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see page a.

VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of 3 boxes of background materials, studies, policy statements, reports and correspondence arranged chiefly by subject areas: general background; budget; finances; assessment and real estate; pensions and salaries; other community interests, such as school construction and waste disposal; correspondence with the Board of Aldermen. Statements made before that Board and its committees will be found with the appropriate subject.

Authorship is always the Council or its executive director, unless otherwise stated, and almost all the material is printed or typed. NHTRC signifies the New Haven Taxpayers' Research Council, Inc. Council Comment is a biweekly news brochure of analysis and comment on a single issue of current concern published by the NHTRC. Additional material, especially the major reports, can be found by consulting the card catalog under the heading, New Haven Taxpayers' Research Council, Inc. and related subject area.

The numbers in parenthesis to the right indicate the number of pages 2/74 or volumes in each folder.

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In 1932, in response to the disappearance of New Haven's elected treasurer with an undetermined large sum of city money, a group of concerned citizens from the political, professional, business and academic life of the community, met informally several times and decided New Haven deserved the services of an objective and informed organization that would offer their collective talents as guardians of the public interest to the city. From these meetings arose the New Haven Taxpayers, Inc. in 1933 with M. A. Reynolds as first president. In 1944 the name was changed to the New Haven Taxpayers' Research Council, Inc. with an executive director in charge of its daily administrative and increasing presence in the political, economic and social decision-making aspects of New Haven life. Using the skills, knowledge and experience of its director and executive, it studied thoroughly important current issues, published and circulated reports on them, appeared at public hearings and corresponded with key figures.

Though the organization is still in existence, it has not had the important place it had in the city's life since its last executive director, Francis J. Kelly, was loaned to New Haven as acting controller in 1968. He subsequently was elected controller and now, 1982, holds that position in the city of West Haven. He is officially on leave of absence from the NHTRC and he is the donor of these papers.

Box I Folder A, containing several annual reports, gives further history of the group, its aims, accomplishments and people involved.

Source: Francis J. Kelly.
BOX I

Folder A
Informational brochure 2c. 1951 (2)
Report of government research council of San Francisco 2c. 1952 (6)
Annual reports of NHTRC 1944, 45, 47, 52, 53, 55 (9)
Report of President to augment annual report of 1952 (2)

Folder B
Table of receipts and expenditures for 1945 budget prepared by NHTRC 2c. (2)
NHTRC challenge to uses of surplus in 1945 budget 2c. (2)
C Council Comment on 1949 budget 2c. (2)
Tentative draft for statement on action of NHTRC against Board of Finance for methods of constructing 1951 budget Confirmed statement about preceding 2c. (16)

Folder C
Three letters to Board of Finance with specific suggestions for 1952 budget (6)
Consolidated statement of receipts and expenditure for 1952 budget 2c. (2)
Comparison of budget appropriations and education personnel expenditure in 1951 and 1952 2c.

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Specific criticisms to Board of Alderman concerning 1953 budget 2c. (4)
Statement to Board of Finance about procedural improvement in budget 1953 (2)
Commendation and recommendations for budget of 1954 1953 (2)
Statement before Board of Alderman supporting a Program Budget, and presentation of operating budget and capital improvements at same time 2c. 1954 (8)
Letter to Mayor Richard E. Lee supporting closing of 3 police precinct stations as good policy and savings 1954 (2)

Folder E
Report to Mayor Richard E. Lee of a study of transfers of budgeted appropriations from 1945 through 1953 2c. (22)

Folder F
Budget: General Fund, Bond Fund, Capital Budget 1955 (1v.)

Folder G
Same 1958 (1v.)

Folder H
Same 1960 (1v.)
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Audit Report, Jan. 1 - June 30, 1968 (1v.)
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Audit Report, 1970 (1v.)

BOX II
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Audit Report, 1971 (1v.)
Folder B
Audit Report, 1972 (1v.)
Folder C
Tentative draft for Finances of the City of New Haven 1920-1943 (28)

Folder D
Finances of the City of New Haven 1920-1943. Its Report No. 32. August 1944
Council Comment on $2,325,000 bond issue 2c. June 22, 1948 (2)
Judgment of Superior Court concerning action brought by Council against Mayor Guida and others for improper appropriations of un budgeted items 2c. Jan. 5, 1951

Folder E
Statement by Executive Director M. W. De Wees concerning proposed bond issue of $2,585,000 2c. March 30, 1951 (2)
Bonded debt transaction of City of New Haven - 1945 to maturity. Table I of Report No. 31 continued 2c. 1951 (2)
Bonded debt transactions of City of New Haven - 1920 to maturity 2c. 1951 (2)
Letter by M. W. DeWees opposing city purchase of New Haven Water Co. as contrary to Voluntary Credit Restraint Program 2c. 1952 (2)
Council Comment on bond issue 2c. May 20, 1952 (2)
Council Comment on rent control 2c. August 22, 1952 (2)
Statement by Executive Director Francis J. Kelly to Aldermanic Com. on Appropriations suggesting specific inappropriate items for bond issuance 2c. Apr. 16, 1953 (6)
Statement to Aldermanic Com. on Appropriations on proposal to issue General Public Improvement Bonds July 30, 1954 (5)
Statement before Committee on Legislation opposing method of financing wing to Springside Home as illegal 2c. 1954 (10)
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Folder F
Preliminary official statement on issuance of industrial
land revenue bonds by City of New Haven 1971

Folder G
Assessment of Real Estate in the City of New Haven.
Its Report No. 35 Feb. 1946

Folder H
Letter to Aldermanic Com. on Ordinances supporting
single payment for property taxes of $20 or less
2c. Nov. 22, 1954

Council Comment on preceding 2c. April 22, 1955

Folder I
Supplement No. 2 to Report No. 35 1954
Council Comment on preceding 2c. 1954

Folder J
Supplement No. 3 to Report No. 35 1955
Council Comment on preceding 2c. 1955

Folder K
Handbook for Public Assessors, published by Institute
of Public Service, U. of Conn. 1957 and 1970

Folder L
NHTRC report on New Haven's Pension Systems, Dec. 1944
Report No. 33
Council Comment on actuarial unsound Policemen's and Fire-
men's Retirement Fund Jan. 5, 1949
Council Comment on methods employed to increase certain
salaries Jan. 22, 1949
Statement to Board of Finance objecting to method of in-
creasing salaries and of postponing salary schedule
2c. Aug. 8, 1951
Statement released to New Haven Register for Dec. 30, 1951
concerning illegal method of paying salary increments 2c.

Folder M
Suggestion for a revised teachers' salary schedule
2c. Feb. 29, 1952
Table of expenditures by City of New Haven for pensions
2c. Aug. 19, 1952
Amendment to New Haven charter relating to policemen's and
firemen's pension fund Jan. 30, 1953
BOX II (cont)
Folder M (cont)
Copy of 2 pension bills submitted to the General Assembly (4)
amending the City Employee's Retirement Fund and the
Policemen and Firemen's Pension Fund and of statement
before Aldermanic Com. on Legislation relating to Special
Acts of 1951 covering tax rate, sent to Director of NHTRC
by executive director Feb. 3, 1953

A Study of Pensions for Policemen and Firemen in the City
Of New Haven, Conn. Its Report No.38 1953

Letter to Mayor William C. Celentano to cover a copy of
above report to him with a synopsis of contents
2c. May 15, 1953

Council Comment on opportunity to vote on pension reform (2)
2c. June 17, 1953

Letter to Mayor Richard C. Lee analyzing for him the im-
 pact upon New Haven of proposed General Assembly legis-
lation on Policemen's and Firemen's Relief Fund 2c. March 21, 1955

Folder N
Salary Survey of Municipal Finance Officers Assn., 1971-72 (2v.)
and 1973-74

BOX III
Folder A
Charter and Ordinances of the City of New Haven, revised (1v.)
to January 1928

Folder B
Proposed charter of the City of New Haven, aldermanic copy (lv.)
March 12, 1947

Report of Charter Commission, with a summary of more impor-
tant provisions of proposed charter March 13, 1947

Revisions of the Charter Commission of 1947 dealing with
20 amendments proposed by the Aldermanic Subcommittee
1951

Folder C
Proposed 1958 charter revision as published in the New
Haven Journal-Courier, Sept. 29, 1958

Folder D
Memorandum and queries concerning finance provisions in (10)
the City charter as elicited in preparation by the NHTRC
of Report No. 32, Finances of the City of New Haven 1920-
1943 1944

Section 59 of the charter of the City of New Haven as amended (4) —
by the 1951 General Assembly 2c. 1951
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Folder D (cont)

Table of contents of An Act Concerning the Revision of the City of New Haven to Provide a Council-Manager Form of Government
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2c. 1951

Folder E

Chart of council-manager charter, S.B. 386 - H.B. 597, showing organization of responsibility to voters
2c. 1951

Progress report, June 1, 1950 to Feb. 1951, on NHTRC suggestions for charter revision, stressing Supreme Court decision banning appropriations without prior public hearings
2c. 1951

Master copy of charter comparison
1951

Comparison of important provisions of present and proposed New Haven Charters, including chart of responsibility in strong mayor-alderman charter
2c. 1951

Folder F

Report of the Subcommittee of the Aldermonic Committee of the Whole on amendments to a proposed charter
2c. 1951

Statement of the NHTRC to the Aldermonic Charter Commission
2c. 1951

Reference table for the purported aldermanic revision of the New Haven city charter to the 1928 charter compilation
2c. 1951

Folder G

Council Comment on purported revised charter
2c. 11/26/51

Council Comment on tightened finance control incorporated into 1951 charter
2c. Jan. 16, 1952

Council Comment supporting modern manager charter
2c. Oct. 24, 1952

Statement supporting referendum on change to a council-manager charter
2c. 1953

Council Comment on opportunity to vote for a charter
2c. Nov. 4, 1955

Comparison of boards and commissions in 1952 and 1955 proposed charters
2c. 1955

Brief discussion of various forms of municipal governments
2c. 1958
BOX III (cont)

Folder H
Council Comment summary of its report on Public Assistance in the City of New Haven 1948, #36 [See P 104 .N6 N5587 1948 (1)]
Council Comment on a Parking Authority referendum 2c. 1951 (2)
Newspaper clippings about New Haven and area towns' dumping problems 1962 to Sept. 1963 (17)

Folder I
Continuation Sept. 1963-Apr. 1964 (24)

Folder J
Refuse Collection and Disposal Practices in the South-Central Connecticut Region 1960 (1v.)
Outline of Essential Contents of Form of Agreement by the Participating Members in the New Haven Area Incinerator Plan 1961 (5)
Copy of agreement between New Haven, Hamden and East Haven for the construction and use of a refuse incinerator in New Haven 1961 (6)

Folder K
Letter of information on the Dempster lease-purchase plan for incinerators 1963 (2)
Amendments to State garbage, weed and refuse collection 1963 (4)
Rules and Regulations for the Operation of the Greater New Haven Refuse Incinerator Plant 1963 (1v.)
Letter from NHTRC supporting incinerator but questioning legality of its passage 1963 (2)
Letter from corporation council of New Haven to Director of Public Works about NHTRC objections 1963 (6)
Further explanation of preceding to Mayor Richard C. Lee 1963 (1)
Random notes on incinerator payments in connection with budget 1964 (11)
Memorandum from Chamber of Commerce about incinerator charge 1964 (1)

Folder L
Memo on school building costs 2c. 1952 (6)
Council Comments on characteristics of New Haven as shown in 1950 census 2c. 1952 (2)

Folder M
Letter to Committee on Appropriations opposing illegal use of budgetary surplus 2c. 1950 (6)
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Letter to Committee on Appropriations opposing proposed (4)
geeneral bond issue as contrary to recommendations of
Capital Budget Programming Committee  2c.  1953

Letter to Committee on Legislation opposing petition (2)
to amend No. 465 of Special Acts of 1951, concerning
budgetary surplus  2c.  1953

Letter to the Committee on Ordinances supporting a Bureau (2)
of Purchases  2c.  1953
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BOX IV:

Folder A: Council comment on New Haven affairs, 1947

Folder B: 1949 letters, charts, studies for council

Folder C: Letters, reports, and comments by Council 1953
Contains supplement to 1950 report on High School
Building needs.

Folder D: Annual Report and Survey, 1954

Folder E: 1958 25th Anniversary Meeting

Folder F: Proposed Charter Revision of City of New Haven, 1958

Folder G: 1959 Annual Meeting

Folder H: 1960/61-1970 charts and memoranda

Folder I: 1961-1963 School building project

Folder J: 1963 Annual Meeting

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