

**MINUTES OF MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 10, 2023**

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A meeting of the Human Services Committee was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This meeting was a continuation of the meeting recessed on January 3, 2023 and was called out of recess at 6:09 P.M. by the Chair, Sarah Gallagher.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gallagher, Chair; Adrian Webber, Vice-Chair; Laurie Sweet; Katie Kiely; Cory O'Brien; Bob Anthony

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wetmore

PUBLIC HEARING: **Opened at 7:33pm.** There were 4 speakers all who support the ordinance. However, one also expressed some concerns with the cost and not having personnel to make this effective and thinks the cart is being put before the horse. **Closed at 7:46pm.**

The following items were addressed:

1. Ordinance amending and restating sections 33.70 to 33.88 of Hamden Code of Ordinances - Fair Rent Commission

-- Moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Sweet. DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Brien said he will support this tonight even though he knows it needs more work.

Mr. Anthony said he was under the impression there was no financial impact until hearing Ms. Craft (public input) and he can't implement this without knowing the fiscal impact.

Ms. Kiely said she also supports this but knows this is not where the work ends and that more work needs to be done. She said she wants this to be effective and purposeful.

Ms. Gallagher said she just wants to note and respond to Councilman Anthony that the areas related to staffing were already there and that there are no new activities related to staffing and work that were added.

Ms. Baez stated that the amendments just address representation and monthly reports and if you look at the redline you'll see what was already there.

Mr. Anthony said they heard from a union leader who said there's an impact and he thinks they should know what that is up front.

Mr. Farmer expressed his support of this saying there is a need for these protections.

Ms. Gallagher stated the commission does not hire and does not allow additional funding in the ordinance and that that would be done during the budget process.

Ms. Baez said if they vote no tonight the cost will not go down, failure of this ordinance does not lower the cost and it will not be cheaper.

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 abstention (Anthony)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Sarah Gallagher, Chair