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Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube Page

Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023, 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. [LM-2023-0636](#) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO PURCHASE AN ALL-INCLUSIVE BRINC LEMUR 2 DRONE "TWIN PACK" PACKAGE WITH FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT PRICING BY TRADING IN OUR CURRENT BRINC LEMUR S DRONES FOR A TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE AND TO PURCHASE ONE ADDITIONAL CONTROLLER TO FLY TWO DRONES AT ONE TIME.

Attachments: [CHECK LIST Drones](#)

[Brinc Lemur 2 Drone signed cover checklist](#)

[Signed Chief's Letter](#)

[ORDER Drones](#)

[PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM](#)

[FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

2. [OR-2023-0043](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE NUMBER ONE OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS, AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER 301-24-1 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDERED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000) FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY ACCOUNT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT MISCELLANOUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF TEMPORARY STAFFING/NURSING SERVICES AND TO INCREASE THE AGRREMENT WITH WORLDWIDE TRAVEL STAFFING, LIMITED BY ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,200,000)

Attachments: [301-24-1 CHECK LIST](#)

[301-24-1 Cover LetterNHV Health Additional Funds requests 11.28.23](#)

[301-24-1 Ordinance Amendment](#)

[301-24-1 PRIOR NOTIF FORM](#)

[301-24-1 Fiscal Impact](#)

[301-24-1 Transfer Form](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

3. [LM-2019-0761](#) LEAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM TYRONE GRANT SUBMITTING A COPY OF HIS REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE RESOLUTION OF HIS CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY IN HIS FAVOR.

Attachments: [Tyrone](#)

This Order was Given Leave To Withdrawto the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2023-0604](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [September 2023 Monthly](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2023-0624](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

6. Workshop: How the city is tracking and reporting activities and outcomes for projects supported by the American Rescue Plan funding.

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 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 Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., December 11, 2023, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, DeCola, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, and Singh.

**1. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO PURCHASE AN ALL**

INCLUSIVE BRINC LEMUR 2 DRONE "TWIN PACK" PACKAGE WITH FIVE YEAR CONTRACT PRICING BY TRADING IN OUR CURRENT BRINC LEMUR S DRONES FOR A TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE AND TO PURCHASE ONE ADDITIONAL CONTROLLER TO FLY TWO DRONES AT ONE TIME.

Police Chief Jacobson came before the committee. Chief Jacobson spoke about the request and described the benefits of the new equipment.

Alder Furlow asked how many officers were certified to fly the drones. Chief Jacobson said that there were a few but he wanted to increase the number to 20 officers certified.

Alder Festa asked where the funds were coming from. Chief Jacobson said they were in his department's general fund.

Alder Walker-Myers asked when technologies changed would the supplier provide upgrades. Chief Jacobson said that they would.

Alder Festa asked where the drone camera film stored and how the public would be able to get copies of them. Chief Jacobson said they were stored at police headquarters and that they could be requested through FOI requests.

No further questions were asked.

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

2. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE NUMBER ONE OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS, AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER 301 24 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000) FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY ACCOUNT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF TEMPORARY STAFFING/NURSING SERVICES AND TO INCREASE THE AGREEMENT WITH WORLDWIDE TRAVEL STAFFING, LIMITED BY ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,200,000).

Michael Gormany, acting City Controller, and Maritza Bond, Health Department Director, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke about the transfer of funds, followed by Ms. Bond who spoke on why the temp service contract needed to be increased.

Alder Morrison asked how long the funding was for. Mr. Gormany said until the end of the current fiscal year.

Alder Festa asked if the nursing positions had to be RN's. Ms. Bond spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

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

3. FROM TYRONE GRANT SUBMITTING A COPY OF HIS REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE RESOLUTION OF HIS CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY IN HIS FAVOR.

Alder Marchand asked if Mr. Grant, or anyone representing Mr. Grant, to come forward.

No one came forward so Alder Marchand said that they would continue the meeting.

4. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

5. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke about the October Monthly Financial Report.

Alder Festa asked what difficulties the Board of Education was having that were causing the increase in expenditures..Mr. Gormany explained

No further questions were asked.

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

At 7:32 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 Festa to move item 1 The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the contract for the drones & controller for the Police Department.*
- 2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa to move item 2. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the Health Department transfer and contract increase of temporary nurses.*
- 3. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa to move item 3 for Leave to Withdraw. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the Leave to Withdraw of the request by Mr. Grant.*
- 4. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa to move items 4 and 5. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the September and October Monthly Financial Reports for Read and File.*

At 7:42 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee there would be a short break.

At 7:55 PM, Alder Marchand brought the meeting back to order.

6. Workshop: How the city is tracking and reporting activities and outcomes for projects supported by the American Rescue Plan funding.

Michael Gormany, Acting City Controller came before the committee. Mr. Gormany gave a presentation handout to the committee. Mr. Gormany went over the introduction and the following areas, Public Health, Climate Emergency, Administration, IT and Public Safety, Financial Empowerment, Clean & Safe, Public Safety Vehicles, Hydrant Replacement & Repairs, Parks & Public Works Equipment, and Capital Investments FY 2023-2024.

The following people came before the committee and spoke about their ARPA fund projects

Adriane Jefferson, Director of Cultural Affairs, spoke on Arts & Culture.

Arlevia Samuel, Director of LCI, and Cathy Schroeter, Deputy Director Administration Services for LCI, spoke on the I'm Home Initiatives.

Cathy Graves, Deputy Director of Economic Development, spoke on Wealth Creation.

Carlos Sosa-Lombardo, Director of Community Resilience, spoke on Community Resilience.

Sandr Okonofua, Policy Analyst from the Mayor's office, and Aly Fox, from United Way, spoke on New Haven Tutoring Initiative.

Gwen Busch, Director of Youth & Recreation, spoke on the Youth & Recreation department.

Chief Jacobson, Police Chief, spoke on Police Cameras.

Mr. Gormany made closing comments concerning the approved ARPA fund projects.

The following committee members made comments about the project report. Alder Morrison and Alder Walker-Myers.

There were no further comments.

At 9:30 PM, on a motion by DeCola seconded by Festa, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services.

*The meeting was also recorded on Zoom and may be found at
https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/RTId8LYpjj8rElhgppAcfs4z0_QLbFyEpT0YPE4R5lAPYt2LRuOlFDtC7zSIMqPM.IDbjVkaJKi7yhtX1
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Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst