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Meeting Minutes Joint Finance/Public Safety

Monday, January 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chamber

Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Joint Finance-Public Safety Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:00 P.M, via video conference. Meeting can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/38jkwGp> or by phone at (301) 715-8592. Meeting Webinar ID:913 1056 1950. Phone passcode:52681197.

The Joint Finance-Public Safety Committee will hear the following item;

[LM-2019-0500](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE "STAFFING (HEAVY RESCUE) AND VACATION SCHEDULE" AGREEMENT RECENTLY REACHED BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NEW HAVEN FIREFIGHTERS UNION.

Attachments: [firefighter staffing hearingrtf](#)
[LM-2019-0500](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

This item is filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Hon. Evette Hamilton and Gerald Antunes, Co-Chairs. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

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Public may join the meeting, and may send public comment to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov, via video conference. Meeting can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/38jkwGp> or by phone at (301) 715-8592. Meeting Webinar ID: 913 1056 1950. Phone passcode: 52681197.

Meeting Minutes

Alder Hamilton, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., January 11, 2021 via webinar. Present were Alds. Hamilton, Marchand, Santiago, DeCola, Morrison, Festa, Walker-Myers, Rodriguez, Hurt, Decker, Antunes, Wingate, Smith, Roth, Singh, and Crespo. Also present was Alder Santana, C. Rodriguez, Sabin, and Winters.

Alder Antunes read the meeting notice into the record.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A PUBLIC

HEARING

TO DISCUSS THE "STAFFING (HEAVY RESCUE) AND VACATION SCHEDULE" AGREEMENT RECENTLY REACHED BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NEW HAVEN FIREFIGHTERS UNION.

Alder Roth spoke and then Alder Festa and Adler Winters spoke about the item.

John Alston, Chief Fire Department, Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, and Catherine Simpson, Labor Relations, came before the committee. Chief Alston spoke to the committee concerning the agreement concerning the Heavy Rescue staffing.

Alder Roth asked Ms. King if the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has multi-year fiscal impact and if it is not binding with out Board of Alders approval. Ms. Simpson spoke about the MOU.

Alder Roth asked why the agreement was made. Chief Alston spoke on the reasons for this agreement.

Alder festa asked what the process was going forward. Ms. Simpson spoke on this.

Alder Winter asked Ms. King if the Board of Alders had any recourse to multi-year MOU agreements. Ms. King spoke on what the Board could do.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Hamilton asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. The following came forward and spoke.

Dennis Serfilippi, of 223 Alden Avenue.

Patrick Cannon, President of Fire Fighters Local 825.

Daniel Del Prete, Vice President of Fire Fighters Local 825.

Alder Hamilton asked twice more if anyone from the public whished to testify. No one came forward.

At 7:07 PM, a motion by Antunes, seconded by Wingate, was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Marchand, seconded by Antunes, made a motion to move item 1 for Read and File. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve this action.

At 7:18 PM, on a motion by Crespo, seconded by Wingate, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is found online at <https://bit.ly/3oNUb8u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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