

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:00 P.M.
First Floor Meeting Room, Bristol City Hall

ATTENDEES: David Preleski, David Mills, Greg Hahn
ABSENT: --
STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Conlin, Asst. Corporation Counsel

1. The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Preleski.
2. Minutes

Council Member Mills made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019. Council Member Preleski seconded the motion, they voted in favor and the minutes were approved. Greg Hahn abstained.

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Old Business

- a. Massage/Spa ordinance proposal

Comments were received from Marco Palmeri (Bristol-Burlington Health District) and a draft was prepared. The committee reviewed and discussed this draft.

This is intended to cover practitioners as well as owners. Attorney Conlin reviewed the highlights of the latest draft. It is to preserve public health.

- Sec. 110 – Must be licensed
- Sec. 109 – This is the Bristol-Burlington Health District license.
- Sec. 111 – Enforced by Bristol-Burlington Health District. Other ID requirements are covered here.

Council Member Preleski asked about Sec. 108 re: hospitals. Should this be also "medical clinic"? Council Member Hahn inquired if this was to address the issue of any illegal activity. This was addressed later in this document but it was mainly for health standards. Criminal activity is handled through the Police and State. If this is found then the license can be pulled. The primary reason is for health and sanitation. This is also for establishments only.

- Sec. 114 – There is a due process section. There can be an appeal if the license is pulled.
- Sec. 115 – Addresses hours.
- Sec. 116 – Facility requirements. Mostly the sanitation required.
- Sec. 117 – Inspections once a year.
- Sec. 118 – Requirements and prohibitions. Covers ID – photo ID and fingerprints to prevent forgeries.
- Sec. 119 – Suspension and revocation – through Department of Health.
- Sec. 120 – Reinstatement of license.
- Sec. 121 – Penalties and provisions – through the City.

Council Member Mills asked if this would be complaint driven and Attorney Conlin answered yes.

Attorney Conlin said that once this ordinance goes through there will probably be a few inspections of the newest establishments. They are to have sinks, laundry facilities, no living on site, etc. The Health Department would do the inspections.

Attorney Conlin answered questions:

- RE: Sec. 111-C – is 15 days too short. No, this is standard and 30 days for inspection.
- RE: Sec. 112-A – 15 days, again, this is normal.
- The process for renewals? This was not discussed.
- Fee? The Bristol-Burlington Health District will set. This will not be specified in the ordinance.

So the establishments would need both a State and City license.

Council Member Preleski made a motion to send this to City Council to set a Public Hearing. Council Member Mills seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

- b. City pension, Veterans time buy-back Sec. 2-66

Council Member Preleski has spoken to the Mayor. Attorney Conlin explained that this would go beyond USERRA. This would allow buy-back for new employees. We do not have to do this – it can always be bargained for. The Ordinance Committee agreed this is not needed.

Council Member Mills made a motion at this time to not proceed with the request for a new or amended ordinance on Division 5 Section 2-66 as provided by the Comptroller. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

- c. Report from public hearing Sec. 21-49 sidewalk waivers

There was no one to speak at the public hearing.

Council Member Mills made a motion that the language as presented be presented to the City Council for their action. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

- d. Report from public hearing – other Post-Employment Benefits – Sec. 2-97.76

There was no one to speak at the public hearing.

Council Member Hahn made a motion to present the amended ordinance to City Council for their action. Council Member Mills seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

- e. Merger of Water; Sewer Departments

Council Member Mills made a motion to table this item, seconded by Council Member Hahn. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Attorney Conlin said that the Charter Revision Commission is looking at this again. Some amendments may be required.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Committee Member Comments

There was no Committee Member comments.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. seconded by Council Member Mills. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper
Recording Secretary