

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with IPS Group, Inc. to provide donation meters (Traffic, Transportation, and Parking Director)

REPORT: 1506-06

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Donation meters are repurposed parking meters that offer residents and visitors the opportunity to make charitable contributions when they use these meters to park within our City. With many of our meters credit and debit-card enabled, this provides an easy, convenient tool for people to donate. IPS Group will provide these meters at no cost to the City. IPS Group Inc., has a great deal of experience with administering this type of program, as well as much success. In 2012, IPS Group donated \$25,000 to the downtown San Diego area.

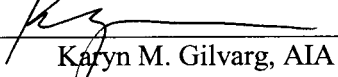
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Donation meters provide opportunities for residents and visitors to make charitable contributions that work toward the goal of effecting positive social change within New Haven, rather than giving spare change to panhandlers. They are not tied to parking, but are rather located in conspicuous, public locations and encourage people to make contributions that the City, according to the terms of its agreement with IPS Group, must use for charitable purposes. Other cities, including Atlanta, Denver, Pasadena, Chattanooga, Orlando, Virginia Beach, and Athens, Georgia have installed similar meters with varying levels of success.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Agreement in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: July 15, 2015
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director