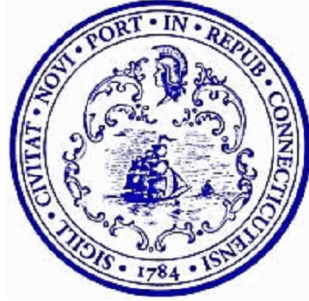


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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2024

6:00 PM

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Aldermanic Chamber

**City Services and Environmental Policy**

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The City Services and Environmental Policy Committee of the Board of Alders will meet “in-person” on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut, to hear and act on the following items:

- 1) [LM-2024-0279](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF GRAND AVENUE AND JOHN MURPHY DRIVE “MALIK JONES CORNER” IN PERPETUITY, FOR HIS LOVE AND COMMITMENT TO RESIDENTS IN THE FAIR HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD.
- 2) [LM-2024-0511](#) From the League of Women Voters of New Haven requesting a hearing/workshop to discuss preparations and plans for the November 5th Election.
- 3) [LM-2024-0456](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE FIRST RENEWAL TO THE ICE RINK AGREEMENT (#A18-1134) WITH ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE.

Per Order: Hon. Anna M. Festa, Chair

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk located at 200 Orange Street, Room 202, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

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Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov) before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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## Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair, Kampton Singh, Vice-chair, Thomas R. Ficklin, Jr., Amy Marx, Kiana Flores, and Caroline Tanbee Smith.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Ellen Cupo.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF GRAND AVENUE AND JOHN MURPHY DRIVE "MALIK JONES CORNER" IN PERPETUITY FOR HIS LOVE AND COMMITMENT TO RESIDENTS IN THE FAIR HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Hon. Ellen Cupo

Hon. Ellen Cupo presented this item and spoke in favor of this corner naming.

Chris Garaffa, 76 Mechanic Street, spoke in favor of this item. A copy of the written testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Norman Clement, 21 Stanley Street, spoke in favor of this item. Confirmed that the correct location of proposed signage for this corner naming is on Grand Avenue. A copy of the map is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Allen Riccio, 725 Whitney Avenue, spoke in favor of this item.

Kirill Staklo, 76 Mechanic Street, spoke in favor of this item.

Ari Shinsky, 29 Happy Hill Road, spoke in favor of this item.

Sandra Sandria, 136 Dwight Street, spoke in favor of this item.

Jazmarie Melendez, Bridgeport City Council Member, 55 North Bishop Avenue, spoke in favor of this item.

Kerry Ellington spoke in favor of this item. Discussed Malik Jones legacy and his impact on the nation, State of Connecticut, and New Haven.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS AND PLANS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Patricia Rossi, Convener, League of Women Voters of New Haven  
May Beyreed, Deputy City Clerk  
Marlene Napolitano, Republican Registrar of Voters  
Shannel Evans, Democratic Registrar of Voters

Ms. Rossi discussed how voters could be better educated, especially about the process for absentee voting and state redistricting. Reviewed the importance of getting information to voters regarding the referendum question due to if voters are not informed the default is for them to vote no and same day registration.

Registrar Evans, Registrar Napolitano, and Deputy City Clerk Beyreed addressed the questions submitted by the committee members.

In response to Alder Marx, Registrar Evans confirmed they can place signage as early as next week to educate the public at voting sites (schools) regarding upcoming early voting. Confirmed they can provide the stats on previous early voting elections.

In response to Alder Singh, Registrar Evans discussed how for the September election they will have someone outside to direct people parking that the spaces are reserved for electors.

In response to Alder Festa, Deputy City Clerk Beyreed reviewed how instructions are on the City Clerk's website regarding absentee voting, including the application that residents need to complete to receive their absentee ballot and that residents can pick up a copy by visiting the City Clerk's Office. Discussed how residents can complete a fillable application on the Secretary of State's website, which is sent to the portal for the town they live in. Confirmed they are checking the portal now.

Ms. Rossi confirmed that if people call the City Clerk's or Registrar of Voter's offices, someone answers.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Deputy City Clerk Beyreed discussed how they do not have QR codes.

In response to Alder Marx, Deputy City Clerk Beyreed reviewed how they will put questions on their website but direct people to the Secretary of State's website where applicable.

In response to Alder Festa, Deputy City Clerk Beyreed confirmed they had 24,000 absentee ballots submitted in the last presidential election.

Aaron Goode, Quinnipiac Avenue, discussed the importance of having better signage and

communication, which will address most of these issues. Questioned having all the ballot boxes located in or near the same location.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Kampton Singh moved to read and file item # 2, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. All the Alders spoke in favor of reading and filing this item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the motion to read and file this item passed.

#### 3. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE FIRST RENEWAL TO THE ICE RINK AGREEMENT (#A18-1134) WITH ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Presenters: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Developer Administrator;  
John Ward, Corporation Counsel;  
Lauri Strimkovsky, VP Finance and Administration, Albertus Magnus; and  
Andrea Kovacs, VP Marketing & Community Relations, Albertus Magnus

Michael Piscitelli, Economic Developer Administrator, 353 Summit Street, presented this item and reviewed how Albertus Magnus helped in 2018 by signing the original agreement to use the ice rink for their Division III collegiate hockey program. Discussed how this renewal of the agreement and amendment will allow Albertus Magnus to continue to use the ice rink for their collegiate hockey program for an additional 5 years with an option for another 5 years and build a women's locker room.

VP Strimkovsky and VP Kovacs discussed how Albertus Magnus is part of the community. Reviewed their men's and newly formed women's collegiate hockey program, and their excitement to renew the agreement with the city and build the women's locker room.

In response to Alder Festa, VP Strimkovsky reviewed how the women's locker room will be built next to the men's locker room. Discussed how they currently use the public locker rooms.

In response to Alder Marx, VP Strimkovsky reviewed how they are not there yet in terms of getting funding to make hockey more accessible to community members. Discussed how she will take it back to Albertus. VP Kovacs spoke about how they need to find partners to fund additional programs and reviewed how Albertus can bring their students to help teach and make the programs engaging like they do for the learn to skate programs. Economic Developer Administrator Michael Piscitelli reviewed how this needs to be addressed with New Haven Public Schools as well to help develop a hockey program.

In response to Alder Tanbee Smith, Economic Developer Administrator Michael Piscitelli reviewed how they need to revisit events. VP Strimkovsky confirmed she can provide the stats

regarding the participation in Project Pride programs.

In response to Alder Festa, VP Strimkovsky confirmed that Albertus currently maintains the men's locker room and will maintain the new-to-be constructed women's locker room as well.

Attorney Ward discussed how the renewal will be a stand-alone document and will not need to be read in conjunction with the original agreement. Reviewed how the renewal agreement is nearly completed but needs to be sent to Albertus Magnus for review. Attorney Ward and Economic Developer Administrator Michael Piscitelli confirmed they expect it to be completed in a week.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:03 p.m.

Alder Kampton Singh moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Caroline Tanbee Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders' YouTube channel here:  
<https://youtube.com/@boardofalders8363>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II