

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS**, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Certain Master Pole Attachment agreement for municipal attachments between the United Illuminating Company and the City of New Haven (the "Master Pole Agreement").

REPORT: **1541-10**

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department, acting for various city departments, submitted for Board approval the master agreement with Avangrid /United Illuminating Company which would allow the City to attach City assets to UI utility poles. These assets include traffic control equipment, communications and fiber optic lines, cameras and other critical infrastructure. UI manages the space on utility poles, subject to PURA's regulatory framework, and the Master Pole Agreement sets forth the City's terms and conditions for Municipal Gain and access. Connecticut General Statute Section 16-233 and the May 17, 2000 Department of Public Utility Control decision in Docket No. 99-03-25RE01 provide each Connecticut municipality with the legal right to attach equipment to "one gain upon each public utility pole."

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Various city departments rely on access to the utility poles to perform their duties. These departments include Transportation, Traffic and Parking, Parks, Fire, the Board of Education and Engineering. Through approval of the Master Pole Agreement, the City will be able to exercise its rights under the Municipal Gain statute and, in turn, reduce cost to the taxpayer through efficiency of shared service. The Master Pole Agreement also sets for the application procedures and technical protocols to ensure safe and efficient use of limited space on utility poles.

ADVICE

The Commission recommends approval of the Master Pole Agreement.

ADOPTED: February 21, 2018
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: MPL
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