

**NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT**

**RE:** [ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS](#) approving Lighthouse Carousel enterprise fund budget, Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

**Submitted by:** Mayor Justin Elicker

**REPORT:** 1681-17

**ADVICE:** Approval

**BACKGROUND:**

The Lighthouse Point Park is a beloved waterfront park in New Haven’s East Shore neighborhood, providing access to swimming and other water activities during the warmer months, and offering a number of amenities. The park is free to access for New Haven residents. Although there were more than 10,000 such carousels in operation in the 1920's, The Lighthouse Park Carousel is one of less than 100 in use today. For a small fee, residents can come take a ride on one of the 72 figures mounted in 20 ranks on a 60-foot platform. The carousel is also available for private functions.

This fiscal year, maintenance and contractual expenditures are expected to exceed revenues but are covered by a budget surplus from previous years.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

[Vision 2034](#), **New Haven’s Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Climate & Ecological Connections

Goal 3: Improve the condition of parks and open space and ensure that they are safe and accessible to all.

The budget aligns with the City’s Comprehensive Plan by supporting the maintenance of a recreational facility within a City park.

**ADVICE**

Recommend approval.

**ADOPTED:** May 20, 2026  
Ernest Pagan  
Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Brown  
Executive Director, City Plan Department