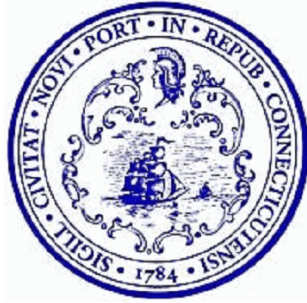


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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 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, December 5, 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-2019-0704](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF CHAPEL STREET AND ELLA T. GRASSO BOULEVARD AS "COACH WILLIAM THOMPSON WAY" TO HONOR WILLIAM THOMPSON, BELOVED COACH OF THE NEW HAVEN AGE GROUP TRACK CLUB AND RESPECTED MENTOR FOR SO MANY YOUNG CITY ATHLETES.
- 2) [LM-2019-0673](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES IN THE RIVER STREET MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN AREA.
- 3) [LM-2019-0723](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE EASEMENT, ACCEPTABLE TO CORPORATION COUNSEL, FOR CERTAIN LIMITED PURPOSES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF UTILITY SERVICES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PETITION, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2019, SUBMITTED BY SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC. ("SAFETY-KLEEN") FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF WATERFRONT STREET NORTH OF FORBES AVENUE.
- 4) [LM-2019-0724](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE ENERGY INNOVATION & CARBO DIVIDEND ACT OF 2019, H.R. 763.
- 5) [LM-2019-0706](#) RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE PARKS COMMISSION TO ACCEPT A \$80,000 DONATION FROM THE SKYE FOUNDATION FOR CRISCUOLO PARK SPLASH PAD.
- 6) [LM-2019-0707](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING M.E. O'BRIEN AS SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR VORTEX SPLASH PAD PARTS AND INSTALLATION INCLUDING TIME AND MATERIALS.

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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Minutes

Alder Salvatore E. DeCola, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:11 p.m. Present were Alders Salvatore E. DeCola, Anna M. Festa, Abigail Roth, and Ron C. Hurt.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Ernie G. Santiago, Richard Furlow.

1. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF CHAPEL STREET AND ELLA T. GRASSO BOULEVARD AS "COACH WILLIAM THOMPSON WAY" TO HONOR WILLIAM THOMPSON, BELOVED COACH OF THE NEW HAVEN AGE GROUP TRACK CLUB AND RESPECTED MENTOR FOR SO MANY YOUNG CITY ATHLETES.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jacqueline Taft, Coach Thompson's daughter, 225 Bellevue Road; Arianna Taft, Coach Thompson's granddaughter; Vanessa Thompson, Coach Thompson's daughter, 105 Seneca Road; Chris Dickerson, 6 Mettler Street, Woodbridge; Che Dawson, 332 Sherman Avenue; Joan Thompson, Coach Thompson's wife, 18 Tower Lane, Apt. 1808; Robert D. Beech, 187 West Rock Ave; and Azaan Dawson, 332 Sherman Avenue; and Anne Olcott, 187 West Rock Avenue.

All these community members showed their support for naming the corner Coach William Thompson Way.

Mr. Dawson spoke in favor of this corner naming. Spoke about how Coach Thompson had mentored him, since he was six years old.

Ms. Arianna Taft spoke in favor of naming the corner after her grandfather. Spoke of his service and contributions to the community.

Ms. Joan Thompson spoke in favor of naming this corner in honor of her late husband.

Mr. Dickerson spoke in favor of this corner naming. Spoke about how Coach Thompson worked behind the scenes to support New Haven teenagers.

Mr. Robert Beech spoke in favor of this item.

Ms. Jessica Thompson, Coach Thompson's daughter, spoke in favor of this corner naming.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

2. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE

FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES IN THE RIVER STREET MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN AREA.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Helen Rosenberg, Economic Development Officer, spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed how these funds would be used for environmental clean-up of several properties to make them more marketable.

In response to Alder Furlow, reviewed how there is no requirement for a city match to receive these funds.

In response to Alder Rodriguez, reviewed how they have received several of these grants but is not sure if the city will be awarded the grant. Will follow up with when they will know if they have received it or not. Feels like they have a strong application.

In response to Alder Santiago, reviewed how properties at 142 River and 112 Chapel are owned by city and how the city plans to purchase the property at scrap metal site. Not certain of the purchase price, but expects it to be low, maybe \$60,000.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

3. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING THE EASEMENT, ACCEPTABLE TO CORPORATION COUNSEL, FOR CERTAIN LIMITED PURPOSES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF UTILITY SERVICES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PETITION, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2019, SUBMITTED BY SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC. ("SAFETY KLEEN") FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF WATERFRONT STREET NORTH OF FORBES AVENUE.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jesse Langer, Attorney at Updike, Kelly, & Spellacy, 8 Frontage Road, East Haven; David D. Paquette (Director Engineering, SK Branches/Corporate Development), 8 Pheasant Lane; Barrington, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Richard D. Domschine (Terminal Manager for New Haven facility), 306 Cedar Lane, Cheshire, spoke in favor of this easement.

In response to Alder Roth, Attorney Langer reviewed how the easement would follow the land and would transfer and continue, if the property was sold.

In response to Alder Santiago, Attorney Langer reviewed how the easement is permanent, not

temporary.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Festa moved item # 3, seconded by Alder Roth. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

4. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE ENERGY INNOVATION & CARBON DIVIDEND ACT OF 2019, H.R. 763.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Eric Fine, 733 Whitney Avenue, spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed the goals of the Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763. Spoke about how this is bipartisan bill. Reviewed how the majority of families will receive more back in tax credits than they will pay through this act. Reviewed the reason for this is because the most vulnerable families tend to have lower emissions, so this will result in a net-income for these people. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Roth, reviewed how other delegates in their conversations are supportive.

Alder Furlow through the Chair request a copy of the bill (H.R. 763) and a copy of the Wall Street Journal article with the co-signatories.

Roger Kuhns, 7 Bradley Lane, Mystic, State Coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby, spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed how this bill applies by applying a \$15 carbon fee per metric ton of CO2 and would increase by \$10 annually, until GHG emissions are reduced by 90%. This fee is applied at the source of the fossil fuels level: coal mines, oil wells, or at the ports of first entry for applicable items arriving by ship. Reviewed how this is the first of its kind to reduce America's emissions by 40% in the first twelve years. Spoke about how countries who are receiving items, such as oil, from the US will that have a similar tax will not be subjected to a double tax.

Reviewed how the benefits will reach the community level in New Haven by supplying monthly dividend checks, providing jobs (expected to provide 2.1 million new jobs in local communities, cleaning the air, and supporting renewable energy. This legislation will offset subsidies favoring fossil fuels and allow free market practices to operate on a level playing field. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Jack Pleasants, 189 Elm Street, leads carbon events at Yale, spoke in favor of this item. Spoke of the importance of having bipartisan support, so it will survive administration changes. Reviewed how this legislation is viable.

Will Hancock-Cerutti, 8 Edwards Street, a medical student, spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed medical implications of climate change. Highlighted the benefit of H.R. 763 of how it will reduce

pollutants at the local level.

Casey Pickett, 144 Foster Street, runs the carbon charge at Yale. Speaking as a resident regarding the importance of having a carbon pricing system. Reviewed how Yale's system provides a financial incentive by encouraging Yale's schools to reduce their emissions. Spoke about how Yale's carbon pricing system is encouraging other universities to implement a similar program. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Adelheid Koepfer, 35 Whiffle Tree Road, Wallingford, spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed the importance of doing more to decrease emissions, as the yearly GAP report released by UN shows the growing gap between the goals for reducing the GHG emissions set in the Paris Accord and the reality of the still rising emissions. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Ulla Heede, 8 Edwards Street, PhD student in Atmosphere and Ocean Science at Yale. Spoke in favor of this item. Spoke about how she is studying the climate predictions to give us a better change to prepare for the new climate states we will need to deal with in the future. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Richard Walser, 64 N. Lake Drive, Hamden, spoke of the need to tie cost to carbon emissions and give people choices by making renewable energy more cost effective for families, as price matters.

Henry Auer, 42 Academy Street, Apt. 4, spoke in favor of this item. Reviewed how the carbon fee would translate to approximately \$0.0867 per gallon of gas, which would increase as the carbon fee increases. Reviewed how although a trivial amount, it would make a difference, for as it increases people will look for more affordable items. Spoke of the importance of having the City of New Haven support H.R. 763 to encourage congressional support.

In response to Alder Festa, spoke of the importance of having constituents reach out to their congressional representatives to support this item. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Michael Cohen, 497 Leetes Island Road, Branford, spoke in support of this item. Reviewed how it is a practical, effective, and well thought out bill.

Justin Farmer, 231 Butler Street, Hamden, spoke in support of this item. Presented written testimony from Iris Kaminski in support of this item. A copy of this testimony is on file in the Office of Legislative Services. Reviewed how this legislation is well thought out and one-third of the national Black Caucus supports this bill.

Sandra Henschel, Clinton, spoke in support of this item. Reviewed her concerns of living near the coast and how the weather has changed drastically in recent years.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

5. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE PARKS COMMISSION TO ACCEPT A \$80,000 DONATION FROM THE SKYE FOUNDATION FOR CRISCUOLO PARK SPLASH PAD.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Rebecca Bombero, Director of Parks, Recreations, & Trees, spoke in favor of this item. Spoke of how this donation would be used for the installation of splash pads at Criscuolo Park. Respectfully requested the committee to discharge these items, so they could be passed this year, as there are tax implications for the funder.

In response to Alder Festa, Director Bombero confirmed these funds will be specified for the splash pads at Criscuolo Park.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No action.

6. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING M.E. O'BRIEN AS SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR VORTEX SPLASH PAD PARTS AND INSTALLATION INCLUDING TIME AND MATERIALS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Rebecca Bombero, Director of Parks, Recreations, & Trees, spoke in favor of this item. The State contract did not include splash pads this year. Reviewed how only two companies in the US provide parts for splash pads, and products are not comparable. M.E. O'Brien is the sole distributor for Vortex parts in Connecticut.

In response to Alder Roth, Director Bombero confirmed that existing splash pads use Vortex products and parts. Reviewed how the Parks Department does keep a standard inventory of certain parts, the company is reliable and has a good variety of products, and the company has been great to work with the City. Reviewed how there are only two companies that provide splash pad parts.

In response to Alder Festa, Director Bombero reviewed how both companies cannot be compared as apples-to-apples because they do not sale the exact same items.

Director Bombero requested the committee to have this item discharged as well because it

would be advantageous for the Parks Department to place a order this year based on 2019 pricing rather than waiting for 2020 and the updated pricing.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No action.

Alder Furlow moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Roth. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:09 p.m.

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

Adjourned: 8:21 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