

Public Information Sessions: Ordinances

Monday, November 23, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Town Hall Council Chambers

7 Fan Hill Road

Monroe, Connecticut

Present: Chairman Frank Lieto
Vice Chairman Enid Lipeles
Councilmember Deborah Heim (*will not be voting*)
Councilmember Phyllis Kansky
Councilmember Nicholas Kapoor
Councilmember Kenneth Kellogg
Councilmember Dee Dee Martin
Councilmember Sean O'Rourke
Councilmember Terry Rooney

Absent: Councilmember Kevin Reid

The purpose of these information sessions is to receive input from the public regarding the proposed ordinances. This meeting meets accessibility requirements for the disabled. Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact the First Selectman's Office as soon as possible.

6:00 p.m. – 6:11 p.m.

Repeal and Revisions to Chapter 71 (currently titled Health District)

This Chapter, as formerly titled "Health District," is repealed. This Chapter is hereby enacted as revised and shall be titled "Health Department". This Chapter establishes the Monroe Health Department within the Town Code, with authorities vested in the Monroe Board of Health and Director of Health consistent with Town Charter and Connecticut General Statutes.

Councilmember Kellogg noted the purpose of the proposed Repeal and Revisions to Chapter 71 is essentially a housekeeping change, stating this chapter currently changed refers to the Health District, which the town formerly acquired with the town of Trumbull, and this change effectively updates the ordinance so it refers to the Monroe Health Department. Chairman Lieto thanked Councilmember Kellogg for getting the Department up and running properly.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

6:15 p.m. – 6:31 p.m.

Revision to Chapter 397 (Peddlers and Transient Sellers)

Sections 397-4(B) and 397-13 are revised to include properly licensed itinerant food vendors, operating with permission of the property owner, to the current list of activities that are excluded from the applicability and definitions of this Chapter.

Councilmember Kellogg noted there are businesses in town that were looking to engage the services of food trucks with the committee so businesses can benefit from their mutual customers in a controlled fashion on the premises. Chairman Lieto noted this ordinance was reviewed by L&A sub-committee with significant discussions and also received input from the Chief of Police.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark Szamatulski owner of Veracious Brewing Co. in Monroe. He noted there are approximately 30 breweries in Connecticut and a big part of each brewery is having food trucks in their town. He was hoping this would be a good addition to his business to allow patrons and local businesses that do have food trucks. Mr. Szamatulski also noted besides local people, many come from different towns to his establishment.

Tess Szamatulski, 117 Horse Tavern Road, Trumbull and co-owner of Veracious Brewing Co. She feels it is an important aura of the brewery to be able to have food trucks. She feels it is just another added bonus for the people that come to the Brewery. She presented to Chairman Lieto, signatures of people that have come to Veracious Brewing Co. that would enjoy having food trucks, noting 1 or 2 trucks on Saturday.

Ed Gratrix, 194 Barn Hill Road, recommended the ice cream trucks arriving at the conclusion of games have their time extended longer than ten minutes. He noted sometimes the trucks time it accurately when a game ends and this can cause some hazards to our children when some are returning to their cars.

Brian, 265 Barn Hill Road, supports this proposal and feels it would be very nice to have food trucks visit establishments.

Jay Preski, 52 Stanley Road, stated he has been friends with the family of the Veracious Brewing Co. in Monroe. He noted many people enjoy the culinary arts and he encourages local people to bring their talents of the culinary to places of business.

6:32 p.m. – 6:37 p.m.

Salon Ordinance

Chapter 425, “Salons,” is enacted and grants authority to the Director of Health to enforce the commercial activities of barbering, hairdressing and cosmetology, tanning, the services of a nail technician, or any combination thereof. This Chapter provides for the general provisions in regards to licensing and inspection of Salons, as well as the technical standards required for equipment, facilities, maintenance and operation of Salons.

Councilmember Lieto thanked Councilmember Kellogg and the Board of Health for getting this ordinance titled New Chapter 425-Salons off the ground. Councilmember Kellogg noted the

salons are defined as any establishment practicing barbering, hairdressing and cosmetology, tanning, and nail technicians. He noted it is important to know salons are currently regulated in the town of Monroe, however in the transition; we need to establish our own.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ed Gratrix, 194 Barn Hill Road questioned the section on Work Station asking for dimensional requirements (chair to chair, aisle to aisle) and if it would have any financial burden.

6:46 p.m. – 6:52 p.m.

OPEB Trust Ordinance

This ordinance establishes a Trust to fund retiree benefits pursuant to the terms of previously established plans for the benefit of certain employees and retirees. This trust does not create any new financial commitments on the part of the Town, but gives the Town a vehicle to fund existing contractual obligations.

Chairman Lieto noted this ordinance was brought to Town Councils attention by the Finance Department. He stated the ordinance needs to be established to set up any benefits trust that was established by the town, noting this is a monetary fund.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ed Gratrix, 494 Barn Hill Road, questioned pensions and pension boards and wanted to know why separate to this trust.

7:01 p.m. – 7:04 p.m.

Section 401(a) Money Purchase Pension Plan Ordinance

This ordinance establishes a Defined Contribution Pension Plan to provide retirement benefits to newly hired employees pursuant to the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Chairman Lieto stated this was to establish the new money purchase pension plan to be the retirement for new hires. He noted this ordinance was presented to L&A.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Cerreta
Town Council Clerk