

City of New Haven
Meeting Minutes (Short)
Community Development Committee

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5:30 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

ALDERMANIC NOTICE - NEW HAVEN

The Community Development Committee of the New Haven Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2009, in the Aldermanic Chamber of City Hall, 165 Church St., re:

ORDER FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR
APPROVING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE ORANGE STREET MUNICIPAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH EXTENDS ITS EXPIRATION DATE FOR A
PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, 2014.

This item is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202, 200 Orange Street, New Haven. Per order: Michelle Edmonds-Sepulveda, Chairwoman; attest: Ronald Smith, City Clerk.

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Minutes

**Community Development Committee
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Chair Michelle Sepulveda called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present were Aids. Lemar, J. Rodriguez, Clark, James, Calder, DePino, and non-member Ald. Brison.

First and only heard was: From the Economic Development Administrator submitting an order approving amendment #2 to the Orange Street Municipal Development Plan which extends its expiration date for a period of five years, until February 25, 2014.

Appearing on behalf were Michael Pinto and Anthony Bialecki from the Office of Economic Development.

Pinto said the main purpose of the extension is to do some "street rationalization." He said a lot of the MDP is outdated, but by keeping it intact they can work with parcel K and do some traffic flow improvements along State Street to balance the developable lots along the East Side of the street. Make it more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Keeping the MDP will keep the area eligible for funding, but letting it lapse would remove that possibility. He distributed various backup materials. He said they are working with that consultant on a development plan for the State Street corridor. Alderwoman Clark said she is concerned with the area between Grand Avenue and George Street. Bialecki said that area is in the downtown MDP, which is in effect for some time into the future.

Bialecki said the problem is a lack of space alongside the east side of State Street due to the railroad tracks. They are hoping to reduce the size of the large center medians in order to widen the street and allow for bicycle lanes.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On a motion by Clark, seconded by Lemar the committee voted by voice to issue a favorable report.

Adjourn: 5:50 p.m.

A tape recording of this meeting is available in the Office of Legislative Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mercier

Legislative Aide