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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

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 on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/3zthL0s> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 950 9960 1733, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

[LM-2021-0262](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS EXTENDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE 2 TO INCLUDE THE NONPERMITTED UNRESTRICTED PARKING SECTION ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HUNTINGTON STREET, RUNNING DOWN FROM, BUT NOT INCLUDING 23 HUNTINGTON STREET TO WHITNEY AVENUE.

[LM-2021-0249](#) ORDER OF A NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AND CPEN - COMMUNITY PLACEMAKING ENGAGEMENT NETWORK INC. FOR PROGRAMING AT 224 SHELTON AVENUE, 227-231 SHELTON AVENUE, & 131-133 HAZEL STREET AT A RENT OF \$1.00 PER YEAR.

[LM-2021-0277](#) WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND CITY/TOWN CLERK WOULD BE PRESENT TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO VOTING PROCEDURE AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

Per Order: Hon. Anna M. Festa, Chair;
Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City 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 can view the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3zthL0s> or listen by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 950 9960 1733. The password to listen by phone only is 61205988.

Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair, Gerald Antunes, Abigail Roth, Steven Winter, Kampton Singh, and Honda Smith.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Kimberly Edwards, Delphine Clyburn, Jose Crespo, and Carmen Rodriguez.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS EXTENDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE 2 TO INCLUDE THE NONPERMITTED UNRESTRICTED PARKING SECTION ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HUNTINGTON STREET, RUNNING DOWN FROM, BUT NOT INCLUDING 23 HUNTINGTON STREET TO WHITNEY AVENUE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Alder Kimberly Edwards, 122 Sheffield Avenue, introduced Ms. Martha Smith and spoke in favor of this residential parking zone. Reviewed how she had received several complaints from residents regarding the issues with finding on street parking for this section on Huntington Street.

Martha Smith, Administrator at First Presbyterian, presented this item and spoke in favor of this item.

In response to Alder Antunes, Karla Lindquist, Acting Director Traffic, Transit & Parking reviewed how a residential parking zone had already been established, as the Board of Alders had already voted to approve the residential parking zone. Reviewed how since the residential parking zone had already been approved, the petitioners just needed to go to the Traffic Authority to get the "light" turned on.

In response to Alder Roth, Alder Edwards and Ms. Smith reviewed how the church will be able to work within the allotted 2-hour parking allowed in residential parking zones. The church expects that residents will not call to have parking enforced on them if they are just staying over the 2-hour limit a few minutes. Also, they do have some off-street parking.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Roth moved item # 1 pending the collection of three (3) additional signatures, seconded by Alder Winter. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

2. ORDER OF A NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AND CPEN COMMUNITY PLACEMAKING ENGAGEMENT NETWORK INC. FOR PROGRAMING AT 224 SHELTON AVENUE, 227 231 SHELTON AVENUE, & 131 133 HAZEL STREET AT A RENT OF \$1.00

PER YEAR.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Doreen Abubakar, CPEN, presented this item and spoke of the importance of this nonprofit in the community.

Alder Delphine Clyburn spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed the projects and programs CPEN had sponsored and completed over the years.

Aaron Goode spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed additional work completed by CPEN.

In response to Alder Roth, Ms. Abubakar reviewed how they have incorporated activities as part of CPEN to engagement community residents. Spoke about how the bike trail has several entities involved included the state, and she does not think CPEN would be liable for accidents on the trail. Spoke about how CPEN maintains the area around the trail but is not responsible for the trail itself. Ms. Abubakar recounted how they helped a resident apply for a grant to purchase new coats for children living in Newhallville, and she received a \$10,000 grant.

Mr. Goode reviewed how he does not think CPEN has liability for the trial.

Alder Winter requested through the Chair that information be obtained through Corporation Counsel and Livable City Initiative if CPEN would be liable for accidents that occur on the trail.

In response to Alder Winter, Ms. Abubakar reviewed how she determined a 5-year lease was a valid request as it had been done for other organizations, who had proved themselves.

In response to Alder Smith, Ms. Abubakar reviewed she partners with Newhallville residents and has a CPEN counsel. Reviewed how they concentrate on a 9-block radius around CPEN.

In response to Alder Festa, Livable City Initiative Deputy Director Frank D'Amore reviewed how the lot is buildable. Reviewed how there are more vacant lots in Newhallville than in other areas of the city. Spoke about how before CPEN took over this lot, the city was responsible for maintaining this lot. Confirmed that when these lots are maintained by organizations like CPEN, it frees up city resources for other areas.

Bro. Born, 126 Hazel Street, spoke of his concern not being able to use the lot if it was leased to CPEN.

Sean Reeves spoke in opposition of the lease with CPEN. Reviewed how he does not feel like there is enough community engagement as members of the community do not have knowledge of the CPEN events occurring in the community.

In response to Alder Edwards, Ms. Abubakar reviewed how the items and equipment on the lot were purchased through a \$100,000 grant that CPEN received.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Antunes moved to amend item # 2 to exclude 224 Shelton from the lease agreement, seconded by Alder Winter. All of the Alders spoke in favor of this amendment. The motion was unanimously approved, and the amendment passed. Alder Roth moved the item as amended, seconded by Alder Antunes. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND CITY/TOWN CLERK WOULD BE PRESENT TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO VOTING PROCEDURE AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Aaron Goode presented this item and reviewed concerns regarding voting in New Haven including establishing a second EDR site and not keeping the drop off boxes

Lisa Milone, 80 Anthony Drive, Office of Registrar of Voters, reviewed how she was not representing the office. Spoke about how she does support having some more voter advocacy. Spoke about how the Registrars were meeting to plan for the upcoming elections.

In response to Alder Festa, Ms. Milone reviewed how people that want to help on Election Day are encouraged to complete apply by completing an application.

In response to Alder Winter, Ms. Milone reviewed how she will raise the idea to add a link to find your polling location to the city's website.

May Gardner Beyreed spoke in length regarding the submitted questions. A copy of the questions and answers are on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Winter, Deputy Director Beyreed reviewed how they are working with the technology department and working to pair their system with the state's system.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

Alder Singh moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Roth. The motion was unanimously approved at 9:24 p.m.

Alder Roth moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Winter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 9:29 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders's YouTube channel here:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCzL3Hv9xzwe7XK3vqeu8qyg/featured.

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