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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2021

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, January 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/37GRG2i> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 933 3160 6273, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

- 1) [LM-2020-0504](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO ACCEPT FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY \$100, 000 FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR FUTURE PUBLIC ARTWORK IN STATE DEPARTMENT UNDERPASSES IN NEW HAVEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 DOT PUBLIC ART POLICY.

- 2) [LM-2020-0505](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR TWO EXISTING PUBLIC MURALS ON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDERPASSES ALONG STATE STREET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 DOT PUBLIC ART POLICY.

- 3) [LM-2020-0506](#) RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR A PUBLIC MURAL IN THE I-91 UNDERPASS AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE STREET AND BRADLEY STREET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 DOT PUBLIC ART POLICY.

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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Public can view the meeting at <https://bit.ly/37GRG2i> or listen by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 933 3160 6273. The password to listen by phone only is 72887157.

Minutes

Alder Anna M. Festa, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:02 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.

1. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO ACCEPT FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY \$100, 000 FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR FUTURE PUBLIC ARTWORK IN STATE DEPARTMENT UNDERPASSES IN NEW HAVEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 DOT PUBLIC ART POLICY.
2. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR TWO EXISTING PUBLIC MURALS ON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDERPASSES ALONG STATE STREET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 DOT PUBLIC ART POLICY.
3. RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER PAPERWORK FOR A PUBLIC MURAL IN THE I 91 UNDERPASS AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE STREET AND BRADLEY STREET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 DOT PUBLIC ART POLICY.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Aicha Woods, Director of City Plan, 42 Canner Street, presented and spoke in favor of these items. Director Woods reviewed how previous murals had been completed by volunteers. The CT DOT reached out to the city to formalize the process for the completion of murals on state property. Spoke about how the Bradley St mural and previous mural were approved by the BOA in April. Reviewed how Corporation Counsel had recommended additional language regarding indemnification. Otherwise, the two items that were previous submitted are just a technical resubmission. And, other than the indemnification language the orders are the same for those two items. Reviewed how this will set a pathway for future murals on state property.

John Martin, 93 Pearl St, co-president of Upper State St Business Association, member of the NH Development Commission, and local business owner of the Bradley St Bicycle Co-op, spoke in favor of these items. Reviewed how Alders and community members have been working together for the past two years. Spoke about how the most difficult part of the process was not getting volunteers but to get permitting and approval. Reviewed how Director Woods has worked well with them to make this happen. Spoke about how they are very proud to have the mural go up at the Bradley St underpass.

Jonathan Dach, 900 Chapel St, Governor Lamont's Policy Director, spoke in favor of these items.

Reviewed how these murals will help bring the communities together. Spoke about how the State will be contributing \$100,000 in funding and the canvases for these murals to be completed. Reviewed how the State is providing a short document that outlines what can and cannot be included in the mural, for example, no obscenities and no private advertising.

Director Woods read a letter of support for these items on behalf of the Director of Cultural Affairs, Adriane Jefferson. A copy of this letter is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Festa, Director Woods reviewed how this would allow set the agreement process with CT DOT regarding encroachment permits and maintenance aspect of future murals. Reviewed how approval of the artwork would be a local process through the Cultural Affairs Comm.

Alder Abigail Roth read of letter of support for these items on behalf of Anika Stewart. A copy of this letter is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Winter, Director Woods reviewed how these items allow for both the Mayor to accept the \$100,000 grant and to allow the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State regarding future murals. Reviewed how they are not limited to the funds available under the grant if future murals are funded for other sources. Reviewed how the lighting is an accessory to the artwork and is included.

Mr. Dach reviewed how the State and City has been working together to update the lighting under the underpasses. Advised that if the City wants to use part of this funding to purchase the hardware for better lighting under the underpasses, he feels that would be an appropriate way to showcase the artwork. Advised that updated LED lighting could be viewed at the underpass at State St and Water St and State St and Union Av.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Dach advised he was not sure who had the responsibility for the lighting the underpasses falls to the State or City. His understanding of the current agreement was the City would provide the hardware for the new lights and the State would provide the labor.

Douglas Hausladen, Director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking, 115 Water St, reviewed how the responsible party depends on who owns the bridge. If it is owned by the State, the maintenance and upgrades is the State's responsible.

Mr. Dach reviewed how the LEDs cost approximately \$400 to replace the fixtures, not a lot of money. And, these lights cost less to operate, so some of the initial cost is recoup due to lower electricity costs. Thanked the City and Alders for partnering with the State to complete these projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder DeCola moved items #1, #2, and # 3, seconded by Alder Winter. All of the Alders spoke in favor of the item. The motion was unanimously approved, and the item passed.

Alder DeCola moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder Roth. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:34 p.m.

Alder DeCola moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Roth. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 6:38 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