

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the City Energy Procurement Committee to Solicit, on behalf of the city, electrical, natural gas rates, telephone, general utilities and other energy conservation measures and revenue generation that will benefit the city globally out to December 2031.

Submitted by: Budget Director

REPORT: 1674-14

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

This order seeks to extend the authority of the City's Energy Procurement Committee through December 2031. This extension will allow the Committee to continue its work in securing competitive rates for electricity, natural gas, telephone, and general utilities, while also exploring innovative energy conservation and revenue-generating opportunities that benefit the City of New Haven.

The original authorization, which allowed the Committee to procure electricity and natural gas through December 2025, was previously extended through December 2021. These authorizations have enabled the City to take advantage of favorable market conditions and secure cost-effective energy solutions.

The City has retained Veolia (formerly known as SourceOne) as its expert consultant in evaluating and negotiating energy procurement agreements. The Committee remains satisfied with Veolia's services and intends to continue this relationship on a year-to-year basis. Based on Veolia's analysis, entering into procurement agreements that extend through the end of calendar year 2031 would be advantageous due to current and projected market volatility.

Accordingly, the Committee seeks the Board's authorization to:

- Extend its authority through December 2031 to procure electricity, natural gas, telephone, and general utilities on behalf of the City.
- Maximize the City's buying leverage to secure the most favorable rates available.
- Explore and implement additional energy conservation measures and revenue-generating opportunities, including the sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and other monetizable energy assets.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

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

Climate and Ecological Connections

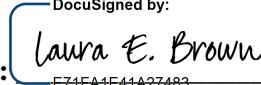
Goal 1: Reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and residential, commercial, industrial and City development.

- Strategy 1.7: Strengthen City procurement standards and specifications to include sustainable materials and systems.

ADVICE

The application is alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: November 19, 2025
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Chair

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