

City of New Haven

Agenda

Board of Aldermen

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Monday, April 6, 2009

7:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2009

Take Attendance.

Divine Guidance.

Approval of the Journal of the Regular Meeting held March 16, 2009.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

- 1) *From Alderman Brison submitting a resolution calling on the Connecticut Department of Transportation to install an urgently needed sound barrier along the State Street entrance to highway I-91 South and Warren Place. (Adopted)*
- 2) *From the Tax Collector, Order de Tax Refunds (April 6, 2009). (Passed)*
- 3) *From the Chief of Police submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of a continuation grant of up to \$10,000 from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, to promote positive police interaction with youth. (Adopted)*
- 4) *From the Chief of Police submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of funds to hire additional police officers from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), through the 2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program. (Adopted)*

COMMUNICATIONS

- 5) *From Alderpersons Lemar, Sturgis-Pascale, J. Rodriguez, Castro and Silverman submitting a zoning ordinance text amendment pertaining to proposed section 34, the keeping of hens within New Haven's boundaries. (Legislation and concurrently to City Plan)*
- 6) *From Alderpersons Sturgis-Pascale, Calder, James-Evans, Colon, Clark, Lemar, Brison, Rhodeen, Jones, Shah and Silverman submitting a resolution strongly supporting camera-based red light enforcement to improve traffic safety and urging the General Assembly to enact SB149 which would allow municipalities to install much-needed red light cameras. (City Services and Environmental Policy and concurrently to Traffic and Parking)*
- 7) *From the Mayor submitting the required budgetary and financial reports for the month of February 2009 in compliance with Section #62 of the Charter. (Finance)*
- 8) *From the Controller submitting an ordinance amendment to Section 29-31 (F) of the Code of Ordinances regarding the reduction from \$200 to \$100 of the cumulative delinquency amount for vehicle impoundment (wheel immobilization). (Finance)*
- 9) *From the Executive Director, Livable City Initiative, submitting an amendment to the land disposition guidelines originally passed on May 20, 1996 and first revised on September 5, 2006 to expedite the approval process for land disposition agreements and to amend the pricing guidelines for sliver lots. (Community Development and concurrently to City Plan)*

10) From the Executive Director, City Plan Department, submitting an order providing authority for certain matters concerning the development of the Farmington Canal Greenway. (City Services and Environmental Policy and concurrently to City Plan, Public Works and Transportation, Traffic & Parking)

11) From the Executive Director, City Plan Department, submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of funding in the amount of \$380,256 from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for the construction of a twenty-space electrified truck stop in the New Haven Port District. (City Services and Environmental Policy and concurrently to City Plan, Public Works and Transportation, Traffic & Parking)

12) From the Executive Director, City Plan Department, submitting the following reports: No. 1426-13, re: 1481 Quinnipiac Avenue (utility easement at Bishop Woods School); No. 1426-14, re: cooperation agreements and new construction at Brookside and Rockview; No. 1426-15, re: ordinance text amendments regarding streets, sidewalks and public ways; No. 1426-16, re: 295 Blatchley Avenue, emergency procurement for fire damage to police substation; No. 1426-17, re: East Rock Road Bridge at Mill River; No. 1426-18, re: 243 Legion Avenue, brownfield remediation, parcel G; No. 1426-19, re: 243 Legion Avenue, brownfield remediation, parcel F; No. 1426-20, re: brownfield remediation grant funds; No. 1426-21, re: imposition of public access restrictions to Pitkin Tunnel; No. 1426-22, re: ordinance amendment regarding permit, license and user fees; and Nos 1426-23 through 1426-30, re: the Mayor's FY2009-2010 general, capital and special budgets. (Read and File)

FIRST READINGS

13) City Services and Environmental Policy. Favorable. (All Noted)

a. Order from the Economic Development Administrator authorizing the application to and acceptance of a grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the US Environmental Protection Agency to support brownfields projects throughout the city.

b. Order from the Economic Development Administrator authorizing the application to and acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Program, not to exceed \$200,000, to support environmental remediation of the city-owned property at 243 Legion Avenue, Parcel F.

c. Order from the Economic Development Administrator authorizing the application to and acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Program, not to exceed \$200,000, to support environmental remediation of the city-owned property at 243 Legion Avenue, Parcel G.

d. Order from the Superintendent of Schools approving a right-of-way easement agreement with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the new Bishop Woods School construction project.

e. Resolution from the City Engineer authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the design and construction phases of the East Rock Road Bridge over the Mill River (Bridge No. 04418) utilizing federal local bridge program funds.

14) Community Development. Favorable. (All Noted)

a. Order from the Livable City Initiative authorizing execution of a cooperation agreement with the New Haven Housing Authority and Michael's Development

Company I, LP for new construction of Brookside and Rockview Public Housing Developments that includes a tax abatement pursuant to Section 28-4 of the Code of Ordinances.

b. Order from the Livable City Initiative authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to sell the condominium units at Three Sisters Condominium located at 619 Congress Avenue

15) Finance. Favorable. (All Noted)

a. Order to read and file the City of New Haven's Audited Financial Statements and Federal and State Single Audit Reports from the Controller for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 as prepared by Levitsky & Berney, P.C.

b. Order to read and file the Mayor's required budgetary and financial reports for the month of December 2008 in compliance with Section #62 of the Charter.

16) Legislation. Favorable. (All Noted)

a. Ordinance amendment from Alderpersons Perez, James, Jackson-Brooks, Lee and Antunes to provide a new section entitled "Marshals" to govern the use of marshals for city-related business.

b. Ordinance amendment from the Director of Public Works to Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances regarding streets, sidewalks and public ways.

SECOND READINGS

17) Finance. Favorable.

a. From the Mayor submitting a resolution approving transfer of funds within the FY08-09 General Fund Budget in order to provide \$160,000 in supplemental operating support to the Tweed New Haven Airport Authority. (Adopted)

b. From the Acting Corporation Counsel submitting an order authorizing amendment #3 to the existing legal service agreement with Bershtein, Volpe & McKeon, P.C. that would increase the limit of compensation from \$99,999 to \$180,000 through FY 08-09 with funds from the General Fund Budget No. 18058530-56694. (Passed)

MISCELLANEOUS

18) Motion to Amend Matter Previously Adopted.

From Alderman J. Rodriguez submitting a motion to amend a matter previously adopted on March 3, 2008 concerning the disposition of 312 Blatchley Avenue by extending the time limit to permit the applicants to close on or before December 30, 2009. (Passed)

SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A

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19) *From the Community Services Administrator submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of grant funds not to exceed \$500,000 from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, to support a local youth mentoring initiative for at-risk youth. (Adopted)*

20) *Human Services. Favorable. Resolution from Community Services authorizing the application to and acceptance of \$10,000 from the Connecticut Department of Social Services to purchase ten computers for the Department of Elderly Services to be used at it's six senior centers. (Adopted)*

COMMUNICATIONS

21) *From the Mayor submitting an order approving an amendment to the Annual 2008-09 Consolidated Action Plan for the purpose of accepting an additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant Recovery funds in the amount of \$990,070 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (Joint Community Development/Human Services and concurrently to City Plan, Public Works, and Transportation, Traffic & Parking)*

22) *From the Mayor submitting an order approving an amendment to the annual 2008-09 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds, by adding \$1,525,272 in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (Joint Community Development/Human Services and concurrently to City Plan)*

FIRST READINGS

23) *Public Safety. Favorable. (All Noted)*

a. *Resolution from the Chief of Police authorizing the application to and acceptance of \$2,300 from the Walmart Foundation for the purchase of a dog to assist police in narcotics investigations.*

b. *Resolution from the Chief of Police authorizing the application to and acceptance of \$43,241 from the U. S. Department of Justice to implement a middle school gang prevention curriculum in the public schools as part of the 2009 Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Grant Program.*

c. *Resolution from the Chief Administrative Officer requesting approval for public access restrictions to the Pitkin Tunnel to improve public safety.*

MISCELLANEOUS

24) *Motion to Amend Matter Previously Adopted.*

From Alderwoman Sturgis-Pascale submitting a motion to amend the "Resolution approving an application to and acceptance of a federal grant and confirm the city's commitment to provide a 20% match to federal transportation high priority project program funding for design and construction of the conversion of Route 34 to an urban boulevard east of Park Street and authorizing the Mayor to accept the grant and enter into contractual agreements necessary to complete the project," previously adopted August 4, 2008, by deleting the wording "so long as the City's local match does not exceed \$99,999.99".

(Passed)

