

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **APPROPRIATING** Ordinance #4 an Ordinance authorizing issuance of general obligation tax anticipation notes and/or general obligation grant anticipation notes for Fiscal Year 2025

Submitted by: Shannon McCue, City Budget Director

REPORT: **1664-18**

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

As per Charter, Mayor Elicker submitted a proposed FY 2025-2026 budget for general, capital and special funds to the Board of Alders for their review and approval. The Board in turn referred items from the proposal to the City Plan Commission for review and comment.

The Mayor is proposing to allow the issuance of a maximum of \$80,000,000 General Obligation Tax Anticipation Notes or General Obligation Grant Anticipation Notes, or any combination thereof, in order to fund current City expenses and obligations. This is to include:

\$20,400,000 in Up to Thirty Year Bonds

- (a) General Obligation Bonds No. 19 (the “Bonds”) of \$20,400,000 shall be issued in one or more series for the following public improvements, and the proceeds thereof are hereby appropriated for said purposes, as explained in the project narratives stated separately hereinafter, in the following amounts:

Up to Thirty Year Bonds				
Department	Project	Project Number	Amount	
Parks	Infrastructure Improvements	2613	\$	800,000
Parks	General Park Improvements	2614	\$	400,000
Parks	Street Trees	2615	\$	2,000,000
Public Works	Pavement Mgmt./Infrastructure	2626	\$	2,000,000
Building Inspection and Enforcement	Street Reconstruction/Complete Street	2628	\$	1,550,000
Engineering	Sidewalk Reconstruction	2629	\$	2,050,000
Engineering	Bridges	2630	\$	350,000
Engineering	General Storm	2632	\$	750,000
City Plan	Route 34 East	2636	\$	270,000
City Plan	Farmington Canal Line	2637	\$	175,000
Economic Development	Land & Building Bank	2647	\$	400,000
Economic Development	Commercial Industrial Site Development	2648	\$	400,000
Economic Development	Downtown Crossing	2651	\$	450,000
Economic Development	HANH Westville Manor	2654	\$	1,000,000
Economic Development	Acquisitions	2655	\$	205,000
Education (non-construction)	General Repairs	2659	\$	7,600,000
			\$	20,400,000

\$14,800,000 in Ten-Year Bonds

Ten Year Bonds			
Department	Project	Project Number	Amount
Library	Library Improvements	2612	\$ 500,000
Public Safety Communications	Radio & Communications Equipment	2622	\$ 200,000
Public Works	Facility Upgrades Repairs & Modification	2624	\$ 250,000
Public Works	Street Sweeping (Signage Project)	2625	\$ 750,000
Engineering	Facility Rehabilitation	2631	\$ 2,150,000
Engineering	Flood and Erosion	2633	\$ 1,600,000
City Plan	Coastal Area Improvements	2634	\$ 200,000
City Plan	On-Call Planning	2635	\$ 200,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Parking Meters	2639	\$ 400,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Traffic Control Signals	2640	\$ 450,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Street Lighting	2641	\$ 200,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Signs and Pavement Markings	2642	\$ 400,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Transportation Enhancements	2643	\$ 200,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Vision Zero Projects	2645	\$ 1,100,000
Building Inspection and Enforcement	Demolition	2646	\$ 300,000
Economic Development	Neighborhood Commercial Public Improvements	2649	\$ 100,000
Economic Development	Housing Development	2652	\$ 2,000,000
Economic Development	Homeowner Capital	2653	\$ 500,000
Economic Development	Public improvements	2656	\$ 400,000
Livable City Initiative	Property Management	2657	\$ 200,000
Education (non-construction)	Energy Performance Enhancements	2660	\$ 1,400,000
Education (non-construction)	LT Maintenance Stewardship:	2664	\$ 1,300,000
			\$ 14,800,000

\$24,800,000 in Five Year Bonds

Five Year Bonds			
Department	Project	Project Number	Amount
CAO/OPMG	Rolling Stock (City/BOE)	2601	\$ 6,268,875
Information Technology	Software Licensing Upgrades	2604	\$ 200,000
Information Technology	Network Upgrades	2605	\$ 200,000
Information Technology	Information and Technology Initiatives	2606	\$ 3,300,000
Information Technology	Police Technology	2607	\$ 200,000
Information Technology	Fire Technology	2608	\$ 200,000
Information Technology	City Wide Digitization	2609	\$ 450,000
Information Technology	Technology/Communications-Library	2610	\$ 400,000
Information Technology	TTP Communications/IT Equipment	2611	\$ 50,000
Public Safety Communications	Communication Equipment	2616	\$ 3,000,000
Police	Radios	2617	\$ 396,625
Police	Equipment	2618	\$ 634,500
Police	Body and Dash Camera and Weapons	2619	\$ 3,000,000
Fire	Rescue and Safety Equipment	2620	\$ 850,000
Fire	Emergency Medical Equipment	2621	\$ 250,000
Health	Health Dept. Clinic Equipment / Software	2623	\$ 50,000
Public Works	Refuse, Recycling. & Waste Stream	2627	\$ 200,000
City Plan	Preservation and Planning	2638	\$ 25,000
Transportation, Traffic and Parking	Planning & Engineering Services	2644	\$ 200,000
Economic Development	Pre-Capital Feasibility	2650	\$ 225,000
Education (non-construction)	Information and Technology Initiatives	2661	\$ 4,300,000
Education (non-construction)	Custodial Equipment	2662	\$ 200,000
Education (non-construction)	Cafeteria Program and Equipment	2663	\$ 200,000
			\$ 24,800,000

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is in alignment with Vision 2025, the City's Comprehensive Plan. Note that several of these bond funds will support the infrastructure management as well as long term planning efforts for Coastal and City Planning managed by the City Plan Department.

As a general point, in its review of the annual budget, the Commission has historically made note of issues relating to the Comprehensive Plan and the operation of the City Plan Department and does not take a line-by-line review of the budget overall. The City Plan Department notes that the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget aims to maintain the current level of city services across departments given the current uncertainty in federal funding opportunities.

ADVICE

Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: April 16, 2025
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST:

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