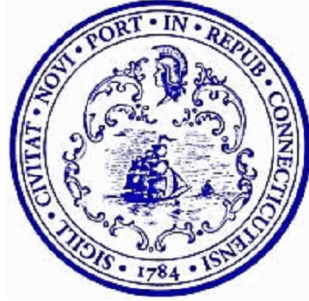


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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:00 PM

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Aldermanic Chambers

Legislation Committee

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Legislation Committee of the Board of Alders will meet “in-person” on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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:

- 2) [OR-2024-0007](#) ORDINANCE OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ESTABLISHING AN EXCEPTION TO THE ELECTOR REQUIREMENT OF THE CHARTER AND CITY RESIDENCY FOR THE INCUMBENT COORDINATORS.

Per Order: Hon. Ellen Cupo, 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.

For accessibility related accommodations, please call (203) 946 7651 (V) or (203) 946 8582 (TTY/TDD).

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 Ellen Cupo, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Alders Ellen Cupo, Chair; Richard Furlow, Vice-Chair; Adam J. Marchand; E. Rodriguez, Eli Sabin, and Carmen Rodriguez.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Caroline Tanbee Smith.

1. ORDINANCE OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ESTABLISHING AN EXCEPTION TO THE ELECTOR REQUIREMENT OF THE CHARTER AND CITY RESIDENCY FOR THE INCUMBENT COORDINATORS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Pat King, Corporation Counsel, 32 Vista Terrace; and Sean Matteson, Chief of Staff, 1279 Quinnipiac Avenue

Corporation Counsel Pat King discussed how this ordinance amendment would allow an exception to the residency requirement. Spoke about how once the exception is approved, it would not be necessary to look at the elector requirement because it would no longer apply since the coordinator is not required to reside in New Haven any longer.

In response to Alder Furlow, Mr. Matteson confirmed the annual canvas is being completed by the personnel director. Corporation Counsel King reviewed how Sec. 2-221(f)(5) allows the personnel director flexibility to request information to determine if the coordinator has substantial hardship.

In response to Alder Marchand, Corporation Counsel King discussed that 12 months was chosen to allow sufficient time to gauge their job performance. Mr. Matteson discussed how the Charter allows 180 days for the incumbent coordinator to move to New Haven, which can be extended by the personnel director an additional 30 days. Attorney King reviewed how the alders could require the incumbent coordinators to be compliant with the residency requirement for a year.

In response to Alder Sabin, Corporation Counsel King discussed how acting coordinators were not considered. Mr. Matteson discussed how the city currently has three coordinators out of the four allowed. Reviewed how the controller can be one of the coordinators, if approved by the Mayor. Attorney King spoke about how this currently would apply to the three current coordinators.

In response to Alder Furlow, Corporation Counsel King confirmed that coordinators are appointed and work at the pleasure of the mayor. Confirmed that they would have 6 months to move to New Haven, which can be extended to an additional 30 days. Confirmed this ordinance does not apply to acting coordinators.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Corporation Counsel King discussed how coordinators do not provide direct services, as they oversee department heads, supervise department heads.

In response to Alder Marchand, Corporation Counsel King discussed the merits of having in the ordinance the limitation of applying this only to the current incumbent coordinators defined under a new definition: incumbent coordinator.

In response to Alder E. Rodriguez, Attorney King discussed how this ordinance does not prevent coordinators from staying in New Haven when warranted. Reviewed the 50-mile limitation that requires the coordinators to live within 50 miles of New Haven.

Rebecca Bombero, Deputy Chief Administration Officer, 122 West Rock Avenue, discussed the importance of having a waiver to help with recruitment.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Furlow moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Marchand. Alder Furlow moved to amend by substitution, seconded by Alder Marchand. Alder Marchand moved to change (a) to incumbent coordinators defined and change coordinator throughout this ordinance to incumbent coordinator(s), seconded by Alder Furlow. All the alders voted in favor of the item, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved, as amended, and the item passed.

Alder Furlow moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder C. Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:52 p.m.

Alder Marchand moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Furlow. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: 7:15 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