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Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Thursday, May 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Notice

The Finance Committee of the New Haven Board of Alders will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Board of Alders Chamber, 165 Church St., New Haven, to deliberate and act on the following items for the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 2026 and other budgetary items.

1. [OR-2025-0006](#) APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #1 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING CITY OF NEW HAVEN DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Approp. Ord #1 Operating Budget](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)
[2 - Ordinance - OPMG Approp. Ord #1 Operating Budget](#)
[3 - PNF - OPMG Approp. Ord #1 Operating Budget](#)
[4 - FIS - OPMG Approp. Ord #1 Operating Budget](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

2. [OR-2025-0007](#) TAX LEVY AND REVENUE APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #2 AN ORDINANCE MAKING TAX LEVY AND REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)
[2 - Ordinance - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)
[3 - PNF - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)
[4 - FIS - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)

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3. [OR-2025-0008](#) APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #3 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)
[2 - Ordinance - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)
[3 - PNF - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)
[4 - FIS - OPMG Approp. Ord #2 Tax Levy & Revenue](#)

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4. [OR-2025-0009](#) APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #4 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES AND/OR GENERAL OBLIGATION GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES FISCAL YEAR 2026

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Approp. Ord #4 TAN and GAN](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)
[2 - Ordinance - OPMG Approp. Ord #4 TAN and GAN](#)
[3 - PNF - OPMG Approp. Ord #4 TAN and GAN](#)
[4 - FIS - OPMG Approp. Ord #4 TAN and GAN](#)

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5. [OR-2025-0010](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 17-201 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING ADDITIONS AND CHANGES IN PERMITS, LICENSES AND USER FEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Approp Ord #5 Permits, Licenses, & User Fees](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)
[2 - Ordinance - OPMG Approp Ord #5 Permits, Licenses, & User Fees](#)
[3 - PNF - OPMG Approp Ord #5 Permits, Licenses, & User Fees](#)
[4 - FIS - OPMG Approp Ord #5 Permits, Licenses, & User Fees](#)
[Ordinance License, Permits and Fees](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. [LM-2025-0127](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS, REALLOCATING THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,900,000) FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROJECTS AND GENERAL FUND FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET LINE ITEMS

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG ARPA Reallocation](#)

[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)

[2 - Order - OPMG ARPA Reallocation](#)

[3 - PNF - OPMG ARPA Reallocation](#)

[4 - FIS - OPMG ARPA Reallocation](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

7. [LM-2025-0134](#) ORDER APPROVING THE 2025-26 ALLING MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Alling Memorial Golf Course Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)

[2 - Order - OPMG Alling Memorial Golf Course Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[3 - PNF - OPMG Alling Memorial Golf Course Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[4 - FIS - OPMG Alling Memorial Golf Course Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

8. [LM-2025-0135](#) ORDER APPROVING THE 2025-26 EAST ROCK PARK COMMUNICATIONS TOWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG East Rock Comms. Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)

[2 - Order - OPMG East Rock Comms. Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[3 - PNF - OPMG East Rock Comms. Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[4 - FIS - OPMG East Rock Comms. Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

9. [LM-2025-0136](#) ORDER APPROVING THE 2025-26 LIGHTHOUSE CAROUSEL FUND BUDGET

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Lighthouse Carousel Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)

[2 - Order - OPMG Lighthouse Carousel Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[3 - PNF - OPMG Lighthouse Carousel Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

[4 - FIS - OPMG Lighthouse Carousel Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

10. [LM-2025-0137](#) ORDER APPROVING THE 2025-26 RALPH WALKER SKATING RINK FUND BUDGET

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - OPMG Ralph Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - FY25-26 Budget](#)
[2 - Order - OPMG Ralph Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)
[3 - PNF - OPMG Ralph Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)
[4 - FIS - OPMG Ralph Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund FY25-26](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

11. [LM-2025-0144](#) ORDER IMPOSING A LEVY AS MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY IN THE TOWN GREEN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Attachments: [Town Green Budget FY 25-26](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

12. [LM-2025-0145](#) ORDER IMPOSING A LEVY AS MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY IN THE WHALLEY AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Attachments: [WASSD 2025 - 2026 2 YEAR COMP PROJECTED BUDGET](#)
[WASSD 2025 - 2026 CITY PROJECTED BUDGET](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

13. [LM-2025-0146](#) ORDER IMPOSING A LEVY AS MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY IN THE CHAPEL WEST SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Attachments: [Chapel West -Budget & Letter 2025-2026](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

14. [LM-2025-0147](#) ORDER IMPOSING A LEVY AS MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY IN THE GRAND AVENUE SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Attachments: [GASSD 2025 2026 Approved Budget](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

These items are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of Legislative Services. 165 Church Street, 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 203 946 7651 (voice) or 203 946 8582 (TTY).

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

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Meeting Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., May 15, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Hamilton, Festa, Furlow, and Punzo. Also in attendance were Alders Redente, Sabin, and C. Rodriguez.

Committee Action:

1. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa, moved items 7 through 10, the four Enterprise Fund 2025-26 budgets. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve this motion.

2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa, moved items number 11 through 14, the four Special Service Districts 2025-26 budgets. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve this motion.

3. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa, moved items number 1 and 2, Appropriating Ordinance #1, Appropriations for Operating City Departments, and Appropriating Ordinance #2, Tax Levy, for discussion.

a. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa made a motion to approve the Technical Amendments, which he read to the committee. The committee had a discussion concerning the Technical Amendments. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Technical Amendments.

b. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa made a motion to amend the order by adding \$145,000 to Expense Reserve and \$345,439 for Food Aid (CFAN). This funding addition was to bring the budget into balance with the Revenue. The following Alders spoke in favor of this amendment, Alders DeCola, Festa, Walker-Myers, and Hamilton. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve this amendment.

c. Alder Festa, seconded by Punzo made a motion to eliminate three positions. They were, Deputy Director of Finance, Chief Data Officer, and Accountant I, and allocate these funds \$50,000 to Haven Harvest, and \$248,959 for tree services (tree trimming and stump grinding), and for sidewalk repair/replacement and curbs. The following Alders spoke in favor of this amendment, Alders DeCola, Walker-Myers, Punzo, Ferraro-Santana, and Hamilton. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve this amendment.

d. Alder Festa, seconded by Punzo, made a motion to approve a policy amendment to sequester \$5,000,000 from the Board of Education budget pending their coming back to the Board of Alders in three with a report on how the funds were to be used. Alder Festa explained to the committee on why she was making this amendment motion. The following Alders spoke against this amendment, Alders DeCola, Hamilton, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Furlow, and Punzo. Alder Ferraro-Santana spoke in favor of this amendment. Alder Festa spoke again in response to the comment made against the amendment. The committee voted by voice vote, Alder Festa voted Aye, and Alders Marchand, Ferrara-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Hamilton, Furlow, and Punzo, voted Nay. The vote was 1 Aye and 8 Nay, the amendment failed.

e. Alder Marchand called for a vote on the amended Ordinance #1 and on Ordinance #2. The following Alders spoke in favor of the amended Ordinance #1, Alders DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Hamilton, Festa, Furlow, Punzo, and Marchand. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Appropriating

Ordinance #1, as amended, and Appropriating Ordinance #2

4. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa moved item 3, Appropriating Ordinance #3, Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, for discussion. Alder Festa made a motion to amend Appropriating Ordinance #3. There was no second of this motion and Alder Marchand told the committee the request failed. The following Alders spoke in favor of Appropriating Ordinance #3, they were, Alders Festa, DeCola, Walker-Myers, and Ferraro-Santana. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Appropriating Ordinance #3.

5. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa moved item 4, Appropriating Ordinance #4, Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes The committee then unanimously voted by voice vote to approve to Appropriating Ordinance #4.

6. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa moved item 5, Ordinance Amendment to Section 17-201 Permits, Licenses, And User Fees. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa made a motion to amend the order by substitution. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the amendment by substitution. The committee then unanimously voted by voice vote to approve to Ordinance Amendment to Section 17-201.

7. Alder DeCola, seconded by Morrison moved item 6, Reallocation of ARPA Funds. The committee unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Reallocation of ARPA funds.

At 7:20 P.M., on a motion by Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa, to close the meeting. The committee voted unanimously to approve this motion.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services. The meeting was also recorded online and can be seen at:

<https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/S3U9cGBzXLqCvP1Je0zjPuJGPP1d9nH5CEhPTWvZomD5iN0WM0quqzGHUVRfDJQ.gttuaon9wR8JAs2U>
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Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst