

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving East Rock Park Communications Tower enterprise fund budget, Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Submitted by: Justin Elicker, Mayor

REPORT: 1681-16
ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND:

The Enterprise fund for the East Rock Communications Tower dates to when there was a market for a location to install radio repeaters. The Enterprise Fund was created to collect the revenue from the leases (the City is down to just two) to help fund the maintenance of the facility going forward. The City is mostly spending down the fund right now although it is only spent down when there is a lack of grant funding, and there has been significant grant funding in recent years. The tower supports the backbone of the City's radio system for public safety / 911.

This fiscal year, maintenance and contractual expenditures are expected to exceed revenues but are covered by a budget surplus from previous years.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Vision 2034, **New Haven's Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Civic Services & Experiences

Goal 7: Enhance public safety services to effectively meet community needs.

The budget aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan by supporting the ongoing maintenance of an important piece of public safety infrastructure.

ADVICE

Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: May 20, 2026
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department