



# City of New Haven

## Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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**Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.**

### **Aldermanic Notice New Haven**

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 20th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

To hear PUBLIC TESTIMONY concerning the Mayor's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 2026.

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:

Persons W/Disabilities  
Police Services  
Fire Services  
Parks Department  
Public Works Department

These items may be inspected at the Office of Legislative Services, 165 Church Street, second 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](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov) before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.**

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*Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., March 20, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, and S. Punzo. Also present were Alders C. Smith, Douglass, Hogan, and C. Rodriguez.*

*1. To hear PUBLIC TESTIMONY concerning the Mayor's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 26.*

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

1. Harvey Feinburg, 189 Westwood Road, who spoke on Parks funding.
2. Kirsten Levinsohn, of 45 Bristol Street, who spoke for New Haven Reads.
3. Karen London, of 1697 Quinnipiac Avenue, who spoke for New Haven Reads
4. Kim Harris, of 324 Shelton Avenue, who spoke for New Haven Reads.
5. Kyra Evans, of PO Box 185632, who spoke for New Haven Reads.
6. Rondell Doyle, of PO Box 2928, who spoke for New Haven Reads.
7. Stephanie Wratten, of 370 Jones Street, who spoke for New Haven Reads.
8. Amelia Hug, of 360 of Derby, CT, who spoke climate change.
9. Amelia Lee, of New Haven, who spoke on climate initiatives.
10. Robin Burke, 32 Girard Avenue, who spoke for New Haven tutoring initiatives.
11. Chris Schweitzer, 361 Elm Street, who spoke climate initiatives.
12. Alexis Terry, who spoke climate initiatives.
13. Abbi Frazer, 187 Kimberly Avenue, who spoke on homeless services.
14. Julei King, 203 Rosette Street, who spoke on homeless services.
15. Mark Coville, of 207 Rosette Street, who spoke on the homeless.
16. Kenny Dohna, who spoke on the homeless.
17. Jamell Savvok, who spoke on the homeless.
18. Sam Mashaw, of 21 Rock Hill Road, who spoke on the homeless..
19. Gauge McCabe, of 203 Rosette Street, who spoke on the homeless.
20. Heide Gold, of 194 Curtis Drive, who spoke on New Haven Reads.
21. Robert Davies, of 440 Howard Avenue, who spoke on the homeless.

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

At 7:18, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Ferraro-Santana. To close the public portion of the meeting. The committee approved this motion.

At 7:20 PM, Alder Marchand told the committee that they would take a brief recess.

At 7:30, 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, 2025. The following City Departments will be heard:

a. Persons with Disabilities: Gretchen Knauff, Director of Persons with Disabilities, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke followed by Ms. Knauff.

No questions were asked.

b. Police Services: Police Chief Jacobson, Lisa Mezzanotte, Supervisor of Management Services, Assistant Chief Bertram Ettienne, and Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke followed by Chief Jacobson.

Alder Marchand asked if the overtime numbers still good. Chief Jacobson spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked if changes were coming for juvenile, repeat offenders. Chief Jacobson spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked if there was anything in the budget to pay for expanding the "shot spotter" program. Chief Jacobson spoke on this.

*Alder Festa asked if the department was going to get electric vehicles. Chief Jacobson explained this.*

*Alder Furlow asked if the grants for speeding enforcement were ending. Chief Jacobson spoke about this.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*c. Fire Services: Chief Michael John Alton, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee about the Fire services budget, followed by Chief Alton*

*Alder Furlow asked if there was money in the budget to expand the fire stations. Chief Alton spoke on this.*

*Alder Punzo if the fire department went into the schools to educate the students. Chief Alton spoke about their program for schools.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*d. Parks Department: Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, Justin McCarthy, Acting CAO, and Max Webster, Parks Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke followed by Mr. Webster.*

*Alder Furlow asked the cost for the city's Christmas tree and the equipment needed. Mr. Webster explained.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*e. Public Works Department: Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, Michael Schiavone, Public Works Director, Tariq Dasent, Deputy Director-Panning & Administration, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee followed by Mr. Schiavone.*

*Alder Furlow asked what budget lines were used for toters. Mr. Schiavone explained.*

*No further questions were asked.*

*10:00 PM, Alder DeCola, seconded by Punzo, 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.*

*The meeting was also recorded on Board of Alders You Tube.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donald A. Hayden, Fiscal Analyst*

