

# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/33RPUbs> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 962 6323 3203, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov)):

-- WORKSHOP REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE VOTING PROCESS AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS FOR VOTING IN CONNECTICUT IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER; AND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1) [LM-2020-0360](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS FOR FY 2020 AND APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DESIGNATING THE LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCRVCG) AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THESE REGIONAL FUNDS FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION (DESPP).
- 2) [LM-2020-0304](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT.
- 3) [LM-2020-0306](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT.
- 4) [LM-2020-0305](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT.
- 5) [LM-2020-0313](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESERVATION CONNECTICUT GRANT: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE.

- 6) [LM-2020-0315](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT: URBAN GREEN AND COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE.

Per Order: Hon. Anna M. Festa, 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 Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:05 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 Tyisha Walker Myers and Richard Furlow.

- A WORKSHOP REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE VOTING PROCESS AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS FOR VOTING IN CONNECTICUT IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Shannel Evans and Marlene Napolitano, Registrars of Voters, spoke briefly and requested committee members to send any additional follow-up questions they had to them.

John Martin, 93 Pearl Street, spoke about concerns regarding voting in the general election.

Lydia Bornick, 100 York Street, Apt. 10N, spoke about concerns regarding voting in the general election.

Christine Bartlett-Josie reviewed how the location of the additional ballot boxes was the discretion of the City Clerk's Office and is a local decision. Spoke of how additional bandwidth was added to the State's program. Confirmed there is time to set up a second EDR location until October 10, 2020. Advised that she would reach out to the City Clerk and Registrar of Voters' offices to get additional information for the committee.

Rabhya Mehrotra, 186 Edward Street, spoke of the need for additional information on a possible EDR location.

Aaron Goode, 45 Williams Street, reviewed how they are looking at the Metropolitan Business Academy as a possible location for another EDR location. Spoke of concerns regarding voting in the general election. Spoke of the need to correct links on the city's website and add additional information as well as have a robust voter education campaign. Spoke of how he would like to know how many ballots were voided in the primary election for any reason.

In response to Alder Winter, Ms. Bartlett-Josie reviewed that there was not another ballot box available for New Haven as they had all already been dispersed out.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

1. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS FOR FY 2020 AND APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DESIGNATING THE LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCRVCG) AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THESE REGIONAL FUNDS FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION (DESPP).

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Rick Fontana, Director Emergency Operations, reviewed how this grant provides training and equipment at no cost to the city. Reviewed how the funds have been used for vehicles, a burn trailer, and funding training and repairs of equipment.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder DeCola moved item # 1, seconded by Alder Antunes. 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 ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT.

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4. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Aicha Woods, Director of City Plan, 42 Canner Street; Keith Lawrence, 146 Orange Avenue, Milford Maya Vardi, City Planner, 111 Park Street, reviewed how this funding will be used. Director Woods reviewed how these three grants will be used for the structure 198 River Street.

In response to Alder DeCola, Director Woods reviewed how they are working with structural engineers to see if the building can be saved, as the roof has caved in.

In response to Alder Antunes, Director Woods reviewed how the city's budget is not affected by

these grants.

In response to Alder Roth, Director Woods reviewed how there might have been other grants applied to help clean up the property, but that they have not applied for these grants before.

In response to Alder Winter, Director Woods reviewed that they chose this property due to several reasons including that if it is not done now, the property may be lost due to its current condition.

In response to Alder Festa, Director Woods reviewed that if the building was lost, it would be selectively demolished, which would result in losing the historic district status for this area.

5. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESERVATION CONNECTICUT GRANT: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Aicha Woods, Director of City Plan, 42 Canner Street; Keith Lawrence, 146 Orange Avenue, Milford Maya Vardi, City Planner, 111 Park Street, reviewed how this funding will be used. Mr. Lawrence reviewed how the funding will be used to develop a report that the city can use to get competitive proposals for the redevelopment of Strong School as a community asset.

In response to Alder Festa, Director Woods reviewed how this has been a collaborative effort with members of the community.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT: URBAN GREEN AND COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE.

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Aicha Woods, Director of City Plan, 42 Canner Street, reviewed how this grant will allow them to get to the construction aspect of this project transform the road surrounding the John S. Martinez School playground into an accessible greenspace.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder DeCola moved items #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Alder Antunes. All of the Alders spoke in favor of these items. The motion was unanimously approved, and the items passed.

Alder DeCola moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Antunes. The motion was

unanimously approved at 7:32 p.m.

Alder Roth moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.  
Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is located online at <https://youtu.be/9r5dy3eFVwo>.

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