

# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, June 5, 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, June 5, 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-2025-0217](#) ORDER OF NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE TO INCLUDE ALL OF HYDE STREET BETWEEN FORT HALE ROAD AND STUYVESANT AVENUE.
- 2) [LM-2025-0272](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE MARKET BUILDING GRANT AWARD FROM ICLEI - LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE COALITION FOR GREEN CAPITAL TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE DEPOLOYMENT OF CAPITAL FOR CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS AND TO CARRY OUT ASSOCIATED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.
- 3) [LM-2025-0253](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING A NEGATIVE PLEDGE AND AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF LAND USE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN FAVOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WITH RESPECT TO THE RALPH WALKER ICE RINK.

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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Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov) before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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## Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair, Kampton Singh, Vice-chair, Troy Streater, Kiana Flores, and Caroline Tanbee Smith.

### 1. ORDER OF NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE TO INCLUDE ALL OF HYDE STREET BETWEEN FORT HALE ROAD AND STUYVESANT AVENUE.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Jessica Campano, 130 Hyde Street

Ms. Campano spoke in support of this Residential Parking Zone. Ms. Campano ask for support to change the area in front of their homes to a Residential Parking Zone. Reviewed how it causes safety concerns. Requesting clear signage to make enforcement easier. Written testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Lynn Citarella, 425 Fort Hale Road, spoke in support of this Residential Parking Zone. Discussed safety concerns and how some people are belligerent with residents when parking in front of their homes.

Carolyn Rostkowski, 405 Fort Hale Road, spoke in support of this Residential Parking Zone.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

### 2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE MARKET BUILDING GRANT AWARD FROM ICLEI LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE COALITION FOR GREEN CAPITAL TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL FOR CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS AND TO CARRY OUT ASSOCIATED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: HannahZoe Chua-Reyes, Sustainability Policy Analyst & Engagement Coordinator;  
and

Jayson Velazquez, Manager of Community Outreach, Connecticut Green Bank

Ms. Chua-Reyes introduced this item and spoke of the importance of New Haven receiving this grant to help residents lower their energy costs and upgrade to more energy efficient

In response to Alder Festa, Ms. Chua-Reyes reviewed how this funding will be used to determine how best they can reach and help people specifically in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Confirmed the scholarship line item is \$20,000 and will consist of four (4) scholarships of \$5,000 each.

Mr. Velazquez discussed how landlords are not incentivized to participate in these types of programs, and they are planning to engage tenants in organizing. Reviewed how the state is no longer incentivizing LEDs, but they are still offering door blower testing and help with installation and sealing.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Ms. Chua-Reyes discussed how they are hoping to identify the landscape for these type of programs in New Haven, what is preventing residents from taking advantage of the programs, and how they can help facilitate there use.

Mr. Velazquez confirmed this grant will help key up the projects to implement them. Discussed the work they are doing to determine the best path forward for these types of private/public partnerships. Reviewed how they are leaning on ICLEI and how they are awarding two (2) of these grants for each state for a total of 104 grants. Out of the 104 municipalities, they will choose ten (10) for additional funding to help implement their findings.

In response to Alder Singh, Ms. Chua-Reyes reviewed the plans to help as many people as possible to lower energy costs.

In response to Alder Festa, Ms. Chua-Reyes confirmed they have already applied. Mr. Velazquez discussed how they are waiting for confirmation that New Haven was awarded the grant. They are not sure how long it will take. Only aware of one other town that applied in Connecticut: Stamford, so they believe the chances of New Haven being chosen are high. However, they cannot confirm other towns applied, but applicants were encouraged to partner with Green Bank and only Stamford and New Haven did.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 2, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING A NEGATIVE PLEDGE AND AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF LAND USE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN FAVOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WITH RESPECT TO THE RALPH WALKER ICE RINK.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator, 353 Summit Street;  
John Ward, Special Counsel to Economic Development; and  
Michael Kobylanski, Director of Athletics, Albertus Magnus College

Administrator Piscitelli presented this item and reviewed how this agreement is needed for the state to approve the funding for Albertus Magnus' improvements at the ice rink.

Attorney Ward reviewed how they did not realize this agreement was needed until the state requested it from Albertus Magnus. To sign off on the agreement, the city needs the approval of the Board of Alders as it affects land owned by the city.

Mr. Kobylanski discussed why this is important and how Albertus Magnus hockey program is receiving national attention.

In response to Alder Festa, Administrator Piscitelli and Attorney Ward reviewed how the improvements belong to the city. Administrator Piscitelli discussed how the program is moving in the right direction regarding its work with community.

In response to Alder Streater, Administrator Piscitelli reviewed where the ice rink is located and availability to the public.

Alder Tanbee Smith, through the Chair, ask for data on how the programs are working.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Mr. Kobylanski discussed how there is room for them to grown and further engage the youth.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 3, seconded by Alder Troy Streater. All the 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 Troy Streater. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:55 p.m.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Troy Strear. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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