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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 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, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/32WVZTW> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 983 7718 2179, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

- 1) [LM-2021-0119](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS (PALS) FOR MAJOR CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD, QUINNIPIAC AVENUE, VALLEY ST, WHALLEY AVENUE, AND WHITNEY AVENUE UTILIZING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) FUNDING.
- 2) [LM-2021-0184](#) ORDER OF NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL NEW SIDEWALKS PER SECTION 27-102.
- 3) [LM-2021-0186](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT.

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

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Public can view the meeting at <https://bit.ly/32WVZTW> or listen by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 983 7718 2179. The password to listen by phone only is 22556266.

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.

Non-committee members in attendance were Alders Adam Marchand and Tyisha Walker-Myers.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS (PALS) FOR MAJOR CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD, QUINNIPIAC AVENUE, VALLEY ST, WHALLEY AVENUE, AND WHITNEY AVENUE UTILIZING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) FUNDING.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, 95 Soundview Avenue, presented this item. Reviewed how the work would start next year and use LOTICIP funding. Advised this was the first waive and there would be a second waive expected soon.

In response to Alder Roth, Mr. Zinn reviewed how Whalley past Ella Grasso Boulevard is a state road and will be funded separately by the state. Reviewed how some missing sidewalks will be included and line striping as well.

In response to Alder Winter, Mr. Zinn reviewed how these repairs still need to go through design and additional community input before the plans are finalized. Expects work to begin next year.

In response to Alder Festa, Mr. Zinn reviewed how after they have the designs they will be coming back to the community (working with the areas alders) for reviewed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

2. ORDER OF NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL NEW SIDEWALKS PER SECTION 27 102.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Giovanni Zinn, 95 Soundview Avenue, presented this item. Reviewed how these sidewalks are in dense areas.

In response to Alder DeCola, Mr. Zinn reviewed how the majority of these sidewalks are the

responsibility of homeowners to clean with the except of a small area of approximately 20-30' in front of a school.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Alder DeCola moved item # 2, seconded by Alder tunes. 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 CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Laura Cahn, 54 Cleveland Road; Kathy Fay, 61 Springside Avenue; Miguel Cartagena, 65 Palermo Avenue; Pierre Barbour, 7 Washington Circle, Unionville; Jeff Simon, Branford; Lynne Bonnett, 675 Townsend Avenue; and Rebecca Bombero, 122 West Rock Avenue spoke about this item.

Ms. Cahn reviewed some initiatives that could help the city deal with the waste problem such as: pay as you throw programs; textile and shoe curbside recycling; recycling education; state recycling programs for mattresses, paint, bottles, and motor oil; access for all residents to the transfer station, especially for residents who do not have a vehicle; remind people to avoid plastic, especially single use plastics; pilot program for composting; educate and discourage littering; discourage using balloons outside; rewrite of the bottle redemption system calling to increase the bottles accepted and cost from \$0.05 to \$0.10; and work on a minimum recycle content in glass and liquor bottles.

Mr. Barbour reviewed how the pay-to-throw program has been considered for several years. Reviewed how it has been effective in some smaller communities. Reviewed how textile recycling would require another bag or container, which would not work in some areas of the city.

Deputy CAO Bombero reviewed education initiatives, revising warning stickers for recycling totes, and how there have not been any studies completed in cities with a high rate of renters for the pay to throw system.

Ms. Bonnett reviewed the four areas that the state is facilizing the municipalities to concentrate on: (1) extended producer responsibility; (2) organic diversion; (3) increasing recycling; and (4) unit All Peoplebased pricing. Reviewed how other cities are doing pilot programs that are community rather than city specific.

Mr. Cartagena reviewed how recycling needs to be enforced.

Ms. Fay reviewed how New Haven used to have officers that had illegal dumping as their focus.

In response to Alder Winter, Deputy CAO Bombero reviewed how there are not any large municipalities in Connecticut that have implemented pay as you throw programs. Mr. Barbour reviewed how recycling still provides a significant savings to New Haven at almost \$50 a ton. Also, reviewed how organics to make up a huge percentage of both amount and weight of trash. Spoke about how it is possible but requires separating out organics before the trash is tipped and causes logistics issues. Mr. Cartagena reviewed how New Haven residents are still required to come to the New Haven Public Works office to provide proof of residency and identity to receive their coupon book that they can use to schedule bulk pickup. Deputy CAO reviewed how the city needs data and WiFi to monitor areas where illegal dumping occurs. In response to Alder Roth, Mr. Cartagena spoke of how he didn't know if requiring residents to be at bulk pickup would not work as people would need to miss work.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

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

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

Adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYkOtey9h9Y>.

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