



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

A workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budgets proposed for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025. The following City Departments will be heard:

- a. Economic Development
- b. City Plan
- c. Transportation, Traffic & Parking
- d. Equal Opportunities
- e. Office of Building & Inspection
- f. Livable Cities Initiative
- g. Board of Education

These items are filed in the Office of Legislative Services, 165 Church Street., 2nd floor, 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 before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., April 24, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, H. Smith, and Punzo. Also in attendance was Alder E. Rodriguez.

1. A workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budgets proposed for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025. The following City Departments will be heard:

a. Economic Development: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator, Carlos Eyzaguirre, Deputy Director Administration Economic Development, and Shannon

McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Mr., Piscitelli and Mr. Eyzaguirre.

Alder Smith asked what is happening in Ninth Square and what they are doing to support retail stores. Mr. Piscitelli responded.

Alder Festa asked what the Macy's subsidy was. Mr. Piscitelli said he didn't know but would get back to the committee.

Alder Festa asked Mr. Piscitelli to explain the other Operating Subsidies, which he did.

Alder Marchand asked Mr. Piscitelli to explain the \$400,000 for the Land and Building Bank, which he did explain.

No further questions were asked.

b. City Plan Department: Laura Brown, Director of City Plan, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke about the department's budget request followed by Ms. Brown.

Alder Festa asked them to explain the changes in the Fees. Ms. McCue said that she didn't know but would get back to the committee.

Alder Festa asked for an explanation of the Coastal Area Improvement Capital line. Ms. Brown did so.

No further questions were asked.

c. Transportation, Traffic and Parking: Sandeep Aysola, Transportation, Traffic and Parking, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Mr., Aysola.

Alder Furlo asked what the new position of Field Supervisor was to do. Mr. Aysola explained the position.

Alder Festa asked how they determined what type of parking meters were to be used and where. Mr. Aysola explained.

Alder H. Smith how many full and part time Parking Enforcement Officers the department has. Mr. Aysola explained.

No further questions were asked.

d. Commission on Equal Opportunities: Nicole Jefferson, Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Ms. Jefferson.

Alder Marchand asked for an explanation of the fee changes. Ms. McCue said she didn't know and would get back to the committee.

Alder Walker-Myers asked about compliance, union vs non-union. Ms. Jefferson

explained this

No further questions were asked.

e. Office of Building and Inspection: Robert Dillon, Building Official, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Mr. Dillon.

Alder Marchand asked for an explanation of the fee changes. Ms. McCue said she didn't know and would get back to the committee.

Alder Ferraro-Santana asked if permit applications could be done on-line. Mr. Dillon explained.

No further questions were asked.

f. Livable Cities Initiative: Liam Brennan, Executive Director of LCI, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Mr. Brennan.

Alder H. Smith asked how many hotels there are in the city. Mr. Brennan said he didn't know what the total was.

Alder H. Smith asked how many violations were found. Mr. Brennan said he didn't know but would get back to the committee.

Alder Punzo asked if there was any training for the hearing officers. Mr. Brennan explained the training.

No further questions were asked.

At 8:35 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee they would take a short break.

At 8:45 PM, Alder Marchand called the meeting back to order.

g. New Haven Board of Education: Dr. Madeline Negron, Superintendent of Schools, and Linda Hannan, Financial Officer, and Christine Bourne, Budget Director, came before the committee. Dr. Negron spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Ms. Hannan.

Alder Marchand asked Dr. Negron to explain the capital projects for the NHPS. Dr. Negron did so.

Alder Ferrera-Santana asked why the closed schools were not being sold. Dr. Negron explained.

Alder H. Smith asked if they had discussed cutting positions in the Central Office. Dr. Negron spoke about this.

Alder Festa asked if they had discussed cutting non-student facing positions. Dr. Negron spoke of this.

Alder Morrison asked if having Magnet Schools were a barrier to consolidating schools. Dr.

Negron spoke about this.

No further questions were asked.

At 10:00 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Festa, to close the workshop. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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
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Respectfully submitted,

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