



# City of New Haven

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## Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Monday, April 8, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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### Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. [OR-2023-0044](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #202-24-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES SALARY ACCOUNTS TO OVERTIME ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$2,700,000)

Attachments: [202-24-1 CHECK LIST FOR ALDERMANIC SUBMISSIONS](#)  
[202-24-1 BOA cover letter](#)  
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[202-24-1 ORDINANCE](#)  
[202-24-1 PRIOR NOTIF FORM](#)  
[202-24-1 Fiscal Impact](#)  
[202-24-1 Transfer Form](#)  
[Coordinator signed checklist cover ltr and transfer form 12.11.23](#)  
[Fully Executed Transfer Form 12.12.23](#)  
[signed checklists OR-2023-0044 Budget Transfer 202-24-1 NHFD](#)  
[signed transfer sheets OR-2023-0044 Budget Transfer 202-24-1 NHFD](#)

**This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders**

2. [OR-2023-0045](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #201-24-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE POLICE SERVICES SALARY ACCOUNT(S) TO OVERTIME, TRAINING, PRINTING AND BINDING, AND ANIMAL SHELTER ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,380,000)

**Attachments:** [201-24-1 CHECK LIST FOR ALDERMANIC SUBMISSIONS](#)  
[201-24-1 Letter - BOA Budget Transfer Request FY 23 2023 2-8](#)  
[201-24-1 ORDINANCE](#)  
[201-24-1 PRIOR NOTIF FORM](#)  
[201-21-1 Fiscal Impact](#)  
[201-24-1 Transfer Form](#)  
[signed checklist OR-2023-0045 Budget Transfer 201-24-1 NHPD](#)  
[signed cover ltr OR-2023-0045 Budget Transfer 201-24-1 NHPD](#)  
[signed transfer sheet OR-2023-0045 Budget Transfer 201-24-1 NHPD](#)  
[Corrected Police Transfer Document](#)

**This Ordinance was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders**

3. [LM-2024-0238](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT LLC TO PROVIDE EMAIL SECURITY SOFTWARE SOPHOS LICENSES FROM JANUARY 18, 2024 TO JANUARY 18, 2027 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$327,880.00.

**Attachments:** [0 - CHECK LIST - CDW Sophos.doc](#)  
[1 - BOA COVER LTR - CDW Sophos.docx](#)  
[2 - ORDER - CDW Sophos.docx](#)  
[3 - PRIOR NOTIF FORM - CDW Sophos.doc](#)  
[4 - FISCAL IMPACT STMT - CDW Sophos.doc](#)  
[5 - SUPP DOCS - CDW24-27.pdf](#)  
[Signatures](#)

**This Order was No Action**

4. [LM-2024-0240](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT INC. TO BE THE COMMERCIAL PROVIDER OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2028 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,856,051.31.

**Attachments:** [0 - CHECKLIST - First Student.doc](#)  
[1 - BOA COVER LTR - First Student.docx](#)  
[2 - ORDER - First Student.docx](#)  
[3 - PRIOR NOTIF FORM - First Student.doc](#)  
[4 - FISCAL IMPACT STMT - First Student.doc](#)  
[5a - SUPP DOCS - FirstStudent24-28 Operations Memo package.pdf](#)  
[5b - SUPP DOCS - Transportation info 3.5.2024.pdf](#)  
[Signatures](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2024-0269](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [February Monthly Financial Report](#)

[Signatures](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. A workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budgets proposed for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024. The following City Departments will be heard:

Public Safety Communications

Engineering Department

Chief Administrative Officer

Enterprise Funds (Alling Memorial Golf Course, Ralph Walker Skating Rink, East Rock Park Communications Tower, Lighthouse Carousel)

These items are filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Hon. Adam Marchand, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 946 7651 (voice) or 946 8582 (TTY).

**Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov) before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.**

Meeting Minutes

*Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., April 8, 2024, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, Morrison, DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Hurt, and Punzo. Also in attendance were Alders Flores, Marx, Wingate, and Douglass.*

*Alder Marchand told the Committee that they were hearing the items out of the agenda order.*

**2. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #201 24 1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE POLICE SERVICES SALARY ACCOUNTS TO OVERTIME, AND ANIMAL SHELTER OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,300,000)**

*Chief Jacobson and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke and requested that the transfer amount be increased to \$3,380,000 and explained why this request.*

*Chief Jacobson spoke to the committee on this transfer request. And that the additional \$80,000 was for training and printing.*

*Alder Walker-Myers if the additional training was for all officers. Chief Jacobson spoke on this.*

*No further questions were asked.*

**3. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT LLC TO PROVIDE EMAIL SECURITY SOFTWARE SOPHOS LICENSES FROM JANUARY 18, 2024 TO JANUARY 18, 2027 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$327,880.00.**

*Thomas Lamb, Chief Operating Officer for the Board of Education, came before the committee and explained this request.*

*Alder Hamilton asked if any other companies had bid this contract. Mr. Lamb said that this company was selected because they had been approved by the State.*

*Alder Hurt asked if any other municipalities were using this program. Mr. Lamb said he didn't know but would get back to the committee.*

*Alder Marchand asked why they had selected this company. Mr. Lamb explained why.*

*No further questions were asked.*

**4. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MULTI YEAR CONTRACT WITH FIRST STUDENT INC. TO BE THE COMMERCIAL PROVIDER OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2028 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,856,051.31.**

*Thomas Lamb, Chief Operating Officer for the Board of Education, came before the committee and explained this request.*

*Alder DeCola asked how the electric gride for the electric buses worked. Mr. Lamb explained.*

*Alder Marchand what the changes were in this RFP as opposed to the last RFP that the Board of Education had put out last year. Mr. Lamb explained the differences.*

*Alder Marchand asked what penalties that the Board of Education could impose. Mr. Lamb explained them.*

*No further questions were asked.*

**1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #202 24 1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE FIRE SERVICES SALARY ACCOUNTS TO OVERTIME ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$2,700,000).**

*Chief Alston and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Chief Alston.*

Alder Festa asked if the department currently has new recruits. Chief Alston said they didn't at this time.

No further questions were asked.

5. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER. Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee and spoke about the Monthly Financial Report. .

No questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked three times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

At 7:27 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take a short recess.

At 7:40 PM, Alder Marchand called the meeting back to order.

At 7:41 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Festa, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

*Committee Action:*

1. Alder DeCola, seconded by Ferraro-Santana to move item 1 favorably and amend the order by substitution listing where the transfer funds were going. The committee then voted, by voice vote, to approve the amendment. The committee then voted, by voice vote, to approve the amended Fire Department transfer order.
2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa to move item 2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Ferraro-Santana, to amend the order by substitution by increasing the Police Transfer by \$80,000 to a total to \$3,380,000. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the amendment. The committee then voted, by voice vote, to approve the amended Police transfer order.
3. Alder Marchand told the committee that he was keeping item 3, the contract between the Board of Education and CDW Government LLC, in committee and discharge it so that the full board could vote on it at the next Board meeting.
4. Alder DeCola, seconded by Morrison to move item 4 favorably. The committee then voted, by voice vote, to approve the Board of Education Buss contract.
5. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa to move to Read & File item 5, the Monthly Financial Report. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve for Read & File.

6. A workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budgets proposed for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024. The following City Departments will be heard:

a. Public Safety Communications: Joseph Vitali, Director of Public Safety Communications, Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Vitali.

Alder Festa asked if the assistants were being used wisely. Mr. Vitali answered this question.

Alder Festa, asked why the need for additional Deputy Directors. Mr. Vitali spoke on this.

*Alder Morrison asked for copies of the Compass data be provided. Mr. Vitali said he would get them for the committee.*

*Alder Morrison asked why the increase in Repairs and Maintenance. Mr. Vitali explained why.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*b. Engineering Department: Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Zinn.*

*Alder Morrison asked why the increase in Repairs and Maintenance. Mr. Zinn explained why.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*c. Chief Administrator Officer and Enterprise Funds: Regina Rush-Kittle, CAO, Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO, Susan Baldwin, Personnel Director, Marcela Garcia, Human Resources Manager, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Bombero and Ms. Garcia.*

*Alder Festa asked if all open positions are posted online. Ms. Garcia spoke on this.*

*Alder Marchand asked for corrected Enterprise fund budgets. Ms. Bombero said she would get them for the committee.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*At 9:22 PM, Alder Marchand closed the meeting.*

*The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services. The meeting was also recorded on line and can be seen at:  
<https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/4fLhggFaxqAB2CKrH5T1R1GkvKLMjVXvucBPvYSRP1rDtpAgoa0gfjdF00SMt0yt.vALSm6CRSDskAssa>  
Passcode: #zn27dJs*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst*