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Minutes

Regular Meeting of February 10, 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; James Mastroianni, Fire Marshal; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; Bobbye Knoll Peterson, Chief of Staff (arrived 9:05 a.m.); Christopher Holden, Acting Director of Public Works; 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 9:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2022 regular meeting.

MOTION: Fire Marshal Gessaro made a motion to approve the January 27, 2022 minutes. Fire Marshal Mastroianni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:02 am. Chief of Staff Peterson was absent for the vote.

3. Public Session.

Vivian Bergamotto, 646 Main Street, Middletown, CT: Ms. Bergamotto thanked the Police Chief for having a good relationship with the mobile crisis unit. Ms. Bergamotto then stated that there are violations of Section 192 of the City's ordinances in the North End, and that the police are not addressing the issue. Ms. Bergamotto also called for the resignation of Chief of Staff, and that she has been in contact with the FBI.

4. New Business

A. Mayor's Office.

1) Update from the Mayor's Office. No updates.

B. Public Works.

- 1) Update from the Public Works Department. No updates.

C. Health Department.

- 1) Update from the Health Department. No updates.
- 2) 159 Boston Road: The Health Department has received a complaint from a resident regarding the roof at this property. The Health Department was in contact with the owner and will attempt to work with them to get it repaired, and will also reach out to social services to see if the owner needs any assistance. The Building Department stated that the owner did not allow the City officials on his property in the past. Will continue to monitor.

D. Department of Land Use.

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

E. Building Department.

- 1) Update from the Building Department.

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) 38 Ward Street. Reports of trash buildup on property. Police Department found minor garbage and debris in the woods behind the McDonald's parking lot. Health will follow up with the owner of the property to try to get the debris cleaned up and will report back. Will continue to monitor.
- 2) Hillside Avenue. Reports of trash buildup at the apartment complex on the property. The Health Department inspected and got in touch with the

owner to remove the garbage but trash keeps appearing. The Health Department will put the owner in touch with the Public Works department to schedule a regular bulky waste pick-up. No further action needed.

C. Building Department.

- 1) 192 South Main Street. Reports that owner of property is conducting work in the house without permits. There is a permit for some work on the property. The Building Department will follow up to conduct a final inspection, and will report back at the next meeting.

D. Police Department.

- 1) 177 Hunting Hill. Reports of a camper on the property in which someone appears to be living, the camper has been sold and has been removed from the property. No further action needed.

E. 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. The property has sold to a new owner, so City Fire has been attempting to get in touch with new owner. Will continue to monitor.
- 2) 52 North Main Street. City Fire inspected the premises and found numerous Fire Code violations. The Fire Department has issued orders on the property. The owner has started to work to bring some violations with regards to the alarm system into compliance.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Chief Building Officer Lisitano made a motion to adjourn. Fire Marshal Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:20 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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