

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** of The City of New Haven implementing overhead canopy lighting improvements on Orange Street between Center Street and Crown Street.

Submitted by: Win Davis, Executive Director, Town Green Special Services District

REPORT: 1651-16

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

This request comes to the Board of Alders regarding the proposed “Orange Street Lighting Project,” which seeks to install festooned lighting above Orange Street between Crown Street and Center Street. The improvement will be managed by the Town Green Special Services District, in partnership with Beacon Properties LLC. The lighting will improve the ambience and visual appearance of the street, provide pleasant after hours lighting for pedestrians and business, and strengthen the neighborhood identity of the Ninth Square. E. J. Davis Aesthetics LLC has been selected as the contractor to install the canopy lighting. Installation will take place when the street is closed for the Orange Street Promenade. The project is entirely paid for by the Town Green Special Services District.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan **New Haven Vision 2025** states the following goals:

“Provide adequate, energy-efficient lighting and better quality sidewalks on all residential streets to enhance safety, pedestrian mobility, connectivity, and promote vibrancy in neighborhoods” (Sec. IV-16)

“Continue to implement energy-efficient street lighting devices.” (Sec. V-24)

“Grow public safety by promoting adequate lighting of sidewalks” (Sec. V-28)

“Land use and design standards in mixed-use commercial districts should be improved through the incorporation of form-based elements and effective streetscaping, thus promoting compact, mixed-use, and pedestrian-oriented developments with appropriate scale and densities that enhance neighborhood identity and further increase economic activity in these areas.” (Sec. VI-17)

By undertaking this lighting project, the Town Green Special Services District furthers the goals of the City’s Comprehensive plan.

ADVICE

Authorization of this action aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

ADOPTED: July 31, 2024
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department