

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

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Tuesday, March 31, 2009

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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Aldermanic Notice - New Haven

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven, to act upon the following items;

Workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budget proposed by the Mayor for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009, regarding the following departments:

Board of Aldermen  
Mayors Office  
Registrar of Voters  
City Clerk

Assessments  
Corporation Counsel  
Services to Persons with Disabilities  
Fair Rent Commission

Dept of Finance (Debt Payment, Pension, Self Insurance, Employee Benefits, Various Organizations (Probate Court, Patriotic Celebrations, Downtown Special Services District, Peace Commission), Non Public Transportation.  
Revenue Budget

The City of New Haven 2009-10 Annual Budget is filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Yusuf Shah, Chair. Attest: Ron Smith, City Clerk.

If you need a disability-related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 946-8122 (voice) or 946-8582 (TTY).

Meeting Minutes

**Chair Shah called the workshop to order at 6:07 p.m. March 31, 2009 in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Shah, Silverman, Perez, Goldfield, Jackson-Brooks, Clark, Castro, Lemar, and Sandman. Also in attendance were Ald. Brison, and Blango.**

**Workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budget proposed by the Mayor for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009.**

**1. Michelle Duprey, Director of Services to Persons with Disabilities, came before the committee. Ms. Duprey spoke concerning the Department of Services to**

Persons with Disabilities budget request.

Alderman Shah asked if the department had an action plan for the year. Ms. Duprey said that she didn't because most of her budget was wages and disability accommodations.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

2. Albert Lucas, Director of the Office of Legislative Services, came before the committee. Mr. Lucas went over the department's budget request.

Alderman Shah asked if the department had an action plan for the year. Mr. Lucas said that he did.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

3. Sharon Ferrucci and Rae Tramontano, the two Registrar of Voters, came before the committee. Ms. Ferrucci went over the department's budget request.

Alderman Shah asked if the department had an action plan for the year. Ms. Ferrucci said that they did not. It would depend on what the State would reimburse the City for elections.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

4. Victor Bolden, Corporation Counsel, and Paula Pernel, Executive Assistant to the Corporation Counsel, came before the committee. Mr. Bolden spoke concerning his department's budget request.

Alderman Perez asked for a Law Firm contractor list and what the average case load was per attorney. Mr. Bolden said he would get it to the committee.

Alderman Jackson-Brooks asked which attorney handled which department. Mr. Bolden said he would get it to the committee.``

There were no further questions from the Committee.

5. Sean Mattison, Chief of Staff of the Mayor's Office, and Adam Joseph, from the Mayor's office, came before the committee. Mr. Mattison went over the Mayor's Office budget request.

Alderman Perez asked for a report of what the consultant in Washington DC has done for the City. Mr. Mattison gave the committee a handout concerning this.

Alderman Jackson-Brooks asked what the cost for student interns was and what they did. Mr. Mattison said that he would get this information to the committee.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

6. Alderman Shah told the committee that there was no representative from the City Clerks Office and it would be rescheduled for another night.

7. Otis Johnson Jr., Director of Fair Rent, came before the committee. Mr. Johnson went over his department's budget request.

There were no questions from the Committee.

8. William O'Brian, City Assessor, came before the committee. Mr. O'Brian gave the committee a handout of his department's budget request, which he went over.

There were no questions from the Committee.

9. Mark Pietrosimone, City Controller, Lawrence Rusconi, Director of Management & Budget, and Joe Clerkin, Supervisor of Management & Budget, came before the committee. Mr. Pietrosimone went over the department's budget requests.

Alderman Shah asked if there was an action plan on savings in his department. Mr. Pietrosimone said that he would get it to the committee.

Alderman Sandman asked if why the IT department had increased in Other Contractual. Mr. Pietrosimone answered.

Alderman Perez asked about why the Tax department didn't have any part time people to help in reducing overtime? Mr. Pietrosimone explained.

Alderman Shah requested that committee staff to schedule the Tax Collector to come before the committee at another meeting.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

On a motion by Perez, seconded by Sandman, the Committee unanimously voted to close the workshop at 8:56 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayden  
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