

**City of New Haven**  
**Meeting Minutes (Short)**  
**Finance Committee**

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Monday, January 26, 2009

6:30 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Aldermanic Notice - New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 6:30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven, to act upon the following items;

1. FROM THE BUDGET DIRECTOR, CLOSE-OUT TRANSFER RESOLUTION #08-999 TO ELIMINATE ALL NEGATIVE GENERAL FUND LINE ITEM BALANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.  
**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**
  
2. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE REQUIRED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION #62 OF THE CHARTER.  
**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**
  
3. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE REQUIRED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION #62 OF THE CHARTER.  
**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**
  
4. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,087 WITHIN THE EXISTING APPROVED BUDGET FOR FY 2008-09 IN DEPARTMENT #303, ELDERLY SERVICES, FROM #101 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES PERMANENT, TO # 303 SENIOR CENTER OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.  
**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**
  
5. AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #4, FY 2008-09, THAT WILL DECREASE THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM BY A TOTAL OF \$670,251  
**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**
  
6. ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING A FOUR YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FROM MARCH 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2012 BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AND

E-Z-GO TEXTRON FOR THE LEASE OF 75 GAS POWERED GOLF CARTS FOR USE AT THE ALLING MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE.

**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**

7. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #1, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, FY 2008 - 2009, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE \$160,000 IN SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING SUPPORT TO THE TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY (701 - 56000).

**No Recommendation**

8. ORDER REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AMMENDMENT NO. 2 OF AN EXISTING LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF DEL SOLE & DEL SOLE, LLP TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM \$99,9000 TO \$122,500 THROUGH FY 2008-09.

**Favorable Report to the Board of Aldermen**

These items are filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Yusuf I. Shah, Chair. Attest: Ron Smith, City Clerk.

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#### Meeting Minutes

**Chair Shah called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. January 26, 2009 in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Shah, Silverman, Perez, Goldfield, Castro, Jackson-Brooks, Clark, Castro, Lemar, and Sandman. Also in attendance were Ald. Brison, James, Antunes, DePino, Paolillo, and Sergio Rodriguez.**

**Alderman Shah told the committee that he was taking agenda items out of order to be heard. The first item would be number 7.**

- 7. From the Executive Director, Tweed New Haven Airport Authority, submitting an ordinance  
amendment to appropriating ordinance #1, an ordinance making appropriations for operating departments of the City of New haven, FY2008-09, in order to provide \$160,000 in supplemental operating support to the Tweed New Haven Airport Authority.**

**Michael Piscatelli, Director of Transportation, Traffic & Parking, Kelly Murphy, Economic Development Administrator, Christine Bonano, Deputy Director of Economic Development, Tim Larsen, Executive Director of Tweed/New Haven Airport, and Joe Williams, legal counsel, came before the committee to explain what the request was for. Mr. Piscatelli gave a power point presentation and two handouts, which he went over.**

**A discussion ensued between the committee members and those before the committee concerning the airport and the requested increase in funding.**

After the discussion, Alderman Shah excused the people before the committee and asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify. The following came before the committee:

Gary Doyens of 30 Birch Drive, who testified against the request.  
Ken Joyner, of 451 Huntington Street, who testified against the request.

There were no other members of the public wishing to testify.

5. From the Mayor submitting an ordinance amendment to appropriating ordinance #4, FY2008-09, that will decrease the city's portion of the funding requirements for the school construction program by a total of \$670,251.

Will Clark, Chief Operating Officer of the Board of Education, Susan Weissenburg, Director of School Construction, and Robert Linds, Deputy Director of School Construction, came before the committee. Mr. Clark spoke to the committee concerning the request.

Alderman Lemar asked for further clarification of the costs and why the extra funding was being requested for the Davis Street project. Mr. Clark did so.

Alderman Perez asked why the COOP project cost increased. Ms. Weissenburg answered his question.

There were no further questions from the committee.

Alderman Shah asked if anyone from the public wished to come before the committee to testify. The following came before the committee.

Ken Joyner, of 451 Huntington Street, who testified on the merits of the request.

There were no other members of the public wishing to testify.

Alderman Shah told the committee that they would here items 1, 2, & 3 together.

1. From the Budget Director submitting close-out transfer resolution #08-999 to eliminate all negative general fund line item balances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.
2. From the Mayor submitting the required budgetary and financial reports for the month of October 2008 in compliance with Section #62 of the Charter.
3. From the Mayor submitting the required budgetary and financial reports for the month of November 2008 in compliance with Section #62 of the Charter.

Marc Pietrosimone, City Controller, Lawrence Rusconi, Director of Management & Budget, and Joe Clerkin, Supervisor of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Rusconi spoke to the committee concerning the End of year transfer and the monthly reports.

Alderman Perez asked what the potential budget deficit could be. Mr. Rusconi answered the question. The committee had a brief discussion with Mr. Rusconi concerning the budget and the controls put in place to control spending.

There were no further questions from the committee.

Alderman Shah asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to testify. No one came before the committee.

4. From the Deputy Community Services Administrator submitting a resolution approving the transfer of \$39,087 in general funds within the existing approved budget for FY2008-09, in Department #303 elderly services, from #101 Administrative Salaries Permanent to #303 Senior Center Other Contractual Services to maintain department operations, programs and management due to the loss of seven permanent staff positions during FY2008-09.

Ron Manning, Deputy Director of the Community Services Department, came before the committee. Mr. Manning told the committee why this request was being made.

There were no questions from the committee.

Alderman Shah asked if anyone from the public wished to come before the committee to testify. No one came before the committee.

8. From the Corporation Counsel submitting an order approving amendment No. 2 of an existing legal service agreement with Del Sole & Del Sole, LLP to increase the maximum compensation from \$99,000 to \$122,500 through FY2008-09.

Victor Balden, Corporation Counsel, and Vicky Copper, Deputy Corporation Counsel came before the committee. Mr. Balden spoke to the committee concerning the request.

There were no questions from the committee.

Alderman Shah asked if anyone from the public wished to come before the committee to testify. No one came before the committee.

6. From the Director of Parks, Recreation and Trees submitting an order approving a four-year lease agreement from March 1, 2009 through March 30, 2012 between the city and E-Z-Go Textron for the lease of 75 gas powered golf carts for use at the Alling Memorial Golf Course.

Thomas Verdame, Executive Assistant to Mr. Levine, came before the committee. Mr. Verderame spoke on the request.

There were no questions from the committee.

Alderman Shah asked if anyone from the public wished to come before the committee to testify. No one came before the committee.

At 9:45 PM, a motion by Jackson-Brooks, seconded by Sandman, was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Committee Action:**

1. On a motion by Perez, seconded by Goldfield, to move item 1, 2, 3, & 4. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the four items concerning the Year end Transfer, the two monthly reports, and the request to transfer funding in the Elderly Services budget.
2. On a motion by Perez, seconded by Goldfield, to move item 5. The committee voted, by voice vote, with Alderman Perez Abstaining, to approve the Ordinance Amendment.
3. On a motion by Perez, seconded by Jackson-Brooks, to move both items 6. The committee, by voice vote, approved the contract for the golf carts.
4. On a motion by Sandman, seconded by Lemar, made a motion to move item 7. Alderman Perez asked for a point of order concerning the transfer. He stated that only the Mayor had the Authority to request this type of transfer. The committee held a discussion concerning this matter and decided to send the item to the full Board of Aldermen with no recommendation, and also ask for an opinion from Corporation Counsel concerning this point. Alderman Lemar, seconded by Alderwoman Jackson-Brooks, made a motion to send the item to the full Board with No Recommendation. The committee voted, by voice vote, with Alderman Sandman and Alderwoman Silverman Abstaining, to send the item forward with No Recommendation.
5. On a motion by Perez, seconded by Sandman, to move item 8. The committee, by voice vote, approved the Transfer requested by the Corporation Counsel.

On a motion by Sandman, seconded by Perez, the Committee unanimously voted to close the meeting at 9:54 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden  
Fiscal Analyst