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Minutes

Regular Meeting of January 13, 2022
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Lieutenant Nick Puorro; Jennifer Sparks, Public Health Sanitarian Enforcement Officer; Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Marek Kozikowski, Director of Land Use; Christopher Holden, Deputy Director of Public Works; James Mastroianni, Fire Marshal; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; Bobby Knoll Peterson, Chief of Staff (arrived 9:03 a.m.); James Mastroianni, Fire Marshal (arrived 9:05 a.m.); Jason Hurlbut Deputy Fire Marshal (arrived 9:05 a.m.); Christopher Holden, Acting Director of Public Works (arrived 9:05 a.m.); and Christopher Forte, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: None.

1. **Call to Order**

Assistant General Counsel Forte called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the December 23, 2021 regular meeting.

MOTION: Fire Marshal Higgins made a motion to approve the November 24, 2021 minutes. Chief Building Official Lisitano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:02 am. Chief of Staff Peterson, Fire Marshal Mastroianni, Deputy Fire Marshal Hulbut, and Acting Director Holden were absent for the vote.

3. **Public Session.** None.

4. **New Business**

A. **Mayor's Office.**

- 1) Update from the Mayor's Office. 25 Tollgate Road: reports of trash in the yard that blows onto neighboring properties when there is wind or rain. Public Works, Health and Land Use will follow up for the next meeting.

B. **Public Works.**

- 1) Update from the Public Works Department.
 - a. 38 Ward Street. Reports of trash buildup on property. Police Department will investigate and report back.
 - b. Hillside Avenue. Reports of trash buildup at the apartment complex on the property. The Health Department and Land Use will follow up and report back.
 - c. 177 Hunting Hill. Reports of a camper on the property in which someone appears to be living. Land Use and Health Departments will follow up and report back.

C. Health Department.

- 1) Update from the Health Department. No updates.

D. Department of Land Use.

- 1) Update from the Department of Land Use. No updates.

E. Building Department.

- 1) Update from the Building Department. No updates.

F. Police Department.

- 1) Update from the Police Department. No updates.

G. City Fire.

- 1) Update from City Fire. No updates.

H. South Fire District.

- 1) Update from South Fire District. No updates.

I. Westfield Fire District.

- 1) Update from the Westfield Fire District. No updates.

J. Office of the General Counsel.

- 1) Update from the Office of the General Counsel. No updates.

5. Old Business

A. Mayor's Office

- 1) Wharfside Commons. No updates.

B. Health Department.

- 1) Tradewinds Plaza (749 Saybrook Road). The Health Department has been receiving complaints regarding illegal dumping of garbage at the Tradewinds Plaza. The Health Department is working with the owner to remedy the situation. Will continue to monitor.

C. City Fire.

- 1) 399 deKoven Drive. There are fire code violations on the premises. The fire and building departments will inspect. Building permits have been pulled, work is progressing slowly, but materials should have arrived to start the repairs. The property has sold to a new owner, so City Fire will attempt to get in touch with new owner. Will continue to monitor.

- 2) 52 North Main Street. The Health Department forwarded this to City Fire, there are reports of illegal gatherings on the premises in violation of COVID-19 guidelines. City Fire inspected the premises and found numerous Fire Code violations, including people potentially living in the building. The Fire Department has issued orders on the property. The owner has started to work to bring some violations into compliance, but work is proceeding at an unacceptable pace.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Chief Building Officer Lisitano made a motion to adjourn. Public Health Sanitarian Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:14 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

cc: Hon. Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor
Code Enforcement Committee Members
OGC Personnel