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Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Monday, November 9, 2020

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:00 P.M, via video conference. Meeting can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3e5yTiP> or by phone at (646) 558 8656. Meeting Webinar ID: 917 6964 9513. Phone passcode: 0269600212.

The Finance Committee will hear the following items;

1. [OR-2020-0015](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #301-21-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE EXPENDITURE RESERVE FUND, OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT UP TO AN AMOUNT OF \$850,000 TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY AND PART TIME STAFF ACCOUNT OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY ACCOUNT; TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECCOMANDATION OF A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL TO PERFORM TASKS OF ASSESSING SICK OR INJURED CHILDREN RELATED TO COVID 19.

Attachments: [301-21-1 BOA SUBMISSION CHECKLIST](#)

[301-21-1 Prior NOTIFICATION](#)

[Aldermanic letter - School Nurses](#)

[301-21-1 Fiscal Impact](#)

[301-21-1 transfer form 4-20-16](#)

[OR-2020-0015](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

2. [LM-2020-0429](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [August monthly financial report](#)

[LM-2020-0429](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

3. [LM-2020-0456](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 IN COMPLIANCE WITH
ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [LM-2020-0456](#)

This Order 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. Evette Hamilton, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Hamilton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., November 9, 2020 via webinar. Present were Aids. Hamilton, Marchand, Santiago, DeCola, Morrison, Festa, Rodriguez, Furlow, Hurt, and Decker. Also present was Alder Roth, Winter, and Antunes.

Alder Marchand read the agenda and went over the rules.

1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #301 21 1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE EXPENDITURE RESERVE FUND, OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT UP TO AN AMOUNT OF \$850,000 TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY AND PART TIME STAFF ACCOUNT OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY ACCOUNT; TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECCOMANDATION OF A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL TO PERFORM TASKS OF ASSESSING SICK OR INJURED CHILDREN RELATED TO COVID 19.

Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, and Jennifer Vazquez, Director of Public Nursing, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany spoke on the request for the transfer. Ms. Vazquez spoke on the staffing of the school nurses.

Alder Marchand asked Ms. Vazquez to explain the State requirement/recommendation for school nurses. Ms. Vazquez spoke on this.

Alder Marchand asked how the money was to cover the additional nurses. Mr. Gormany spoke on the coverage coming from contract nurses/agencies.

Alder Marchand asked what the contract nurses vs part time nurses are. Mr. Gormany explained the difference.

Alder Marchand asked who the contract nurse agencies are coming from. Mr. Gormany explained that an RFP had gone out.

Alder Morrison asked what the time frame for the contracts is. Mr. Gormany spoke on this.

Alder Morrison asked if the contract money would be put into the FY 20-21 budget. Mr.

Gormany said that it would.

Alder Festa asked if the city was reimbursed for private & parochial schools that the City provides the nurses for. Mr. Gormany said they were not.

Alder Furlow asked if the contracts would have to be approved by the Board of Alders. Mr. Gormany said they probably would not have to be.

Alder Rodriguez how they address children's medical needs with only 41 nurses. Ms. Vazquez explained the program.

Alder Hurt asked if there would be additional nurses in schools. Ms. Vazquez spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked what the nurse's requirements as COVID 19 lessons. Ms. Vazquez explained their duties.

Alder Marchand asked why a contract of over \$100,000 did not have to come before the Board of Alders. Mr. Gormany explained.

Alder Festa asked if the nurses were being paid currently. Ms. Vazquez said they were.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Hamilton asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on this item. No one came forward,

2. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

3. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Michael Gormany, Director of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany showed a screen of the September report, which was the latest.

Alder Marchand asked when Mr. Gormany expected the FEMA funds to come in. Mr. Gormany said he wasn't sure.

Alder Festa asked if Mr. Gormany could get a report of what the Fire & Police are submitting to FEMA. Mr. Gormany said he would get that information to the committee.

Alder Festa asked what was driving down the parking tag revenue. Mr. Gormany explained.

Alder Rodriguez asked if Police & Fire services are used by outside people who come into the city. Mr. Gormany explained this.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Hamilton asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on item 2

& 3. The following came forward.

Denis Serfilippi of 233 Alden Avenue. He spoke on the financial parts of the report.

Alder Hamilton asked if two times more if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on item 2 & 3. No one came forward.

At 8:14 PM, a motion by Marchand, seconded by DeCola, was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Marchand, seconded by DeCola, to have items 2 and 3 favorable for Read & Fille. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve this action.

2. Alder Marchand, seconded by DeCola, made a motion to move item 1. The committee had a discussion concerning this request for the budget transfer, then the committee voted, by voice vote, to approve this request.

At 8:34 PM, on a motion by Marchand, seconded by DeCola, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is found online at <https://bit.ly/3lgcKAR>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Analyst