

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: 17 SEA STREET, Authorization to apply to Federal Transportation Security Administration, Port Security Grant Program for up to \$500,000 to purchase Security Software and to install floating dock and ramp at the Sound School (Chief Administrative Officer).

REPORT: 1454-04

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Chief Administrative Officer Robert Smuts has petitioned the Board of Aldermen to apply for and accept up to \$500,000 in funding from the Transportation Security Administration to provide for security measures to further protect New Haven citizens and the Port of New Haven. Funds are available through the Port Security Grant Program to “enhance security and protect ports and port infrastructure from all hazards: chemical, biological, explosive and weather related threats that would cause significant loss of life and a major economic impact to the area.”

If received, the grant would cover two projects, the first which is a three-dimensional software package that will incorporate a unique 3D interface to provide a common monitoring and alarm platform of cameras for multiple layers of security. This software will optimize use of closed circuit television, fire access control, the geographic information system (GIS) and any other third party system. It is specifically designed for public safety deployments, via the GeoLink component which connects directly to the GIS.

The second project would be to install a floating dock and ramp at 17 Sea Street to provide a safe berth for a new security vessel previously authorized through a grant by the Board of Aldermen in 2008. This location is not in but is opposite the Port for easy access in case of an emergency.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

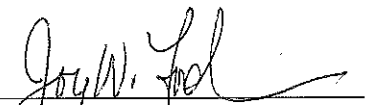
The software package which will consolidate various camera applications throughout the city will offer a unified and simple way to pan, tilt and zoom cameras in various locations. Cost for this application is \$280,093. Purchase cost of the floating dock and ramp, along with three security cameras is \$142,700. These measures will assist the City in further protecting its citizens by assuring the Port of New Haven and other areas are monitored with the latest available equipment, and that there is a safe haven for a vessel operated by the Fire Department which will be performing surveillance in the Port District.

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ADOPTED: July 20, 2011
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


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