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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2025

6:00 PM

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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, May 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut, to hear and act on the following items:

- 1) [LM-2025-0161](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON BURR STREET.
- 2) [LM-2025-0241](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF WOOSTER STREET AND BROWN STREET AS “FRANK AND FILOMENA PEPE CORNER” IN HONOR OF THEIR CREATION OF NEW HAVEN STYLE PIZZA AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WOOSTER SQUARE COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS OF NEW HAVEN.
- 3) [LM-2025-0152](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE ORANGE STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
- 4) [LM-2025-0153](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CHURCH STREET SOUTH PROMENADE PROJECT.
- 5) [LM-2025-0154](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT AND ACQUIRE PROPERTY INTERESTS REQUIRED FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE MILL RIVER TRAIL NORTH PROJECT.
- 6) [LM-2025-0155](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TOWNSEND AVENUE RAISED CROSSWALK.

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 Legislative Services, City Hall, 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

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Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair, Kampton Singh, Vice-chair, Caroline Tanbee Smith, and Gary Hogan.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON BURR STREET.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Myreya Alvarez, Resident at 266 Burr Street
Dashayla Miller, Resident at 250 Burr Street

Spoke in support of the Residential Parking Zone on this section of Burr Street to allow the residents additional parking spaces. Also, discussed issues with people parking in front of their homes especially regarding random people knocking on their doors, parking too close to their driveways, being confrontational, and leaving trash.

Raised concerns about the other section of Burr Street without Residential Parking Zone, but the signatures have not been collected from those residents.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, presenters confirmed they had not heard any concerns from the other residents regarding having a Residential Parking Zone on this block.

In response to Alder Hogan, presenters confirmed they do not have an issue with people picking up people in front of their homes.

In response to Alder Festa, they discussed additional concerns regarding access to their driveways, the city not being able to pick up their trash due to cars blocking the toters, and other safety concerns.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. Alder Kampton Singh moved to amend item # 1 by substitution, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All alders spoke in favor of the amendment, and motion to amend was unanimously approved. All alders spoke in favor of the item, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed, as amended.

2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF WOOSTER STREET AND BROWN STREET AS "FRANK AND FILOMENA PEPE CORNER" IN HONOR OF THEIR CREATION OF NEW HAVEN STYLE PIZZA AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WOOSTER SQUARE COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS OF NEW HAVEN.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Hon. Anna Festa
Jeff Marini on behalf of Frank Pepe's Pizzeria

Hon. Festa presented the item. Discussed the history of Pepe's Pizzeria and how they fulfilled their dream of opening a pizzeria.

Mr. Marini spoke in support of this item on behalf of Pepe's Pizzeria. Discussed how excited they are to have the corner in front of Pepe's named after Frank and Filomena Pepe and will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Pepe's next month.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 2, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE ORANGE STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenter: Giovanni Zinn, PE, City Engineer, 95 Soundview Terrace

City Engineer Giovanni Zinn presented this item. Reviewed the improvements planned for this section of Orange Street. A copy of the proposed design is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn confirmed they are applying for this grant, but it has not been awarded yet. They feel they have a good chance of receiving the funding. The city will be responsibility for the design costs.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Zinn reviewed how this design includes dropping the speed limit down to 20 mph, which is the lowest they can reduce the speed limit. Reviewed details of options and confirmed the design has not been finalized.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Mr. Zinn discussed how other elements of the design, in addition to the speed limit, will reduce the speed of vehicles on Orange Street and will reduce traffic. Discussed the overall design and how they envision Orange Street as being a pedestrian-friendly and community-based area and not as a cut through street.

Mr. Zinn discussed how creating pedestrian-safe areas are always one of their top priorities.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn confirmed there is a lot of pedestrian traffic on Orange Street, and the design includes bump outs, islands, and speed tables.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Mr. Zinn spoke about how they are open to ideas and discussed how they have implemented two of the best elements to reduce traffic speed which are narrowing the roadway and raised elements, which this design includes both. Confirmed they are not planning to make any changes regarding the buses using Orange Street.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Zinn does not think traffic calming measures will greatly affect scooter riders who are upgrading their scooters like dirt bikes and that would be more of a policing area.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn confirmed the speed limit for cars also applies to e-bikes and scooter riders.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Mr. Zinn reviewed the process for releasing details regarding the design and how they would communicate with the alders in addition to the city website.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn discussed the timeline and how design would not be completed to the end of the year with construction to begin in 2026.

Till Konczak, 53 Lawrence Street, spoke in support of some of the elements of this design. Discussed the need to have more measures in this area to make it safer for cyclists as they will not be using Whitney or State.

David Agosta, 431 Orange Street, spoke in opposition of this item. Discussed how this area of Orange Street is one of the safest sections of streets in New Haven and spoke of the need for other areas of Orange Street and the other areas of the city that could benefit from redesign more.

Mary Beardsley, 869 Orange Street, spoke in support of this item. Discussed how they spent a lot of time in her community in opposition of the original plan, as it eliminated parking on one side of Orange Street. Reviewed how they need businesses in this area and spoke about how this plan encourages that and will make it better.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 3, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

4. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE

EXECUTION OF THE CHURCH STREET SOUTH PROMENADE PROJECT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenter: Giovanni Zinn, PE, City Engineer, 95 Soundview Terrace

Mr. Zinn presented this item.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn confirmed the funding is still available. Cannot promise the funding will still be available but does not feel it is a concern.

Confirmed this is a city right-of-way and ties into the Union Station Square project.

In response to Alder Hogan, Mr. Zinn confirmed how this project could happen before the Union Station Square project. Discussed how this will provide better pedestrian path to the Green but is not intended to replace the shuttle.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 4, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

5. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT AND ACQUIRE PROPERTY INTERESTS REQUIRED FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE MILL RIVER TRAIL NORTH PROJECT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenter: Giovanni Zinn, PE, City Engineer, 95 Soundview Terrace

Mr. Zinn presented this item.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn confirmed that it will take about a year to design and acquire property rights. Confirmed this item is for the city to accept the funding.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Mr. Zinn reviewed safety measures for the tunnel including making it as short as possible and to encourage use. Does not think a boat launch will work for this area but glad to revisit.

John Richard Logan, 69 East Pearl Street, spoke in support of this item.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 5, seconded by Alder Gary Hogan. All alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

6. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TOWNSEND AVENUE RAISED CROSSWALK.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenter: Giovanni Zinn, PE, City Engineer, 95 Soundview Terrace

Mr. Zinn presented this item. Discussed how originally the agreement had required the city to plow the raised crosswalk but they revised it to take out that requirement.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn confirmed the city is responsible for maintaining the raised crosswalk.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 6, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Gary Hogan. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:50 p.m.

Alder Gary Hogan moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

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