



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 14th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

1. To hear PUBLIC TESTIMONY concerning the Mayor's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-25.
2. 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:

City/Town Clerk
Mayor's office
Registrar of Voters
Fair Rent Commission
Assessor's office
Department of Finance/Other
Office of Policy & Grants
Board of Alders
Corporation Counsel

3. [OR-2024-0008](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #133-24-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM EXPENDITURE RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$500,000), ASSESSOR'S LAPSED SALARY ACCOUNT (\$100,000), COMMUNITY SERVICES LAPSED SALARY ACCOUNT (\$50,000), YOUTH & RECREATION LAPSED SALARY ACCOUNT (\$50,000), TRAFFIC & PARKING LAPSED SALARY ACCOUNT (\$50,000), AND FINANCE LAPSED SALARY ACCOUNT (\$54,000) INTO CORPORATION COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 AND AMENDING THE AGREEMENTS OF BERCHEM MOSES; HALLORAN & SAGE; HOWD & LUDORF; KARSTEN & TALLBERG; MACCINI, VOCCIO & JORDAN; MILANO & WANAT; AND SUSMAN, DUFFY & SEGALOFF, IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

Attachments: [0 - CHECKLIST - Transfer 133-24-1.doc](#)
[1- BOA Cover Letter - Transfer 133-24-1.doc.pdf](#)
[2 - Ordinance Amendment - Transfer 133-24-1.docx](#)
[3 - PRIOR NOTIF FORM - Transfer 133-24-1.doc](#)
[4 - FISCAL IMPACT STMT - Transfer 133-24-1.doc](#)
[5 - SUPPLEMENTAL DATA - 133-24-1 Transfer form.docx.pdf](#)
[Corp Counsel signed BOA Checklist.pdf](#)
[signed checklist OR-2024-0008 Budget Transfer 133-24-1.pdf](#)
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This Ordinance was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

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 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., March 14, 2024, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Hamilton, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, Hurt, H. Smith, and S. Punzo. Also present were Alders C. Smith and Wingate.

1. To hear PUBLIC TESTIMONY concerning the Mayor's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 25.

Alder Marchand called the following people to come before the committee and testify. They were;

- 1. Rebecca Corbett, of 616 Winthrop Avenue, who spoke on affordable housing.*
- 2. Dolores Colon, of 34 Salem Street, who spoke about affordable housing and getting more funding from Yale University.*
- 3. Stephanie Fitzgerald, of 433 Edgewood Avenue, who spoke for support of the Parks department.*
- 4. Roxanne Condon, 139 Winchester Avenue, who spoke for support of the Parks department.*
- 5. Hope Vaughn, of 1279 Quinnipiac Avenue, who spoke about more LCI inspectors.*
- 6. Colleen Mundry Denning, of 195 Prospect Street, who spoke for support of the Parks department.*
- 7. Melody Gallagher, of 23 Barnett Street, who spoke on several topics.*
- 8. Mona Berman, of 78 Lyon Street, who spoke against the tax increase.*
- 9. Michael Galbicsel, of 12 Demeter Drive, who spoke for support of the Parks department.*
- 10. Nan Bartow, of 480 Ellsworth Street, who spoke for support of the Parks department.*

11. Gary Doyens, of 30 Birch Drive, who spoke against a tax increase.
12. Jaime Myers McPhil, of 135 Bellevue Street, who spoke for affordable housing.
13. Jessica Stamp, of Barnam Avenue, Bridgeport, who spoke for more LCI inspectors.
14. Peter Fowler, of 169 Alden Avenue, who spoke on the housing crisis in the city.
15. Thomas Birmingham, of 169 Alden Avenue, who spoke for LCI inspectors.
16. Daisey Rorket, of 198 Edwards Street, who spoke about the safety on the city street.
17. Joel Greenwood, of 198 Edwards Street, who spoke about the safety on city streets.
18. Joshua Glaab, of 221 Foster Street, who spoke in favor of red-light cameras.
19. Leslie Blatteau, of 410 Greenwood Street, who spoke for more funding for school.
20. Isabelle Geller, of 757 Orange Street, who spoke for more funding for schools.
21. Chris Ozyk, of 603 Quinnipiac Avenue, who spoke for support of the Parks department.
22. Thomasine Shaw, of 188 Howard Avenue, who made general comments on the budget.
23. Manuel Camacho, of 213 Pine Street, who made general comments on the budget.

Alder Marchand asked three times if there was anyone else from the public who wished to testify, no one came forward

At 7:25 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take a brief recess.

At 7:35, Alder Marchand called the meeting back to order.

2. 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. City Clerk: Michael Smart, City Clerk, May Bey Reed, Assistant City Clerk, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Smart.

Alder Festa asked what their plans were for early voting. Mr. Smart explained their plans.

No further questions were asked.

b. Mayor's Office: Sean Mattison, Chief of Staff, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Mattison.

Alder Furlow if there were increase to the positions in the proposed budget. Mr. Mattison spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked when the last time was there was a Deputy Chief of Staff. Mr. Gormany spoke on this.

Alder Morrisson asked who does the Policy Analyst job. Mr. Mattison explained. if the drug costs were lowering. Mr. Gormany spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

c. Registrar of Voters: Shannel Evans, Democratic Registrar of Voters, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the Committee. Ms. Evans spoke, followed by Mr. Gormany.

Alder Hamilton asked if the Tabulators were ready for the elections. Ms. Evans spoke about them.

Alder Furlow asked why the Republican Registrar of Votes was not present. Ms. Eevens was unable to answer this question.

Alder Festa asked if there was enough money in the budget to cover the costs for the early voting. Ms. Evans said there was.

No further questions were asked.

d. Fair Rent: Wildaliz Bermudez, Director of Fair Rent, Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Bermudez.

Alder Furlow asked if the commissioners were given training . Ms. Bermudez spoke on their training.

No further questions were asked.

e. Assessor's Office: Alex Pullen, Acting Assessor, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke about the city's grand list.

Alder Festa asked about the real property and the personal property. Mr. Pullen explained.

Alder Festa asked what they did about out-of-state licensed cars. Mr. Pullen explained the procedure.

No further questions were asked.

f. Finance/Other: Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, and Kristy Sampieri, Controller, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Sampieri.

Alder Festa asked about the pension actual return. . Mr. Gormany wasn't sure but would get back to the committee.

Alder Festa asked if they were planning to install solar panels on the Rout 80 facility. Mr. Gormany wasn't sure but would get back to the committee.

No further questions were asked.

g. Board of Alders/Legislative Services: Albert Lucas, Director of Legislative Services, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Lucas.

There were no questions.

At 9:52, Alder Marchand called a short recess.

At 10:05 PM, Alder Marchand called the meeting to order.

h. Corporation Counsel: Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, Rodrick Williams, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Catherine LeMar, and Michelle Duprey, from Corporation Counsels office, Wendella Ault-Batty, Director of Labor Relations, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke about Labor Relations, followed by Ms. Ault-Batty.

Mr. Gormany spoke about Corporation Counsel, followed by Ms. King.

Alder Festa asked if they knew what the penalties were collect by LCI. Ms. King said she didn't know, and that question would have to be answered when LCI came before the committee.

Alder Furlow asked how many litigators they have in the department. Ms. King explained.

No further questions were asked.

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Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, Rodrick Williams, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke on the request, followed by Ms. King.

Alder Morrison asked if they would be coming back in the future to get more funding. Ms. King spoke on this.

Alder Marchand asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify, no one came forward

At 11:03 PM, alder Hurt, seconded by Festa, made a motion to close the meeting. The committee voted to approve this motion.

Alder Marchand made a motion to amend the order by raising the Finance Lapsed Salary account and the total transfer amount by \$4,000. The committee voted, by voice vote to approve this amendment, The committee then voted to approve the amended order.

11:15 PM, Alder Festa, seconded by Hamilton, to close the meeting. The committee voted unanimously if favor of this action.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst

