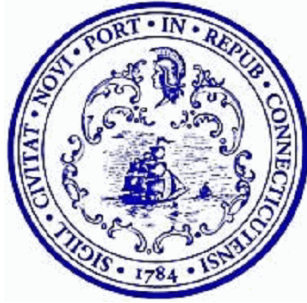


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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Legislation Committee

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Legislation Committee of the Board of Alders will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://newhavenct.zoom.us/j/93809993037> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 938 0999 3037, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

[OR-2020-0017](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCE MANDATING TRAINING FOR APPOINTEES TO THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Per Order: Hon. Charles Decker, 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 Charles Decker, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present were Alders Charles Decker, Chair, Richard Furlow, Vice-Chair, Rosa Ferraro-Santana, Frank Douglass, Daryl Brackeen, Jr., and Adam J. Marchand.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Gerald M. Antunes, Salvatore E. DeCola, Kampton Singh, and Abigail Roth.

1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCE MANDATING TRAINING FOR APPOINTEES TO THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Alder Gerald M. Antunes, Ward 11, presented this item to this Committee. Alder Antunes reviewed the objectives and goals of this order to implement mandatory training for the Board of Police Commissioners. Alder Antunes spoke favorably regarding this item.

In response to Alder Marchand, Alder Antunes reviewed that Emergency Communications refers to how Emergency Communications operates. Alder Antunes the importance of police commissioners having interview skills to be able to use during meetings. Alder Antunes spoke about the importance of police commissioners having some exposure as to what police officers must go through and is the reason for requiring ride-a-longs. Reviewed that ride-a-longs may need to be waived for commissioners having disabilities that would not allow them to participate.

Alder Furlow through the Chair requested a copy of the current bylaws for the Board of Police Commissioners.

Alder Abigail Roth recommended adding MOUs to the required training.

Evelise Ribeiro, Police Commissioner, 74 Front Street, spoke in favor of this ordinance amendment. Spoke of some of the training she has completed over the years including a ride-a-long and Citizen's Academy.

In response to Alder Furlow, Commissioner Ribeiro recommended the following items:

- Give the police commissioners the general orders;
- Ethics training;
- Citizen's Academy;
- Hiring Process and background investigation completed for new recruits;
- Clarification on who will be conducting the training;
- Who is responsible for ensuring the training is completed; and
- Clarification if additional time would be allowed to complete the training if due to extenuating

circumstances it could not be completed within six months.

Alder Antunes reviewed these recommendations and advised that many of them could be addressed by the Police Commission directly. Spoke of how the Ethics Training was a good idea.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder Marchand moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Furlow. Alder Marchand moved to amend the item by substitution to include ordinance language, seconded by Alder Furlow. All of the Alders spoke in favor of this amendment. Alder Marchand moved to amend the item to change "emergency communications" to read "An overview of the operations of the emergency communications of the City of New Haven" and add "Chief Administrator Office may provide a waiver of training requirements subject to approval of the Board of Police Commissioners, if circumstances warrant such waiver." All of the Alders spoke in favor of this amendment. Alder Marchand moved to amend this item to include an "overview of the confidentiality and ethics policy governing the staff and appointees of the City of New Haven," seconded by Alder Marchand. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item as amended. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder Marchand moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Furlow. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:37 p.m.

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

Adjourn: 7:13 p.m.

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

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