



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

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

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: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk.

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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 6:05 p.m., April 11, 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 E. Rodriguez, C. Smith, and C. Rodriguez.

1. 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. Economic Development: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator,

Carlos Eyzaguirre, Deputy Economic Development Administrator, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Piscitelli spoke.

No questions were asked.

b. Livable Cities Initiatives: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator, Steve Fontana, Deputy Economic Development Director, Cathy Graves, Deputy Director Economic Development, Arlevia Samuel, Director of LCI, Andrea Jefferson, from LCI, and Carlos Eyzaguirre, Deputy Economic Development Administrator.

Mr. Fontana spoke, followed by Ms. Graves, Samuel, Ms. Jefferson, and Mr. Eyzaguirre.

Alder Festa asked for additional information concerning cost increases. Mr. Piscitelli answered this question.

Alder H. Smith asked why they felt it was time to reorganize the department. Mr. Piscitelli spoke on this.

Alder Furlow asked the amount of money that had come in due to liens on property in LCI last fiscal year. Ms. Samuel said she would get this information to the committee.

Alder Morisson asked what the most important that will be needed for the new department. Mr. Piscitelli answered this question.

Alder Festa asked what the revenues does the department get. Mr. Piscitelli said he didn't know but he would get this information back to the committee.

No further questions were asked.

c. City Plan: Carlos Eyzaguirre, Deputy Economic Development Administrator, Nate Hougarand, Deputy Director Zoning, and Laura Brown, Director of City Plan, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Brown.

Alder Festa asked if there were any vacancies in the department. Ms. Brown said there were.

No further questions were asked.

d. Transportation, Traffic & Parking: Sandeep Aysola, Director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking, Eric Hoffman, deputy Director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking, Velisha Cloud, Parking Enforcement Supervisor, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Aysola.

Alder Furlow asked if they need more Parking Enforcement Officers. Mr. Aysola spoke on this followed by Mr. Hoffman.

Alder Festa asked if any of the positions were mandated by State Statute. Mr. Aysola spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

e. Equal Opportunities: Nicole Jefferson, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Jefferson.

No questions were asked.

f. OBIE: Robert Dillion, Building Official, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Dillion.

Alder Marchand asked the why the fee revenue for next year was the same as the current year. Mr. Dillion answered this question.

No further questions were asked.

At 9:40 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take a short recess.

At 9:50 PM, Alder Marchand called the meeting back to order.

g. Board off Education: Dr. Madeline Negron, Superintendent of Schools, and Typhanie Jackson, Executive Director of Student Services, came before the committee. Dr. Negron spoke to the committee.

Alder Fowler asked what they would say to closing school to meet the budget. Dr. Negron spoke about this.

Alder Festa asked who is monitoring the school maintenance budget. Dr. Negron spoke about this.

Alder H. Smith asked what they were doing for the social/emotional development of the students. Dr. Negron answered this question.

Alder H. Smith asked if they had thought about going back to neighborhood schools. Dr. Negron spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

At 11:05 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 online and can be seen at:
<https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/FKg7UIITRZJnKPtByLOrfpH4irlg7RAGvdR3kWrETEVTLBtJyutDUdCG9hJgXhdy.bE9Lv8koO7IodoSP>
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Respectfully submitted,

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