

TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

May 31, 2022

PRESENT Rich Kehoe, Chair; Councillors Sebrina Wilson and John Morrison

ALSO Rich Gentile, Corporation Counsel
PRESENT Eileen Buckheit, Director of Development

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 5, 2022

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
seconded by John Morrison
to **approve** the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes.
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

No one came forward to speak

NEW BUSINESS

Enterprise Zone Expansion

The committee reviewed the proposed expansion of the enterprise zone which includes a 'notch' in census tract 5106 in the Rentschler Field area which was excluded in order to establish the railroad enterprise zone on Park Avenue and Tolland Street and a portion of census tract 5105 extending up the north side of Silver Lane from Simmons Road to Forbes Street but excluding the residential properties on Forbes Street, the Charter Oak mall and USPS property areas. The goal of expanding the enterprise zone is to create additional tax incentives for development including the Showcase Cinema and Silver Lane Plaza sites.

MOTION by John Morrison
Seconded by Sebrina Wilson

To send the revised section 2-118 of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances which adds a portion of census tract 5105 and the entire census tract 5106 to the municipal enterprise zone for the purposes of establishing a public hearing date.

Motion carried: 3/0

Through Truck Traffic

The committee discussed resident complaints about through truck traffic on Naubuc Avenue which is a narrow residential street leading from the Glastonbury line to Main Street. The observed trucks are primarily originating from the Stop and Shop plaza on Glastonbury Boulevard but also includes trucks coming south on Main Street entering High Street at the intersection of High Street and Carter Street.

The town cannot ban through truck traffic on a street that crosses another town line without the support of that community and approval of the state of Connecticut. However, the town could restrict the size of trucks on Naubuc Avenue because of its narrow gauge.

The committee recommends that the East Hartford Police chief discuss this issue with the Glastonbury traffic authority with a goal of seeking cooperation with Stop and Shop and other businesses in that area to ensure that delivery trucks are directed away from Naubuc Avenue. It is also suggested that a sign be posted at the intersection of Naubuc Avenue and Putnam Boulevard recommending that trucks turn onto Putnam Boulevard rather than proceeding straight on Naubuc Avenue.

The committee will receive an update from the police chief and determine whether further action is necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
 seconded by Sebrina Wilson
 to **adjourn** at 7:09 pm
 Motion carried 3/0

cc: Mayor Walsh