

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

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September 8, 2023

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church St
New Haven, CT 06510

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
TRAFFIC AND PARKING TO PURCHASE SMART PARKING EQUIPMENT TO
REPAIR AND REPLACE SINGLE- AND MULTI-SPACE PARKING METERS CITY-
WIDE FROM IPS GROUP INC. AND PARKEON INC (DBA AS FLOWBIRD),
RESPECTIVELY, AS DESIGNATED SOLE SOURCE VENDORS, UPTO A TOTAL
AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND US DOLLARS
(\$1,100,000), AS PER THE FY 24 BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVED BUDGET.**

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking requests your consideration for purchase of Smart parking equipment to repair and replace single- and multi-space parking meters city-wide from IPS Group Inc. and Parkeon Inc., - designated as vendors- for of an amount of up to \$1,100,000.

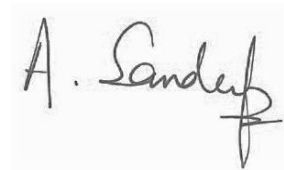
For more than two decades, New Haven has been at the forefront of testing and implementing new and improving parking management systems allowing users increased payment options, enhanced user experience, simplifying daily interactions and reducing fuel consumption and pollution. The Department currently manages more 2000 spaces served by a combination of single space parking units and multi-space parking kiosks, already serviced by IPS Inc. and Parkeon Inc. Existing systems accept various forms of payment including credit cards, coins, and mobile payments. However, a majority the parking meters (greater than 1500) are now obsolete because of outdated communications and mechanical equipment and are anticipated to lose technical support due to industry transition to next generation communications (4G) and payment technologies (near field communications- NFC). Over the last few years, the Department has continued to repair and upgrade some of the single-space meters along with replacing some of them with multi-space kiosks to improve ease of payment.

Board approved FY 24 Capital and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is in place and will be used to modernize the parking systems citywide along with phasing out classic coin-only accepting meters. Funding will also cover additional hardware, software, planning/design, training, licensing, data conversion, project management, legal/consulting, and any other associated costs necessary for this project. Special focus will be placed on ensuring all meters meet ADA height regulations, as well as any other issues that arise. Overall, emphasis will also be on improving quality of life by increasing payment options and ease of payment, in addition to ensuring accessibility and equity.

Both vendors have been strong partners of the City with successful relationships dating back to at least more than a decade. We respectfully request the Board's favorable action on the Department's request and the attached Order authorizing the Department to procure single- and multi-space parking systems equipment from IPS Inc. and Parkeon Inc.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (203) 946-8067.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Sandeep", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sandeep Aysola

Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking