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Meeting Minutes Tax Abatement Committee

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. [LM-2025-0282](#) FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR SUBMITTING THE LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAX ACCOUNTS FOR TRANSFER TO THE SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.

Attachments: [MV SUSP2008.2020 5.6.25](#)
[MVS SUSP2008.2020 5.6.25](#)
[PP SUSP2008.2020 5.6.25](#)
[Suspense Ltr 5.25](#)

This Order was No Action

2. [LM-2025-0240](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAXES OF FRANKLIN CUVI FOR A SLIVER LOT ON MILL RIVER STREET, ACCOUNT NUMBER 924590

Attachments: [Franklin Cuvi Tax Petition](#)
[Franklin Cuvi Information](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

3. [LM-2025-0303](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JOHN WARECK, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 653488 AND 689179.

Attachments: [John Wareck Petition](#)
[John Wareck Information](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2025-0279](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF DRAMONE K. SYKES ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 91614, 102078, 101974, 101830, AND 96355.

Attachments: [Dramone K. Sykes Information](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2025-0314](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF TERRENCE LEE ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 78724, 86610, 79941, 79846, AND 79878.

Attachments: [Terrence Lee Tax Petition](#)

[Terrence Lee Information](#)

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.**

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Crespo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., June 24, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Crespo, Douglass, Wingate, Miller, and Marx.

1. FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR SUBMITTING THE LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAX ACCOUNTS FOR TRANSFER TO THE SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.

Alder Crespo asked if there was anyone present for this item. No one came forward.

2. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAXES OF FRANKLIN CUVI FOR A SLIVER LOT ON MILL RIVER STREET, ACCOUNT NUMBER 924590.

Mr. Cuvi came before the committee and explained his request. Donald Hayden, Committee Staff, also poke to the committee concerning this request.

Alder Wingate asked Mr. Cuvi what he thought he would be able to pay in taxes. Mr. Cuvi spoke about this.

Alder Marx asked when Mr. Cuvi had purchased the property. Mr. Cuvi said he wasn't sure. Mr. Hayden told the committee it was purchased in 2016.

Alder Marx asked Mr. Cuvi when he found out that he owed the back taxes. Mr. Cuvi said that it was this year.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

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 CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JOHN WARECK, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 689179.

Mr. Wareck came before the committee and explained his request.

The members of the committee and Mr. Wareck had a discussion concerning when the company went out of business.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

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 CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF DRAMONE K. SYKES ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 91614, 102078, 101974, AND 96355.

Mr. Sykes came before the committee and that for one vehicle, the Dodge Journey, he had only owned it for one week. He also explained why he was unable to pay his taxes.

The committee and Mr. Sykes had a discussion concerning his medical condition and the use of his car.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

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 TERENCE LEE ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 78724, 86610, 79941, AND 79878.

Mr. Lee came before the committee and explained that he was homeless and unable to pay his car taxes.

The committee and Mr. Lee had a discussion concerning his request.

No further questions were asked by the committee.

Alder Crespo asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. The following came forward.

- 1. Nicole Benson who asked the committee to look favorably on the request of Mr. Sykes.*
- 2. Alder Douglass who spoke in favor of the request by Mr. Lee.*
- 3. Franklyn Cuvi gave the committee additional information concerning his request.*

Alder Crespo asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to testify. No one came forward.

At 7:45 PM, on a motion by Wingate, seconded by Douglass, 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 item 1 was to be passed over.
2. Alder Miller, seconded by Wingate, moved item 2 for discussion. The committee discussed the amount of Mr. Cuvi's taxes to be reduced. Alder Wingate made a motion to lower the taxes by \$3,994.02 and forgive the interest for six months. The committee voted, by voice vote, 4 ayes, Alder Crespo, Miller, Wingate, and Douglass, and 1 Nay, Alder Marx. The recommendation was approved.
3. Alder Wingate, seconded by Miller to move item 3 for discussion. Alder Wingate made a motion to forgive the taxes, interest and fees that Mr. Wareck owed. The committee voted, by voice vote, to unanimously approve the recommendation.
4. Alder Wingate, seconded by Douglass, made a motion to move item 4 for discussion. Alder Wingate made a motion to forgive the taxes, interest, and fees for the Dodge Journey that Mr. Sykes had owned. The committee approved this motion. Alder Wingate made a motion to lower the taxes to \$1,000 and forgive the interest for 5 months. Alder Marx made a friendly amendment to Alder Wingate's motion by only forgiving the interest for six months and leaving the taxes for the Kia Forte. The committee voted, by voice vote, 4 ayes, Alder Crespo, Miller, Marx, and Douglass, and 1 Nay, Alder Wingate. The amendment passed. The committee then voted on the recommendation to remove the taxes, interest and fees on the Dodge Journey and forgive the interest for the Kia Forte for six months. The committee voted, by voice vote, 3 ayes, Alder Crespo, Marx, and Douglass, and 2 Nays, Alder Wingate and Miller. The motion passed.
5. Alder Wingate, seconded by Miller moved item 5 for discussion. Alder Marx made a motion to forgive only the interest. There was no second and the motion failed. Alder Wingate made a motion to forgive the interest for six months and reduce the taxes to \$1,500.00. The committee voted by voice vote and there were 4 ayes, Alder Crespo, Wingate, Miller, and Marx, with Alder Douglass abstaining, and the motion passed.

At 8:48 PM, on a motion by Wingate, seconded by Douglass, 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/LD2e3XQ_vjXP6BkGv-hCZAclPU9VjlcY2UXLmzJmPuxddwPCUKbSrhnDcrAd_BXC.hYfcKQFAcqV6l2mz
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Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst