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Meeting Minutes Tax Abatement Committee

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Notice

The Tax Abatement Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. [LM-2024-0452](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JIMMY E. INAHUAZO ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT 87381.

Attachments: [Inahuazo Information](#)

This Order was No Action

2. [LM-2024-0568](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF MATTHEW BEATTIE-CALLAHAN ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 54168 54188, 94077AND 93992.

For UC action on 11/7/24

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

3. [LM-2024-0454](#) ORDER ASSISTING PAVEL GOLDFLAM ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 379 TEMPLE STREET, UNIT G31, ACCOUNT NUMBER 12890.

Attachments: [Goldflam Information](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2024-0457](#) ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM THERESA J. FERRIOLA ON HER RESIDENCE FOR GRAND LISTS OF 2021, 2022, AND 2023.

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2024-0569](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF FAINA KOTLER, OF EUROPEAN SKIN CARE, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 308125.

Attachments: [Faina Kotler Information](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. [LM-2024-0580](#) ORDER CONCERNING BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY REQUESTING TAX ASSISTANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 STATE ST.

Attachments: [Booker T Washington Tax Bill](#)
[Booker T. Washington School Request](#)

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. Jose Crespo, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 203 946 7651 (voice) or 203 946 8582 (TTY).

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 Wingate called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., October 22, 2024, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Alds. Crespo, Wingate, Streeter, Marx, Morant and DeCola.

1. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JIMMY E. INAHUAZO ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT 87381.

Alder Wingate asked if there was anyone present for this item. No one came forward. Alder Wingate told the committee that they would pass over this item.

2. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF MATTHEW BEATTIE CALLAHAN ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 54168 AND 54188.

Mr. Beattie-Callahan came before the committee and spoke on his request. Mr. Beattie-Callahan gave the committee a copy of four tax accounts, for two vehicles, that he owed the city.

Alder Crespo asked Donald Hayden, Committee Staff to come forward. Mr. Hayden explained to the committee that, per state statute, anyone on active military duty was allowed to exempt one vehicle from taxes. He further stated that the second vehicle that Mr. Beattie-Callahan owned was not exempt from taxes but since he no longer owned this vehicle the Board of Alders was approving forgiveness of the interest owed.

The committee had a discussion concerning what Mr. Hayden had told them.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

3. ORDER ASSISTING PAVEL GOLDFLAM ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 379 TEMPLE STREET, UNIT G31, ACCOUNT NUMBER 12890.

Mr. Goldflam came before the committee and spoke about his request for assistance.

Alder Crespo asked Mr. Goldflam when he found out about the property tax on the parking space that he owned. Mr. Goldflam said this year was the first time he learned of the taxes due on it.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

4. ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM THERESA J. FERRIOLA ON HER RESIDENCE FOR GRAND LISTS OF 2021, 2022, AND 2023.

Mr. Glenn Ferriola, son of Teresa Ferriola, came before the committee and explained why he was making this tax abatement request for his mother.

No questions were asked.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

5. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF FAINA KOTLER, OF EUROPEAN SKIN CARE, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 308125.

Mr. and Mrs. Kotler came before the committee and spoke on their request.

Alder Crespo asked the representative from the Assessor's office to come forward. Mr. Michael Courtney came forward. Mr. Courtney told the committee his office had forgiven Mrs. Kotler's tax for the last two years but, under state law, could not go back any further and they approved the Board of Alders forgiveness of the other years taxes.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward.

6. ORDER CONCERNING BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY REQUESTING TAX ASSISTANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 STATE ST.

John Taylor, Executive Director of the Booker T. Washington Academy, and Patricia Solomon, Contract Compliance Officer for the City of New Haven, came before the committee. Mr. Taylor spoke to the committee concerning his request. Ms. Solomon also spoke to the committee concerning a state statute that would allow the City to exempt nonprofit organizations from paying property taxes on property that they rented for their own use. She also stated that this state statute had not been adopted by the city.

No questions were asked.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify

on this item. No one came forward.

At 7:09 PM, on a motion by Wingate, seconded by Marx, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Crespo told the committee that no action would be taken on the request from Mr. Inahuazo and would be added to the next meeting agenda of the committee.
2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Wingate, to move item 2 for discussion. The committee had a discussion concerning Mr. Beattie-Callahan's taxes and on a voice vote, voted to forgive the taxes, interest, and fees on accounts 54168 and 54188 and forgive just the interest on accounts 94077 and 93992. The committee also approved to have this item submitted to the Board of Alders for Unanimous Consent at the November 7th Board meeting.
3. Alder Wingate, seconded by Marx, to move item 3 and to forgive the interest and fees owed by Mr. Goldflam. The committee, on a voice vote, approved this action of forgiving the interest and fees and giving Mr. Goldflam 90 days to pay the taxes he owes.
4. Alder DeCola, seconded by Wingate, to move item 4 favorably. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve the request for the tax abatement for Mrs. Ferriola.
5. Alder DeCola, seconded by Wingate, to move item 5 and forgive the taxes, interest, and fees owed by Mrs. Kotler. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this motion.
6. Alder DeCola, seconded by Wingate, to move item 6 and forgive the remaining half year taxes owed by the Booker T Washington Academy. The committee voted by voice vote, to approve this motion.

At 7:20 PM, on a motion by Wingate, seconded by DeCola, 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 line and can be seen at:
https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/9PWxMy6cED6tayQcXzmAJeGVG6hAQ9XuDMi4mmvWpHHuQM6b1c-DVlpRwV8bBk_8.tlL0qF7Sv1voVxNN
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Respectfully submitted,

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