

City of New Haven
Meeting Minutes (Short)
Human Services Committee

165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510
(203) 946-6483 (phone)
(203) 946-7476 (fax)
cityofnewhaven.com

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

5:30 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

ALDERMANIC NOTICE - NEW HAVEN

The Human Services Committee of the New Haven Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in the Aldermanic Chamber of City Hall, 165 Church St., re:

- From the Community Services Administrator, a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of \$10,000 from the Connecticut Department of Social Services to purchase 10 computers for the Department of Elderly Services' Senior Centers.

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: Charles A. Blango, Chairman; Attest: Ronald Smith, City Clerk.

For a disability-related accommodation, please call 946-8122 (V) or 946-8582 (TTY) at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes**Human Services Committee****March 31, 2009**

Chairman Charles A. Blango called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present were Aids. S. Rodriguez, Jones, Plattus, and Brison. Also present were non-member Alderpersons Perez, Castro.

Appearing on behalf was Ronald Manning, Deputy Community Services Administrator. He said he was filling in for Elderly Services Director Don Dimenstein who fell and had to have wrist surgery.

He said this \$10,000 state grant is a special allocation to improve computer access for the elderly. They plan to buy 10 laptops, with the guidance of IT staff, to make them available to clients of the senior center. He said five of the laptops would go to five staff members, and the rest would be spread among the centers for the use of clients. In response to the chair, he said support and maintenance would be assisted by the IT staff. He said that DSS wants the city to sign a contract within 30 days.

In response to Ald. Rodriguez, he said there is network service and some old computers at some of the centers. He said there is interest among the seniors to use the computers.

In response to Ald. Castro, who inquired about extended warranties and printers, he said they would certainly buy these items if there is enough money.

Ald. Jones asked if he has input from the seniors on what they want from the computers. He said they have indicated that they want more exposure to computers and how to use them.

Ald. Castro went around the table to testify. She is in favor because the computer equipment in the senior centers is old and needs to be replaced. She urged the colleagues to act favorably and promptly.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On a motion by Perez, seconded by Rodriguez, the committee voted by voice to issue a favorable report, U.C. requested.

Adjourn: 5:57 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Office of Legislative Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mercier

Legislative Aide