

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
CITY HALL, ROOM 1-1
111 NORTH MAIN STREET**

ATTENDEES: Mark Dickau, Susan Tyler and Steve Seymour

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey R. Steeg, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Dickau. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. August 4, 2026

Councilman Seymour made a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2026, seconded by Chairman Dickau. Councilwoman Tyler recused herself as she didn't attend the last meeting - Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

Nicholas Palmer, 69 Cronin Street read a statement into the record which is attached to these minutes. He is not in favor of the red light cameras.

Amy Paris, 82 Stafford Avenue, #38 stated that she was against the red light cameras and she feels there is too much surveillance.

Patrick Parenti, 281 Wolcott Street stated that he was in favor of the red light cameras. He stated that red light cameras aren't the only devices that are recording people.

Marian Sirois, 362 Shrub Road stated that she had a question regarding the language and asked why there was "speed" cameras in the language. Chairman Dickau told her that he stated in the beginning of the meeting that they would not be addressing that issue.

Sarah Pagano, 15 Irving Street had a question as to who gets a ticket if someone else is driving your vehicle? She also stated that she believes that people's driving has gotten worse since we legalized marijuana.

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu spoke to address people's concerns. She stated that the ordinance has already passed and has been adopted. The Board of Police Commissioners referred the ordinance to this committee to remove the word "speed".

She continued to say that there was an appeal process for any owner that received a ticket when someone else was driving their vehicle.

She also addressed the issue about the revenue from the cameras. She stated that any funds received by the City from fines imposed pursuant to the ordinance shall be used for the purposes of improving transportation mobility, investing in transportation infrastructure improvements, or paying the costs associated with the use of Automated Red Light Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices within Bristol.

Lastly the Mayor stated that they haven't picked a vendor yet but have reached out to 7 of them. The City will be conducting a public meeting so everyone can ask the vendors their questions.

Chairman Dickau read emails from Hal Kilby, 651 Lake Avenue, Bob & Patti Kalat, 34 Holley Rd., Ernie Pitti, 65 Palmorr Place, all of which were in favor of the red light cameras. A copy of those emails are attached to the minutes.

4. Old Business

a. Review of amendments and report from public hearing on Code Section Appendix D – Flood Damage Prevention

Councilman Seymour made a motion to refer this matter to the City Council for adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Tyler. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

b. Update on Vape Retailers – Zoning Commission discussion

Chairman Dickau stated that the Zoning Commission has put an 18 month moratorium on vape shops, except for people who have an application currently pending. There will be a Public Comment meeting on September 21st at the Zoning Commission hearing.

5. New Business

The Committee discussed the red light ordinance that had recently passed and decided to remove the word “speed” from the language.

Councilman Seymour made a motion to remove the language and refer to the City Council for a Motion to Introduce, seconded by Chairman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Councilman Seymour made a motion change Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices to Automated Red Light Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices, seconded by Chairman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

6. Additional Public Participation

None.

7. Committee Member Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Councilman Seymour made a motion to adjourn at 5:39 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Tyler. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary