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Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Monday, August 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Board of Alders Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:00 P.M, via video conference. Meeting can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3A3xcfu> or by phone at (301) 715-8592 or (312) 626 -6799 . Meeting Webinar ID: 98706770253. Phone pass code: 006822030.

1. [LM-2021-0310](#) **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING A LONG-TERM LEASE WITH THE CORNELL SCOTT HILL HEALTH CORPORATION AT THE Q HOUSE, 197 DIXWELL AVENUE**

Attachments: [Checklist Hill Health Q House \(signed\)](#)
[Cover Letter Hill Health Q House July 6 2021](#)
[Fiscal Impact Statement Hill Health Q-House](#)
[Order Attachment - Hill Health Center Lease Q-House July 2 2021](#)
[Order Hill Health Q House July 2 2021 \(FN\)](#)
[Prior Notification Form Q-House July 2 2021](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

2. [LM-2021-0337](#) **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH WONDERLAND OF ICE ASSOCIATES FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE RALPH WALKER ICE RINK AT BLAKE FIELD**

Attachments: [1-Checklist Wonderland of Ice Aug 2 2021](#)
[Cover Letter](#)
[4-Prior Notification Form Wonderland of Ice Aug 2 2021](#)
[5-Fiscal Impact Statement Wonderland of Ice Aug 2 2021](#)
[3-Order Wonderland of Ice Aug 2 2021](#)
[Term sheet boa overview](#)
[New Haven Ice Rink Operator 2012 05 1377 WOI \(1\)](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

3. [OR-2021-0022](#) **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES UNDER CHAPTER 16 ½ (HUMAN SERVICES), ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.**

Attachments: [Chapter 16 1-2](#)
[Order for Chapter 16.5 change](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

4. [OR-2021-0021](#)

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #308-22-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DIVISIONS OF HOMELESS SERVICES (\$1,395,000) AND CRISIS RESPONSE (\$625,000) AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION (\$157,995), TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILENCE, DIVISIONS OF HOMELESS SERVICES (\$1,471,348) AND CRISIS RESPONSES (\$706,647)

Attachments: [BOA SUBMISSION CHECKLIST Transfer](#)
[Prior NOTIFICATION Transfer](#)
[Fiscal Impact Transfer](#)
[revised transfer form 308-22-1](#)
[Ordinance Amendment 308-22-1](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2021-0339](#) **ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TRANSFERING EIGHT-MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,000,000.00) FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING AND TRANSFERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.**

Attachments: [BOA SUBMISSION CHECKLIST ARPA](#)
[BOA submission Cover Letter -DeptofCommunityResilience](#)
[Fiscal Impact ARPA](#)
[Prior NOTIFICATION ARPA](#)
[Resolution Amendment ARPA Use](#)
[CSA New Office Budget ARP Grant Worksheet 07-13-21 All sources](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. [LM-2021-0334](#) **ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.**

Attachments: [June 2021](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Aldermen

These items are filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Hon. Evette Hamilton, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 946 7651 (voice) or 946 8582 (TTY).

Public may join the meeting and may send public comment to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov. Meeting can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3A3xcfu> or by phone at (301) 715-8592 or (312) 626 -6799. Meeting Webinar ID: 98706770253. Phone pass code: 006822030.

Note: Since the meeting is remote, participation by a quorum of members is expressly prohibited at the physical location and will not be present, however any member of the public may request, in writing, a physical location and “any electronic equipment necessary” to attend the meeting in real time no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting. Said individual shall have the “same opportunities to provide comment or otherwise participate” in the meeting as would be afforded if the meeting was held in person with the following exception: Under law, if such person loses the ability to participate because of an interruption, failure or degradation of such person’s connection to the meeting by electronic equipment the committee is not required to adjourn or postpone the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Alder Marchand, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., August 9, 2021 via webinar. Present were Aids. Marchand, Morrison, Walker-Myer, Furlow, E. Rodriguez, Hurt, and Decker. Also present were Aids. Edwards, Roth, C. Rodriguez, Winter, Sabin, and Smith.

Alder Marchand told the committee that public testimony was going to be taken after item 2, for the first two items, after item 5 for items 3, 4, and 5. And after item 6.

**1. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
APPROVING A LONG-TERM LEASE WITH THE CORNELL SCOTT HILL HEALTH
CORPORATION AT THE Q HOUSE, 197 DIXWELL AVENUE**

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, Michael Taylor, from Cornell Scott Hill Health Corporation, Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator, Michael Pinto, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Dr. Mehul Dalal, Community Administration Administrator. Mr. Piscitelli spoke to the committee concerning the item before them. Mr. Taylor also spoke to the committee.

Alder Marchand asked why the lease was for twenty years. Mr. Piscitelli spoke on why this length of time.

No further questions were asked.

**2. ORDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH WONDERLAND OF ICE
ASSOCIATES FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
RALPH WALKER ICE RINK AT BLAKE FIELD.**

Rebecca Bombero, Deputy Chief Administrative Office, came before the committee. Ms. Bombero spoke to the committee concerning this item.

Alder Morrison if Alberta Magnus College was the only university in the area with a fixed low-cost agreement. Ms. Bombero said that they were.

Alder Walker-Myer asked if they would come back to the Board and give an annual update. Ms. Bombero said that they came before the committee during the annual budget workshop for the Ralph Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund.

Alder Decker asked how many jobs would be at the rink. Ms. Bombero said she wasn't sure but would get back to the committee.

Alder Marchand what was going to be offered at the concession stand. Ms. Bombero said she didn't remember but that she would get the list to the committee.

Alder Marchand asked what maintenance the Management Company was responsible for. Ms. Bombero said she had inside the facility, other than the ice making equipment. Parks & Public Works had the outside of the facility.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to testify. The following spoke.

Richard Youins asked if there were any afterschool programs. Ms. Bombero answered this question.

Alder Marchand asked what the rates would be. Ms. Bombero answered.

Alder Marchand asked two more times if there was anyone else wishing to testify. No one came forward.

3. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES UNDER CHAPTER 16 ½ (HUMAN SERVICES) ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.

4. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #308-22-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DIVISIONS OF HOMELESS SERVICES (\$1,395,000) AND CRISIS RESPONSE (\$625,000) AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION (\$157,995), TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, DIVISIONS OF HOMELESS SERVICES (\$1,471,348) AND CRISIS RESPONSES (\$706,647).

5. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TRANSFERING EIGHT-MILLION DOLLARS (\$8,000,000.00) FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING AND TRANSFERING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY.

Dr. Mehul Dalal, Community Administration Administrator, Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, and Carlos Sosa-Lombardos, Special Projects, came before the committee. Dr. Dalal spoke to the committee about these items. Mr. Gormany spoke about the budget for the new department and Mr. Sosa-Lombardos spoke on prison reentry.

Alder Santiago asked what was going to happen to the funding after the four years and these special funds were no longer available. Dr. Dalal answered this question.

Alder DeCola asked if there would be data about the program available after only two

years and if the program doesn't work out as planned, and the department was disbanded, what would happen to the employees. Dr. Dala answered this.

Alder Morrison asked if the Board of Alders could get a yearly update on the effectiveness of the new department. Mr. Gormany answered.

Alder Walker-Myers if they had looked at integrating other departments under the Community Service Administration. Dr. Dala answered this question.

Alder E. Rodriguez asked if they had looked at using other departments or outside sources for the mental health assistance. Maritza Bond, Director of the Health Department came before the committee and answered this question.

Alder Hurt asked what this department could do that other departments were not currently doing. Dr. Dalal answered this.

Alder Marchand asked if the 8 million dollars was from the 26.5 million already approved by the Board of Alders. Mr. Gormany said that it wasn't.

Alder Marchand asked if the transfer included the general Fund positions themselves, not just the funding. Mr. Gormany said that he would have to update the transfer to include the positions.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to testify. The following spoke.

Richard Youins spoke in favor of these items.

Gary Doyens, of 30 Birch Drive, questioned if this department was really needed.

Alder Marchand asked two more times if there was anyone else wishing to testify. No one came forward.

6. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke on the June Monthly Report.

No questions were asked by the committee.

At 8:44 PM, a motion by DeCola, seconded by Santiago, was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Action:

1. Alder DeCola, seconded by Santiago, to move item 1 favorably. Several members of the committee spoke in favor of the Cornel Scott Hill Health Center Corporation renting a portion of the Q-House. The committee unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to approve this item.
2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Santiago, to move item 2 favorably. The committee unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to approve the Wonderland of Ice Associates contract for the Ralph Walker Skating Rink.

3. Alder DeCola, seconded by Santiago, to move items 3, 4, and 5 favorably. Several committee members spoke on these items. Alder Walker-Myers said the Board of Alders needs to insure that the Special Fund positions were not moved into the General Fund. Alder E. Rodriguez said she would like to get more information about this department. The committee unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to approve the three items concerning the new department of Community Resilience.

4. Alder DeCola, seconded by Santiago, to move item 6 for Read and File. The committee unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to approve the June Monthly Financial Report for Read & File.

At 9:18 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Santiago, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is found online at <https://bit.ly/3xy9S84>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Analyst