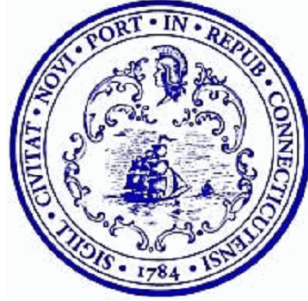


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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2019

6:00 PM

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 on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor; New Haven, CT to hear and act on the following items:

- 1) [LM-2018-0646](#) **READ AND FILE: ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO READ AND FILE THE COMMUNICATION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH ALL APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS AND VENDOR SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CITY'S BIKE SHARE PROGRAM.**
- 2) [LM-2018-0644](#) **RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,104.00 FOR THE COURT ORDERED LEAD ABATEMENT OF 969 ELM STREET, UNIT 2F, NEW HAVEN, CT.**
- 3) [LM-2018-0683](#) **ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CTDOT) AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS, AGREEMENTS INCLUDING PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS, AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE OVER QUINNIPIAC RIVER - BRIDGE NO. 03810.**
- 4) [LM-2018-0682](#) **ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS MODIFYING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRAND AVENUE AND FRONT STREET.**
- 5) [LM-2018-0680](#) **ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEEP) FOR LIVING SHORELINE RESILIENCY PROJECTS AT EAST SHORE PARK AND LONG WHARF PARK.**

Per Order: Hon. Salvatore E. DeCola, Chair;
Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk

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

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(TTY/TDD).

Minutes

Alder Salvatore E. DeCola, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:08 p.m. Present were Alders Salvatore E. DeCola, Anna M. Festa, Delphine Clyburn, Adam J. Marchand, Abigail Roth, and Steven Winter.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alder Jody Ortiz.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH ALL APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS AND VENDOR SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CITY'S BIKE SHARE PROGRAM.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Carlos Pujol, P3M, 225 East 36th Street, New York, and Carolyn Lusch, P3M Manager, 505 Central Avenue, Apt. 3, presented the status of the bike share program. Over 3,000 riders and 10,000 trips. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Alder Marchand ask through the Chair for a picture of the new NEXT bike.

Carlos Pujol and Carolyn Lusch spoke about how OJOs will be numbered and identifiable back to user. Confirmed legal age to rent bikes is 16 years old. Reviewed how they will increase the age of ridership, if warranted. Mr. Pujol spoke about how they would be willing to do a type of kick off campaign. Ms. Lusch spoke of things they had down in the past re: bike riding education in the communities. Mr. Pujol reviewed how Avangrid signed to support the program for one year, which included signage on the bikes only. Advised Avangrid ad panels are available to them, but at this time they have only supported advertising on the bikes.

Mr. Pujol reviewed how OJOs will be insured on an insurance policy with the City listed as an additional insured. Mr. Lusch confirmed no one under 16 years old can use the bikes and only one bike per account is available. Mr. Pujol advised it was possible to have more than one account, so it is possible for the rules to be circumvented.

Mr. Pujol spoke about the new NEXT bikes that will replace the current bikes in the spring. Spoke about the electric (OJO) scooters and how they hope to roll them out in New Haven. The scooters will lock to themselves, and costs will based per ride or subscriber fee. Verified they are safe and will be used in bike lanes. Can limit MPH to 15. Subscribers will be required to have a driver's license. Riders will not be allowed to use the scooters on sidewalks. In regard to Alder Roth's request to repurpose the old bikes, Mr. Pujol advised he will discuss it with the vendor. The scooter/ratio will be determined by demand and will be distributed fairly.

Richard "Dick" Lyons, 71 Canter Street, spoke about the signs and how they do not belong in our City's streets. Spoke about how they block line of sight and make it difficult for bus drivers to see potential passengers.

A statement was read on behalf of Lucile Bruce, 54 Andersen Street, requesting her email to Alder Festa be read into the record. (A copy of this email is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.)

Anstress Farwell, 37 Wooster Place, spoke about the importance of the bike stand style. Questioned how the process will work in regards if there will be ways people to circumvent the system to allow people without licenses to use the scooters. Also, questioned if switching to Avangrid, as sponsor, will affect ad panels. (Please see above for Mr. Pujol's response.)

Director Douglas Hausladen, 115 Water Street, and Deputy Director Michael Pinto, 449 Central Avenue, reviewed how the Board of Alder's have plenary power to override ordinances and used it to approve the bike share program. Zoning in the historic districts (or any) is not involved because stations are in the public right-of-way. Advised they would follow up within 24 hours of the CT DOT meeting and would report on its status. Also, advised they would follow up on historic districts.

Director Hausladen advised no plans to move bike share at 70 Linden Street (corner of Orange Street). Alder Festa advised ad panel causes line of sight issues and requested people be notified properly (specifically landlords, not just tenants). Director Hausladen requested Alder Festa provide a list of residents not notified to confirm. Director Hausladen advised no line of sight issues based on extensive process. Spoke of desire to meet the Committee's requests and spirit of the law. Advised OJO (mopeds) not mentioned in state statutes. Reviewed how they have followed up with CTDOT, and they are not required to be registered.

Spoke about how they are meeting with State DOT Steven Degen to review if ad panels comply with state statute.

Alder Festa questioned if Alders are notified when bike stations are installed in their respective wards. Alder DeCola clarified they are reaching out to community management teams.

Alder Festa advised ad panel are not allowed within certain amount of feet of a playground and requested compliance.

Alder Roth questioned if foreign license will be accepted.

Alder Winter confirmed plenary power overrode zoning ordinances, which Director Deputy Pinto confirmed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Marchand moved to read and file item # 1, seconded by Alder Festa. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

2. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMAN AUTHORIZING THE

EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,104.00 FOR THE COURT ORDERED LEAD ABATEMENT OF 969 ELM STREET, UNIT 2F, NEW HAVEN, CT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Michael Fumiatti, City Purchasing Agent, 10 Winding Road, Madison; Frank D'Amore, Deputy Director of Neighborhood and Property Services, Livable City Initiative, 332 St. John Street; Dr. Paul Kowalski, Director of Environmental Health, Health Department, 38 Hillside Avenue spoke in approval of this item. The lead abatement was completed, the property was sold, and the City was reimbursed in full for the cost, including the cost of relocation the family. The Court ordered the City to expediate the process of the lead abatement, as the HUD funds take months to obtain for homeowners' who do not have funds to pay for lead abatement.

Spoke about how there was an informal bidding process with the lowest bidder being awarded the contractor. All the windows in this property had to be removed. Confirmed all lead abatement contractors are licensed by the State Health Department.

Spoke about how this property was costly to abatement because it was a historical structure and required specific wood windows, which contributed to the cost, as vinyl windows could not be used.

Amy Marx, Esquire, New Haven Legal Assistance, 205 Orange Street, spoke about how she represented the mother, Latesha Jones, who lived at this residence. Her 3-year-old tested with high lead levels in August 2017. The Health Department reached out the family; however, the Court determined that the contact was inadequate.

Alder Festa through the Chair requested the file for this lead abatement.

Alder Winter through the Chair requested how many responses the City received to the bidding process.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Marchand moved item # 2, seconded by Alder Festa. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

3. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CTDOT) AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS, AGREEMENTS INCLUDING PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS, AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE OVER QUINNIPIAC RIVER - BRIDGE NO. 03810.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, 95 Sound View Terrace, reviewed how the work will include major repairs to the bridge including to the house and bridge spans. Reviewed how the repairs are funded and gave a summary of the work to be completed. Reviewed how the black color required the NHFD to hose down the bridge on hot days, as the steel expands, and it makes the bridge inoperable, if it gets too hot. Discussed how they are gathering community feedback regarding colors and lighting. Reviewed how they will be testing a green color to see how the community receives it, as the color dates to the 1800s for bridges. The approach spans and wheels dating back to 1898 will be replaced. The time frame for the work will span 12 – 24 months depending on the number of contracting crews, lead time for parts, and weather. Reviewed how the pedestrian path will be replaced with a multi-use bike path on the southern side of the bridge. Federal law (Coast Guard) requires the bridge to open. A higher bridge that would allow boats to pass under would cost 60-80 million. Also, federal law prohibits charging fees to open the bridge. The bridge opens 2 – 3 times a day. If the bridge doesn't open, the federal government fines the City.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Marchand moved item # 3, seconded by Alder Festa. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. Committee noted they are in agreement with the City Engineer that the color of the bridge should not be black. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

4. ORDER OF CITY OF NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS MODIFYING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRAND AVENUE AND FRONT STREET.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, 95 Sound View Terrace, spoke about how the right-of-way at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Front Street would need to be modified to allow for the work on the Grand Avenue Bridge to be completed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Marchand moved item # 4, seconded by Alder Festa. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

5. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEEP) FOR LIVING SHORELINE RESILIENCY PROJECTS AT EAST SHORE PARK AND LONG WHARF PARK.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, 95 Sound View Terrace, spoke in favor of the Living Shoreline Resiliency Projects at East Shore Park and Long Wharf Park. The work at Long Wharf will provide erosion control along a 3,000' section from the pier to the end. The work at East Shore

Park will include paths and the soccer fields will be saved. The work at East Shore Park will improve drainage. The projects are expected to take the next two years and will create livable infrastructure.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Marchand moved item # 5, seconded by Alder Festa. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Marchand moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Festa. The motion was unanimously approved at 9:00 p.m.

Alder Marchand moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Festa. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 9:21 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

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