



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., April 18, 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, Miller, E. Rodriguez, 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. Tynichas Drummands, of 225 Whitney Avenue, who spoke on Yale University should pay more.*
- 2. John Lee, of 703 Elm Street, who spoke on Yale University should pay more.*
- 3. Selena Malattera, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 4. Zuryah Thomas, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 5. Maya Martinez, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 6. Anthony McDonald, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 7. Bill McAndrew, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 8. Kelly Luzendo, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 9. Thailynn Taylor, NHPS student, who spoke in support of the Shubert Theater.*
- 10. Reem Saood, NHPS student, who spoke for more funding for the Board of Education.*
- 11. Jennifer Drury, NHPS student, who spoke for more funding for the Board of Education.*
- 12. Janice Parker, no address given, who spoke for more Parks funding.*
- 13. Diane Guz, no address given, who spoke for mor education funding.*
- 14. Linda Randy, no address given, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 15. Steve Staysniak, NHPS teacher, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 16. Win Witkowsky, 108 Harrison Street, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 17. Henry Lowendorf, of 42 Young Street, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 18. Megan Fountain, 276 Huntington Street, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 19. Angela Walder, NHPS Para, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 20. Rebecca Mickelson, NHPS teacher, who spoke for more education funding.*
- 21. Sydney Collins, of 708 Orange Street, who spoke on climate change.*
- 22. Adrienne Ngo, of 425 Whitney Avenue, who spoke on red light cameras.*
- 23. Majoly Cajighs, 86 Dell Drive, who spoke for Cultural Affairs Department.*
- 24. Samm Lasha, of 2088 Chapel Street, who spoke for more funding for education.*
- 25. Sandra Shaner, of 207 Maple Street, who spoke for the Parks Department.*
- 26. Geri Mauhs, of 1953 Whitney Avenue, who spoke for the Parks Department.*
- 27. Luke Melonakos-Harrison, of 699 Elm Street, who spoke in favor of more housing*

inspectors.

28. Abby Feldman, of 17 Stevenson Road, who spoke for New Haven Rising.

29. Laura Palulij, of 1455 State Street, spoke for more housing inspectors.

30. Zachana Postle, of 1455 State Street, who spoke for more funding for LCI.

31. Elizabeth Walker, of 796 George Street, who spoke for more funding for education.

32. Elunde Li, of 22 Nicol Street, who made general comments.

33. Ed Juarez, of 47 Winthrop Street, who spoke for more funding for education.

34. Elio Cruz, of 389 Winthrop Street, who spoke for funding for the Parks department.

35. Robert Mignosa, of 190 Wooster Street, who spoke for more funding for education.

36. Nelson Vera, of 66 Orange Street, who spoke for more funding for the Parks Department.

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

At 7:55PM, Alder Hurt, Seconded by Festa, moved to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted to approve this motion.

At 7:56 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take a brief recess.

At 8:09, Alder Marchand called the meeting back to order.

2. Workshop to hear from the Special Service Districts.

Win Davis, from Downtown Special Service District, Michael Romei, Chapel West Special Service District, Allen McCollum, Whalley Avenue Special Service District, and Eric Gonzalez, Grand Avenue Special Service District, came before the committee and spoke concerning their districts budgets for next year.

Alder Festa asked why the Mill Rate for Whalley Avenue District increased. Mr. McCollum explained this.

Aler Furlow asked what area the Walley Avenue Special District covered. Mr. McCollum explained.

Alder Marchand asked what the plan was for the Downtown District had to get out of the deficit they had. Mr. Davis explained their plans.

No further questions were asked.

3. 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. Health Department: Maritza Bond, Director of the Health Department, Elizabeth Halsey, Community service Administrator, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Bond.

Alder Furlow asked if the Sanitarians could shut down a business. Ms. Bond spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked if the revenue was included in the new fees. Mr. Gormany answered this question.

Alder Morrison asked if the new fees were due in May, by Ordinance. Ms. Bond wasn't

sure but she would get back to the committee.

Alder Marchand asked if the contract nurses were budgeted or would there be a transfer request latter on in the year. Mr. Gormany explained this.

Alder Marchand asked if they wee looking at staffing models and other changes. Ms. Bond explained this.

No further questions were asked.

b. Elderly Services: Tomi Veale, Elderly Service Director, Elizabeth Halsey, Community service Administrator, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Veale.

Alder Hurt if there would be security for evening activities. Ms. Veale answered this question.

Alder Morrison asked who the department was working with for the senior computer classes. Ms. Veale answered this question.

Alder Festa asked what the plan was for the elderly and youth program. Ms. Veale answered this question.

No further questions were asked.

c. Youth & Recreation Department: Ron Huggins, Deputy Director of Youth & Recreation, Elizabeth Halsey, Community service Administrator, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Mr. Huggins.

Alder Morrison asked if the department had a community coordinator. Mr. Huggins said they did.

No further questions were asked.

d. New Haven Public Library: Maureen Sullivan, City Librarian, Elizabeth Halsey, Community service Administrator, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Sullivan.

Alder Festa asked what the library hours were. Ms. Sullivan explained them

No further questions were asked.

e. Community Resilience: Tizah Kemp, Director of Community Resilience, Elizabeth Halsey, Community service Administrator, and Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke followed by Ms. Kemp.

Alder Furlow asked how many employees in the department. Ms. Halsey spoke followed by Ms. Kemp.

Alder Morrison asked what the addition \$300,000 was for. Ms. Kemp explained.

Alder Furlow asked, through the Chair, for a written letter from Corporation Counsel that any reorganization/new departments were in accordance with the City Charter/Ordinances. Alder Marchand said he would do this.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand spoke to the committee concerning any amendments they proposed to be submitted to the committee members before the deliberation meeting on May 16th.

10:45 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/HS33Yz70ag-ZonP-peiwY8mZ8_uAjMGwUzJ_3dNEUSXX6ocMR4QIRiNmppXsXr9J.-oZyoqSuiF9ceG6P
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Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

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2. Workshop to hear from the Special Service Districts:
 - a. Grand Avenue Special Service District
 - b. Chapel West Special Service District
 - c. Town Green Special Service District
 - d. Whalley Avenue Special Service District
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Health Department
Elderly Services
Community Services Administration
Youth & Recreation services
Public Library
Community Resilience

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.

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