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Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube

Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 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 2025 2026.
2. [OR-2025-0012](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #201-25-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE POLICE SERVICES SALARY ACCOUNTS TO OVERTIME IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,300,000)

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - NHPD-OPMG Police OT Transfer #201-25-1](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - NHPD-OPMG Police OT Transfer #201-25-1](#)
[2 - Ordinance - NHPD-OPMG Police OT Transfer #201-25-1](#)
[3 - PNF - NHPD-OPMG Police OT Transfer #201-25-1](#)
[4 - FIS - NHPD-OPMG Police OT Transfer #201-25-1](#)
[5 - Transfer Form - NHPD-OPMG Police OT Transfer #201-25-1](#)
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3. 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:

Public Safety Communications
Engineering Department
Chief Administrative Officer
Enterprise Funds (Alling Memorial Golf Course, Ralph Walker Skating Rink, East Rock Park
Communications Tower, Lighthouse Carousel)

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 before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., April 9, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Alds. Marchand, DeCola, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Hamilton, Festa, Furlow, H. Smith, and Punzo. Also in attendance were Alders C. Smith and F. Redente.

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

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

- 1. Tahnee Cookson Muhammad, of 493 Fitch Street, who spoke on food assistance.*
- 2. Alycia Suntilli, of 24 Alden Avenue, who spoke on food assistance.*
- 3. Steven Werlin, of 235 Woodward Avenue, who spoke on food assistance.*
- 4. Susan Harris, 10 Springside Avenue, who spoke on food assistance.*
- 5. David Paul Firestone, of 52 Howard Avenue, who spoke an food assistance and Crisis costs.*
- 6. Alqia Aguino, of 74 Emmet Avenue, Derby, who spoke on climate coalition.*
- 7. Ethan Reynolds, of 90 Rayal Oak Drive, Durham, who spoke about climate change.*

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

2. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #201 25 1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE POLICE SERVICES SALARY ACCOUNTS TO OVERTIME IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,300,000).

Chief Karl Jacobson, Police Chief, Justin McCarthy, CAO, Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee concerning the request, followed by Mr. McCarthy.

Alder Festa asked what the impact of the new police contract on overtime costs. Chief Jacobson explained this.

Alde Punzo asked what some of the reimbursements were. Chief Jacobson explained.

No further questions were asked.

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

At 6:52 PM, on a motion by Festa, seconded by Punzo, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Festa, seconded by Punzo, to move item 2 favorably. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the Police Services transfer.

3. 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. *Public Safety Communications:* Justin McCarthy, CAO, Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO, Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, and Joseph Vitale, Director of Public Safety Communications, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Mr., Vitale.

Alder Festa asked if the shortages in the department would increase the overtime and what they were doing to recruit new people. Mr. Vitale spoke on these items.

No further questions were asked.

b. *Engineering Department:* Giovanni Zinn, City Engineer, Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke about the department's budget request followed by Mr. Zinn.

Alder Furlow asked Mr. Zinn to explain the new position job titles. Mr. Zinn did so.

Alder Walker-Myers if new sidewalks were being built to specification. Mr. Zinn spoke on this.

Alder Punzo asked what requirements the city had in hiring contractors. Mr. Zinn explained.

Alder Festa asked if the new positions will expedite work done by contractors. Mr. Zinn said they would and explained.

No further questions were asked.

c. *Chief Administrative Office:* Justin McCarthy, CAO, Susan Baldwin, Human Resources, and Shannon McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee on the department budget request, followed by Mr., McCarthy.

Alder Festa asked how long did they post open positions. Ms. Baldwin spoke on this. The committee then had a discussion on hiring procedures.

Alder DeCola asked if electrical vehicle charging stations were in safe locations. Mr. McCarthy spoke on this.

No further questions were asked.

d. *Enterprise Funds (Alling Memorial Golf Course, Ralph Walker Skating Rink, East Rock Park Communication Tower, Lighthouse Carousel).* Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO, came before the committee and spoke on the Enterprise Funds.

Alder Punzo asked what the surcharges were at the Golf Course. Ms. Bombero explained this.

Alder Festa asked if Golf Course concession stand was profit sharing. Ms. Bombero explained this.

No further questions were asked.

At 8:32 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Festa, to close the workshop. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

The meeting was also recorded and may be found on You Tube at BOA Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

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