June 17, 2024

The Honorable Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Order of the New Haven Board of Alders Authorizing the City Plan Department to enter into a two-year multi-year contract with Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI) for the purpose of completing Vision 2034, the City of New Haven's Plan of Conservation and Development also known as the Comprehensive Plan.

Dear Honorable Members:

I am pleased to request approval to enter into a two-year contract for FY 25/26 and FY 26/27 with Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI) for the purpose of completing Vision 2034, the City of New Haven's Plan of Conservation and Development also known as the Comprehensive Plan.

The CoNH Plan of Conservation and Development must be renewed to meet State statutes every ten years. In 2023 City Plan elicited RFQs for Communications and Outreach and Plan Development and interviewed candidates. The contract for both solicitations was awarded to FHI for the development of the plan in 2023 and have completed one year of development toward the completion of the plan. These were executed on September 1, 2023. The final plan document must be approved by the Board of Alders for submission to the State of Connecticut by the end of September 2025. The More information about the plan may be found at https://newhavenvision2034.com/

Plan development contract is scoped to include significant community engagement through workshops, policy co-creation teams, and resident "community navigators" and shape it into a vision of the City's goals for the next 10 years. Included in the scope are required sections on topics such as planning for sea level rise and climate change, housing affordability, environmental planning, transportation issues, among others. The process is being funded through \$500,000 in On-Call Bond Funds previously approved for completion of the plan. I am happy to answer any additional questions you may have about the process.

Sincerely,

Laura Brown Executive Director City Plan Department