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Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Monday, June 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Board of Alders Notice

(Board of Alders Notice- New Haven) The Finance Committee of the New Haven Board of Alders will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear and act upon the following:

1. [LM-2024-0241](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT 2024-CON-0235 AND AGREEMENT 2024-CON-0236 WITH BERCHEM MOSES PC AGREEMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Attachments: [0 - CHECKLIST - Berchem.doc](#)
[1 - BOA COVER LTR - Berchem.docx](#)
[2 - ORDER - Berchem.docx](#)
[3 - PRIOR NOTIF FORM -Berchem.doc](#)
[4 - FISCAL IMPACT STMT - Berchem.doc](#)
[5 - SUPP DOCS - BerchemDocs.pdf](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

2. [LM-2024-0335](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE WIDE AREA NETWORK FOR THE NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2029.

Attachments: [0 - CHECK LIST - Crown Castle WAN.doc](#)
[1 - BOA COVER LTR - Crown Castle WAN.docx](#)
[2 - ORDER - Crown Castle WAN.docx](#)
[3 - PNF - Crown Castle WAN.doc](#)
[4 - FIS - Crown Castle WAN.doc](#)
[5 - SUPPORT DOCS - CrownWAN.pdf](#)
[signed checklist LM-2024-0335 NHPS Crown Castle WAN MYA.pdf](#)

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3. [LM-2024-0382](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH ARTIS ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY MONITORING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Attachments: [0 - CHECK LIST - Artis Energy.doc](#)
[1 - BOA COVER LTR - Artis Energy.docx](#)
[2 - ORDER - Artis Energy.docx](#)
[3 - PNF - Artis Energy.doc](#)
[4 - FIS - Artis Energy.doc](#)
[5 - SUPP DOC - Artis Energy23-24.pdf](#)

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4. [LM-2024-0350](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THOMSON REUTERS, A WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION, TO SUBSCRIBE TO WESTLAW ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH DATABASES

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Attachments: [0 - CHECK LIST - 2024 WESTLAW.doc](#)
[0a - CHECKLIST - signed - WESTLAW 2024.pdf](#)
[1 - BOA COVER LETTER - 2024 WESTLAW.doc](#)
[1a - BOA ADVANCE LETTER - signed- WESTLAW 2024.pdf](#)
[2 - ORDER - 2024 WESTLAW.docx](#)
[3 - PNF - 2024 WESTLAW.doc](#)
[4 - FIS - 2024 WESTLAW.doc](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2024-0329](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. [LM-2024-0410](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [April 2024 Monthly Report](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

These items are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services. 165 Church Street, Per order: Hon. Adam Marchand, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk. Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Meeting Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., June 10, 2024, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, Ferraro-Santana, Walker-Myers, Festa, Hamilton, Furlow, H. Smith, and Punzo.

Chair Marchand told the committee they would do item 5 & 6 first.

5. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

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Michael Gormany, former Director of Management & Budget and Ron Gizzi (Project Coordinator of the Finance Department) came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke to the committee on the April Monthly Finance Report.

Alder Festa asked Mr. Gormany to explain what the BABS line in the revenue section was, which he did so.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

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Tiffany Jackson, Executive Director for Special Services for the New Haven Public Schools, came before the committee. Ms. Jackson explained to the committee about the requested increase to the legal contract.

Alder Festa asked if they did anything to reduce the number of litigation costs. Ms. Jackson explained what they did.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand told the committee that he would ask for public testimony for all the remaining items after they had been heard by the committee.

2. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE WIDE AREA NETWORK FOR THE NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2029.

Michael Simeone, Chief Technology Officer, came before the committee. Mr. Simeone explained to the committee about the requested contract.

Alder Festa Mr. Simeone to clarify which schools have what types of network services, which he did.

Alder Smith asked Mr. Simeone to explain what WAN was, which he did.

No further questions were asked.

3. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH ARTIS ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR THE ENERGY MONITORING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

Tiffany Jackson, Executive Director for Special Services for the New Haven Public Schools, and Michael Finely, Chief of Staff for NHPS, came before the committee. Mr. Finely explained to the committee about the requested contract, followed by Ms. Jackson.

Alder Punzo if the computer program gave a report of individual school's usage. Mr. Finley explained how the program did this.

Alder Festa asked if there was another company that provided this service. Mr. Finley spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked, through the Chair, if they would provide what the cost savings were using the computer program. Ms. Jackson said they would.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

4. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THOMSON REUTERS, A WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION, TO SUBSCRIBE TO WESTLAW ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH DATABASE

Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, came before the committee. Ms. King explained the request to the committee.

Alder Ferraro-Santana asked what the difference was between the Westlaw database and Lexis data base. Ms. King explained this.

Alder Festa asked what the AI in Westlaw did. Ms. King explained

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

5. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

6. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke about the October Monthly Financial Report.

Alder Festa asked what difficulties the Board of Education was having that were causing the increase in expenditures, Mr. Gormany explained

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

At 7:07 PM, on a motion by Festa, seconded by Furlow, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

- 1. Alder Festa, seconded by Smith to move item 1 The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the contract increase for Berchem Moses PC.*
- 2. Alder Festa, seconded by Furlow to move item 2. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the Crown Castle International contract.*
- 3. Alder Festa, seconded by Furlow to move item 3. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the Artis Energy Solutions contract.*
- 4. Alder Festa, seconded by Furlow to move item 4. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the Thomson Reuters, Westlaw on line database contract.*
- 5. Alder Festa, seconded by Furlow to move items 5 and 6. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the March and April Monthly Financial Reports for Read and File.*

At 7:17 PM, on a motion by Festa seconded by Walker-Myer, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services.

The meeting was also recorded on Zoom and may be found at <https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/If7JzwkYuMZDM-K1Cc87vMkM7nESLTq9HHyILW49QC5Z3xTqxbfZgaqXRXBmkrG.9PSnjFdEV8ykx5wt>

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Respectfully submitted,

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