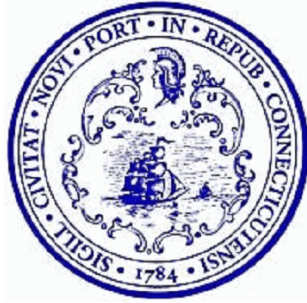


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## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Via Teleconference**

**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, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/3aGA6ve> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 934 5017 0033, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov)):

- 1) [LM-2020-0275](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON ALL OF MORRIS AVENUE.
  
- 2) [LM-2020-0277](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (CTDEEP) UNDER THE FEDERAL CLEAN VESSEL ACT (CVA) GRANT PROGRAM AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS, TO REPLACE THE PUMP OUT STATION AT LONG WHARF PIER.
  
- 3) [LM-2020-0257](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT (UCONN) AS A SUBRECIPIENT TO A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FUND AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS, FOR SHORELINE PROTECTION, HABITAT RESTORATION, AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES.
  
- 4) [LM-2020-0278](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO READ AND FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED FOR FEMA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) PARTICIPATION.
  
- 5) [LM-2020-0262](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CONFIRMING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER.

-- WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE MOVE NEW HAVEN TRANSIT MOBILITY STUDY.

-- WORKSHOP REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE VOTING PROCESS FOR THE CONNECTICUT AUGUST PRIMARY AND TO REVIEW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS FOR VOTING IN THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

Per Order: Hon. Anna M. Festa, Chair;  
Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk

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Thursday, September 3, 2020 6:00 p.m. Aldermanic Chamber

## Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Alders Anna M. Festa, Chair, Salvatore E. DeCola, Vice-chair, Gerald Antunes, Abigail Roth, Steven Winter, Kampton Singh, and Honda Smith.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Darryl Brackeen, Jr., Richard Furlow, and Adam Marchand.

### 1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON ALL OF MORRIS AVENUE.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Joann D'Angelo, 117 Morris Avenue, spoke in favor of having residential parking zone from 128 Morris Avenue to 32 Morris Avenue. Spoke of how parking was an issue because of people from out of the area would park on Morris Avenue, which causes issues with residents being able to access their driveways, having enough parking, and emergency vehicles being able to access their area.

Alder DeCola spoke of the need for the residential parking zone and reviewed how there would be an amendment to change the order from "all" of Morris Avenue to 32 – 128 Morris Avenue.

In response to Alder Singh, Alder Festa reviewed how there is parking available to visitors to Lighthouse Park, and that the issue is people outside of City not wanting to pay to park, as it is free to people inside New Haven. Alder DeCola reviewed how the parking is inside the park.

Alder Smith spoke in support of the item and advised Ms. D'Angelo can add her name to the petition.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder DeCola moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Roth. Alder Salvatore E. DeCola moved to amend this item to change "all of Morris Avenue" to reflect 32 – 128 Morris Avenue. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item as amended. The motion to amend and motion to approve the item as amended was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

### 2. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (CTDEEP) UNDER THE FEDERAL CLEAN VESSEL ACT (CVA) GRANT PROGRAM AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS, TO REPLACE THE PUMP OUT STATION

AT LONG WHARF PIER.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, 95 Sound View Terrace, presented this item and reviewed how the grant funding under the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) will be used to replace the pump at Long Wharf Pier that is used by marine vessels to pump out when needed rather than have them pump out in the sound.

In response to Alder Antunes, Mr. Zinn reviewed how as part of the grant funding, the City cannot charge for the service. Reviewed how it is illegal for vessels to dump in the sound, but that having a pump helps increase compliance. Spoke about how commercial vehicles cannot use this pump due to federal law. Reviewed how the City may maintain the old pump for commercial vehicles, if they need to pump out very slowly.

In response to Alder Winter, Mr. Zinn reviewed how the pump is not manned. Reviewed how the controls are on the water side to be used by boaters. Spoke about how he is not certain how often it is used, but it is used often enough for the Engineering Department to get calls from Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection when it is not working.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn reviewed that the life span for the pump is typically 10-20 years. Spoke about how it depends on damage and various factors. Reviewed how the City's funding has been budgeted in advance as part of the bond fund line for the Engineering Department.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder DeCola 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 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT (UCONN) AS A SUBRECIPIENT TO A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FUND AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS, FOR SHORELINE PROTECTION, HABITAT RESTORATION, AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, 95 Sound View Terrace, reviewed how this grant will be used by the City. Reviewed how UCONN applied for this grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Fund. The grant funding has two parts. The first part will go to UCONN to allow for studying. The other part of the grant will provide the City with \$1.2 million to make some grading and livable shoreline improvements and reopen access to the water. Reviewed how it does not require the City to

match any funding.

In response to Alder Roth, Mr. Zinn reviewed that they should hear near the end of the year whether UCONN received the grant. Spoke about how the City is a subrecipient of the grant application submitted by UCONN.

In response to Alder Winter, Mr. Zinn reviewed how UCONN will be monitoring plant life, erosion control, and sediment transport, as part of its funding under the grant. Reviewed how livable shorelines are leading, and this will provide UCONN with information on what to recommend to other municipalities.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn reviewed that there are no down sides to the funding running out, as the City will already have its improvements completed at that point.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

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

#### 4. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO READ AND FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED FOR FEMA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) PARTICIPATION.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Victoria Brudz, Environmental Scientist with Milone and McBroom, presented the FEMA CRS Annual Report. Reviewed the flood areas in New Haven. Reviewed how many residents are affected and maps available. Spoke of how they have been working on educating residents more regarding how to stay safe and the importance of purchasing flood insurance. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Winter, Stacey Davis, City Planner, City Plan Department, reviewed how they are required to distribute brochures to approximately 1,000 to 2,000 households, specifically the households that live within the special flood hazard areas and households considered having repetitive losses, as required by the program.

In response to Alder Winter, Ms. Brudz reviewed how the rating is based on the topography as well as other factors, and it is very tedious to reach a higher rating, which equates to a higher discount. Reviewed how New Haven has the highest rating in the state, and it is difficult to obtain a higher rating/discount.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

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

5. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CONFIRMING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Lori Vitagliano, Regional Water Authority, reviewed how this program allows residents a place to properly dispose of their chemicals by dropping them off at the hazardous waste collection center. Reviewed how it is a regional hazardous waste collection center that is open from May to October for residents on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Reviewed how it provides residents of the New Haven a proper place to dispose of their chemicals.

In response to Alder Antunes, Ms. Vitagliano advised the collection center is open on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm.

In response to Alder Roth, Ms. Vitagliano reviewed how the program has been continued, and people were not turned away this summer. Reviewed how New Haven only pays for residents of New Haven, i.e., it is based on usership. Spoke about how they have seventeen towns that participate, and all of those towns share in the cost to operate the program.

In response to Alder Winter, Ms. Vitagliano reviewed the household chemicals they accept include: oils, antifreeze, pool chemicals, cleaning supplies, paints, stains, car cleaning chemicals, and your typical workshop/home chemicals. Reviewed how residents can go click on HazWaste on [rwater.com](http://rwater.com) website to obtain additional information.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

– WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE MOVE NEW HAVEN TRANSIT MOBILITY STUDY.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Douglas Hausladen, Director Transportation, Transit & Parking, 115 Water Street; Richard Andreski, Bureau of Public Transportation; 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut; Dennis Solensky, Public Transit Administrator (Connecticut Transit), 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut; and Joshua Rickman, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Marketing (Connecticut Transit) 100 Leibert Road, Hartford, Connecticut presented the New Haven Transit Mobility Study. A copy of the complete presentation is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

Mr. Andreski spoke of how funding is an issue because of the pandemic funding has been greatly affected. Also, reviewed how federal funding has been affected, as the federal reauthorization currently is held up. Spoke about how some of the changes could be implemented without waiting

on funding.

In response to Alder Roth, Mr. Andreski reviewed that to determine how they proceed will involve a conversation with state and local leadership. Reviewed how they have ideas, but that ultimately it is a policy call. Mr. Solensky reviewed how the green light would be held for buses would revert to the normal process after the bus passed. Spoke about how it would work similarly to when red lights are held for emergency vehicles. Director Hausladen reviewed how the study was based on Connecticut public buses and did not take into consideration private buses, such as Yale's shuttles. Mr. Andreski reviewed how the responsibility to maintain the mini hubs has not been determined.

In response to Alder Winter, Mr. Andreski reviewed that the immediate opportunity for funding for these changes could be as soon as the 2022-2023 fiscal year. If funding was available, some changes could be as soon as late 2021. Director Hausladen reviewed how some stop consolidations have been made.

Miriam Grossman, 152 Temple Street, Apt. 410, testified regarding issues with bus availability, GO ride cards not providing better deals than the 10-ride card depending on a rider's usage, and lack of mask enforcement on buses.

Mr. Solensky was inaudible.

Robert Hale, 188 Mansfield Street, spoke about how he heard a mention on integrating the bus service with rail, but that he did not see any mention of the integration in the plan [mobility study]. Spoke about how the displays did not show which buses were coming, and that there were no machines to purchase bus tickets either in the train station or on the green. Spoke of the importance of getting the foundation items correct. Spoke of 204 and 201 duplicated lines that could provide a savings to be better used for ticket vending machines and other improvements.

Mr. Andreski reviewed how the study did look at improved rail connectivity with New Haven Union Station. Spoke of how fare collection is transitioning to mobile. Reviewed how they are seeing 87% adoption rate to transition to mobile devices, and that they are seeing that percentage increase each year. However, noted that they understand they cannot exclusively transition to mobile because not everyone has a mobile device. Spoke of how they are implementing offboard ticket stations.

Winfield Davis, Executive Director, Town Green Special Services District, spoke of how important this is to downtown New Haven. Reviewed how people in downtown would like to see fewer stops sooner, as it would not require additional funding to implement these changes. Spoke about how people need real time GPS of the buses to make the system easier to understand and believes this would increase usage. Spoke of how the free shuttle from the train station to downtown only operates on a 5-day and is needed to operate on the weekend. Spoke about how restaurant servers cannot use the bus service because it does not run late enough to get them home.



## COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

- WORKSHOP REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE VOTING PROCESS FOR THE CONNECTICUT AUGUST PRIMARY AND TO REVIEW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS FOR VOTING IN THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

City Clerk Michael Smart, Lyon Street; Democratic Registrar Shannel Evans, 1560 Ella Grasso Blvd; and Republican Registrar Marlene Napolitano, 25 Russell Street; spoke regarding an update on how the primary election went in August and plans for the November election and reviewed questions submitted by the committee members.

In response to Alder Roth, Registrar Evans reviewed how constituents could find their polling location and would be willing to update the webpage to make it clearer. Reviewed how for an additional EDR location to exist, it needed to be on the City's network. Spoke about how they do not have voicemail set up on their office lines are intentional because otherwise they get too many calls to get their normal work completed.

In response to Alder Winter, Registrar Evans reviewed how Yale is working on advising students regarding their deadlines to vote to help reduce lines at EDR. Reviewed how on Election Day, it would ring to the main line rather than individual phone lines. If everyone was on a call, then it would put them in a waiting queue for the next available person.

Registrar Napolitano confirmed that they are put in a queue and transferred over when the next person is available. City Clerk Smart confirmed they have the same process.

In response to Alder Singh, Registrar Evans reviewed that she is working on signage for the firehouse that was the location for District 5's polling station to direct people to their new polling location at Betsy Ross School.

Christine Bartlett-Josie, Representative from Secretary of State's Office, reviewed how they are changing the inside envelope to make it clearer, so the address will show properly. Reviewed how there is money to hire staff needed to properly staff polling locations and count ballots. Spoke about how the issues with the mail house was addressed by making City Clerk's responsibility to mail out the ballots.

In response to Alder Singh, Ms. Bartlett-Josie reviewed that ballots must be postmarked on Election Day to be counted.

In response to Alder Roth, Registrar Evans reviewed the process for applying to work on Election Day. Spoke about how they will be using people that worked in the past two elections. Reviewed how once they confirm how many people want to work that have previously worked, they will be

able to assess how many poll workers they still need.

Alder Roth through the Chair requested that Registrar of Voters follow up in three weeks with additional information regarding how many workers they still need.

City Clerk Smart reviewed how currently they do not have the additional ballot boxes. He expects to place them in front of 165 Church Street.

In response to Alder Winter, Ms. Bartlett-Josie reviewed how they are trying to get the actual address of the City Clerk's Office on the envelope instead of the envelope having a window.

Miriam Grossman, 152 Temple Street, testified about how people were working unmasked at the polling mask.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

Alder DeCola moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Roth. The motion was unanimously approved at 9:11 p.m.

Alder Winter moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Roth. The motion was unanimously approved. Adjourned: 9:19 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is on file in the Office of Legislative Services and can be located online at <https://youtu.be/DQ5WQs0PdbU>.

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