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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Chamber

City Services and Environmental Policy

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The City Services and Environmental Policy Committee of the Board of Alders will meet “in-person” on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor; New Haven, CT to hear and act on the following items:

- 1) [LM-2022-0473](#) FROM AARIIA KP GRACE, LLC SUBMITTING A PETITION REQUESTING LAND USE EXPANSION AND RECONFIGURATION OF THE NEW HAVEN DOWNTOWN CROSSING TO CREATE AND EXPANDED “TOWER AND GARDEN DISTRICT.”
- 2) [LM-2023-0573](#) RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO CREATE A FEDERAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN.
- 3) [LM-2021-0513](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ZONE 8 RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON FRONT STREET NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE.

Per Order: Hon. Anna M. Festa, Chair;

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202 at 200 Orange Street; New Haven, CT 06510.

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Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair; Kampton Singh, Vice-chair; Sal Punzo; and Adam J. Marchand.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Adam J. Marchand and Richard Furlow.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A PETITION REQUESTING LAND USE EXPANSION AND RECONFIGURATION OF THE NEW HAVEN DOWNTOWN CROSSING TO CREATE AND EXPANDED "TOWER AND GARDEN DISTRICT."

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Katherine Grace, Architect; Valley Drive, Greenwich, presented the plans for the Tower and Garden District. Reviewed how there is \$16 billion grant funding available from transportation upgrades in Connecticut. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Festa, Ms. Grace confirmed that she has not reached out to the director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking yet. Discussed how she has been in contact with Michael Piscitelli in Economic Development.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Adam J. Marchand moved to given leave to withdraw to item # 1, seconded by Alder Kampton Singh. All the Alders spoke in favor of giving this item leave to withdraw. The motion to give this item leave to withdraw was unanimously approved, and the motion passed.

2. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO CREATE A FEDERAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Steven Winter, Executive Director of Climate & Sustainability, presented this item and spoke of the importance of supporting this resolution to urge the President of the United States and Congress to create a Federal Climate Emergency Plan.

In response to Alder Festa, Director Winter confirmed that these requests are stronger when more towns support them. Reviewed how funding is available. Reviewed programs available, tax credits, and upfront rebates, which will be coming out in 2024.

Clara Dewey, Mechanics Street, Sunset Group, spoke in support of establishing a federal climate emergency plan, and the importance of acting quickly.

Chris Switzer spoke in support of establishing a federal climate emergency plan. Reviewed how New Haven is high risk for the effects of climate change. Discussed the importance of plans for transportation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 2, seconded by Alder Sal Punzo. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ZONE 8 RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON FRONT STREET NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Adam J. Marchand moved item # 3 to be given leave to withdraw, seconded by Alder Kampton Singh. All the Alders spoke in favor of giving this item leave to withdraw. The motion to give this item leave to withdraw was unanimously approved, and the motion passed.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Sal Punzo. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:56 p.m.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Sal Punzo. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 7:09 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders' YouTube channel here: <https://youtube.com/@boardofalders8363>.

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II