

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving the Lighthouse Carousel Enterprise Fund budget for FY 2025-2026.

Submitted by: Shannon McCue, Budget Director

REPORT: 1664-13

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

The Lighthouse Point Park is a beloved waterfront park in New Haven's East Shore neighborhood, providing access to swimming and other water activities during the warmer months, and offering a number of amenities. The park is free to access for New Haven residents.

The Carousel at Lighthouse Point Park

Although there were more than 10,000 such carousels in operation in the 1920's, The Lighthouse Park Carousel is one of less than 100 in use today. For a small fee, residents can come take a ride on one of the 72 figures mounted in 20 ranks on a 60-foot platform. The carousel is also available for private functions.

The proposed budget covers basic operations and maintenance which are almost entirely covered by anticipated revenue, as well as proposing \$500,000 in renovations to the facilities, covered by budget surplus from previous years. This renovation will improve this historic facility and will likely come before the City Plan Commission for Coastal Site Plan Review, depending on the scope of work.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This budget proposal is in alignment with:

- Vision 2025, the City's Comprehensive Plan, by providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and youth programming and maintaining and improving the city's public parks.

Therefore, the budget aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and should be approved.

ADVICE

Recommend approval.

ADOPTED: April 16, 2025
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department