



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Monday, December 13, 2021

6:00 PM

via teleconference

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., via video conference. Meeting can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/31GMIYk> or by phone at (312) 626-6799 or (301) 715-8592. Meeting Webinar ID: 938 3401 3928. Phone pass code: 42854271.

1. [LM-2021-0524](#) **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1**
AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #133-22-1 TRANSFERRING
FUNDS FROM THE EXPENDITURE RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE
OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES
ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$200,000) TO AMEND THE
CURRENT LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE LAW FIRMS
OF BERCHEM & MOSES, AND HOWD & LUDORF

Attachments: [BOA docs re Ord Amendment & Transfer 12 2 2021 \(Letter and Checklist Signed\)](#)
[BOA Transfer 12 2 2021 \(Corrected Transfer Doc\)](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

2. [LM-2021-0304](#) **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN**
APPROVING A FEE SCHEDULE AND ACCOUNTING FOR THE CANAL
DOCK BOATHOUSE

Attachments: [2100218.CDBfees.FY21-22](#)
[CHECK LIST.CDB \(signed\)](#)
[Cover Letter- CDB Revolving Fund](#)
[Fiscal Impact Statement.CDB](#)
[PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM.CDB](#)

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

3. [LM-2021-0464](#) **ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL**
REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021 IN COMPLIANCE WITH
ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2021-0521](#) **ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL**
REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 IN COMPLIANCE WITH
ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [October 2021](#)

This Resolution 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 Marchand, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., December 13, 2021 via webinar. Present were Alds. Marchand, DeCola, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, Hurt, and Decker. Also present were Alds. Douglass and C. Rodriguez.

1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #133 22 1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE EXPENDITURE RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$200,000) TO AMEND THE CURRENT LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE LAW FIRMS OF BERCHEM & MOSES, AND HOWD & LUDORF.

Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, Michele Duprey, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Rodrick Williams, deputy Corporation Counsel, and Michael Gormany, Acting Controller. Mr. Gormany spoke to the committee Ms. King spoke.

Alder Festa asked how the case load was now versus pre-pandemic. Mr. Williams spoke on this.

Alder Festa asked how the department did cross training of specialties. Ms. King explained.

Alder Marchand asked if these lawyers were charging the same hourly fees as before. Ms. King said that they were.

Alder Marchand asked if they would verify the amounts of the transfer and which law firm was getting what. Mr. Gormany said that he would get this information back to the committee.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand asked if anyone from the public wished to testify. Patrick Cannon, Fire Union President, came forward and said that an audit should be done on the Corporation Counsel's office.

Alder Marchand asked if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one else came forward.

2. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING A FEE SCHEDULE AND ACCOUNTING FOR THE CANAL DOCK BOATHOUSE.

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator, Carlos Eyzaguirre, Deputy Economic Development Director, Anne Hartjen, City Plan, and Hollis Martin, Executive Director of the Canal Dock Boathouse, came before the committee. Mr. Piscitelli spoke to the committee about the Canal Dock Boathouse. Ms. Hartjen spoke about the fees that were proposed.

Alder Festa asked what the AMI was used for the programs. Ms. Martin spoke about this.

Alder Morrison asked if there were any plans to use special lower prices to begin to get interest in the Boathouse usage. Ms. Hartjen said that there wasn't because of the tremendous amount of phone calls she has received about using the Boathouse facilities.

No further questions were asked.

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

3. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

4. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Michael Gormany, Acting City Controller, came before the committee. Mr. Gormany went over the October monthly report.

Alder Festa asked who rents the parking meter tags? Mr. Gormany explained who they were.

No further questions were asked.

Alder Marchand three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify. No one came forward.

At 8:09 PM, a motion by DeCola, seconded by Hurt, was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Action:

- 1. Alder DeCola seconded by Walker-Myers, to move item 1. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to recommend approval of the transfer for the Corporation Counsel.*
- 2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Festa, to move item 2. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to recommend approval of the Canal Dock Boathouse fees.*
- 3. Alder DeCola seconded by Walker-Myers, to move items 3 and 4, the September and October Monthly reports for Read and File. The committee voted unanimously, by voice vote, to recommend Read and File.*

At 8:22 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Morrison, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald A. Hayden
Fiscal Analyst*