino opened the meeting up to business by the committee members but no business was presented.

**Adjournment**

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

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK