



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Monday, March 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Notice New Haven - Revised

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven, to act upon the following;

1. WORKSHOP: TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM MANAGEMENT & BUDGET ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, STARTING JULY 1, 2025.
2. WORKSHOP: TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM THE ASSESSOR CONCERNING THE GRAND LIST OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.
3. [OR-2025-0005](#) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO TITLE III OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CHAPTER 28 - TAXATION ADDING SEC. 28-25 ENTITLED "REVISED DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES"

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - Assessor's Office MV Depreciation Schedule](#)

[1 - Cover Letter - Assessor's Office MV Depreciation Schedule](#)

[2 - Ordinance Amendment - Assessor's Office MV Depreciation Schedule](#)

[3 - PNF - Assessor's Office - Assessor's Office MV Depreciation Schedule](#)

[4 - FIS - Assessor's Office - Assessor's Office MV Depreciation Schedule](#)

[5 - CGA Bill No. 7067 - Assessor's Office MV Depreciation Schedule](#)

[Signature](#)

This Ordinance was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

4. [LM-2025-0077](#) ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF BERCHEM, MOSES, AND DEVLIN INCREASING THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM \$99,000 TO \$198,000 FROM FY 2024-2025 LINE ITEM 11331010-56696.

Attachments: [0 - Checklist - Mayor's Office OLR Berchem Moses Increase](#)
[1 - Cover Letter - Mayor's Office OLR Berchem Moses Increase](#)
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This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

5. [LM-2025-0119](#) ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Attachments: [January 2025 Monthly Report](#)
[Signature](#)

This Order was Favorable Reportto 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. Adam Marchand, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 203 946 7651 (voice) or 203 946 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.

Meeting Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., March 10, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Marchand, DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Walker-Myers, Festa, and Punzo. Also in attendance were Aids. F. Redente, E. Cupo, C. Smith, and C. Rodriguez.

1. WORKSHOP: TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM THE ASSESSOR CONCERNING THE GRAND LIST OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.

Sharron McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, and Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator OPMG, came before the committee. Ms. McCue gave the committee a handout, that she went over. and spoke on the request.

Alder Festa asked if the 3% increase was greater than the national average. Ms. McCue said she wasn't sure.

2. WORKSHOP: TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM MANAGEMENT & BUDGET ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 2026, STARTING JULY 1, 2025.

Alex Pullen, Acing City Assessor, came before the committee and spoke about the new grand list.

Alder Festa asked when the new construction projects would become eligible for taxation. Mr. Pullen spoke on this.

Alder Marchand asked what the non-taxable portion of the grand list was. Mr./ Pullen said it was about 10 billion dollars.

3. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO TITLE III OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CHAPTER 28 TAXATION ADDING SEC. 28 25 ENTITLED "REVISED DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES"

Alex Pullen, Acting City Assessor, came before the committee and spoke about the request.

No questions were asked.

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

4. ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF BERCHEM, MOSES, AND DEVLIN INCREASING THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM \$99,000 TO \$198,000 FROM FY 2024 2025 LINE ITEM 11331010 56696.

Wendella Ault-Batthey, Director of Labor Relations, came before the committee. Ms. Ault-Batthey spoke about the request.

Alder Festa asked if this law firm also did Board of Education cases. Ms. Ault -Batthey said they did not.

Alder Marchand asked if the labor relations department was developing expertise for this within the department in order to reduce costs. Ms. Ault-Batthey said that they were working on doing that.

No further questions were asked.

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

5 ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE UPDATED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER.

Sharron McCue, Office of Policy, Management, and Grants Director, and Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator OPMG, came before the committee. Ms. McCue spoke to the committee about the January Monthly Financial Report.

Alder Festa how they were going to reduce the police over time. Ms. McCue explained.

No further questions were asked.

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

At 7:30 PM, on a motion by Punzo, seconded by Festa, to close the public portion of the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Punzo, seconded by Festa, to move item 3 favorably. The committee voted by voice vote to approve the Ordinance Amendment on assessment of motor vehicles.
2. Alder Punzo, seconded by Festa, to move item 4 favorably. The committee voted by voice vote to approve an amendment to the law firm of Berchem, Moses, and Devlin.
3. Alder Punzo, seconded by Festa, to move item 5 favorably to Read and File the January 2025 Monthly Financial Report. The committee voted by voice vote to approve this action.

At 7:33 PM, on a motion by Punzo, seconded by Festa, the Committee voted to close the meeting.

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

The meeting was also recorded on Zoom and may be found at
<https://newhavenct.zoom.us/rec/share/POylcO4ZD8TLagLEjNjt3BOyozcmStVehR3WQIT9R945ilxGO9w624IRSqq14HKP.3AWPT7ITXKzsk9a1>
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Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden
Fiscal Analyst