

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 5:00 P.M.**  
**First Floor Meeting Room, Bristol City Hall**

**ATTENDEES:** David Preleski, David Mills  
**ABSENT:** Josh Medeiros  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Thomas Conlin, Asst. Corporation Counsel  
Tom DeNoto, Assessor  
Diane Waldron, Comptroller

1. The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairperson Preleski.

Council Member Mills made a motion, seconded by Council Member Preleski, to proceed to Item 4a.

4. Old Business

a. Senior Tax Relief proposals

This item was reviewed by Attorney Conlin.

**Council Member Mills made a motion to request the Mayor establish a committee pursuant to the General Statute 12-129n(b) to study and investigate additional property tax relief for homeowners age 65 or over or permanently disabled, and to prepare a report of its findings to the Board of Finance and the City Council. Motion seconded by Council Member Preleski, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.**

2. Minutes

**Council Member Mills made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2018. Council Member Preleski seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the minutes were approved.**

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Old Business

b. Massage/Spa ordinance proposal

Attorney Conlin has distributed some information. This subject was reviewed four years ago. Things to consider are: Who does this apply to? Licensed or unlicensed massage therapists? Should be all as those that are licensed would not mind. Some towns have an ordinance and some don't. You would have to consider what is the fee. Some that are licensed may not work in establishments that meet the requirements, that is, cannot meet some of the other standards.

Study the information and get familiar with them. Council Member Mills inquired "what about those that travel and do on-call?" Attorney Conlin said that there may be minimum standards and these have not been researched. Attorney Conlin recommended he needs to sit down again with the director of health as there are many things to consider and he needs another month.

- c. City pension – Veteran's time buy back Sec. 2-66

Attorney Conlin reviewed. He would need to speak to outside counsel regarding ramifications with the federal statute.

This request was made to us to allow veterans to purchase service time back within our retirement system for benefits purposes under 2-76.1. We have a request from someone who has never been employed by the city. The question is does USERRA only apply to those who are being re-employed by the City do we need to consider this at all under USERRA or can we do anything? Some answers are needed before we move forward.

Diane has obtained some information from some other cities. We now have buy-back for current employees who are deployed but not for new employees who had service prior to employment. Diane posed the questions which need to be considered. General discussion.

- d. Director of Human Resources – job description and qualifications
- e. Personnel/Human Resources Committee establishment

The description from the last Charter Revision was distributed. General discussion.

**Council Member Mills made a motion to table Item 4.d. and 4.e. seconded by Council Member Preleski. All present voted in favor and these Items were tabled.**

- 5. New Business

There was no new business.

- 6. Committee Member Comments

There was no Committee Member comments.

- 7. Adjournment

Council Member Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. seconded by Council Member Preleski. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cooper  
Recording Secretary