

# City of New Haven

## Meeting Minutes (Short)

### Finance Committee

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Tuesday, April 7, 2009

6:30 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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#### Aldermanic Notice - New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a workshop on Tuesday, April 1, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven, to hear testimony from City departments concerning their budget requests for FY 2009-2010. These departments are;

City Clerk  
Board of Education  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Office of Labor Relations  
Human Resources  
Public Library  
Parks, Recreation & Trees  
Alling Memorial Golf Course Enterprise Fund

Lighthouse Carousel Enterprise Fund  
Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund  
Police Services  
Fire Services  
East Rock Enterprise Fund  
Department of Public Works  
Department of Engineering

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).

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**Chair Shah called the workshop to order at 6:35 p.m. April 7, 2009 in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Shah, Silverman, Perez, Goldfield, Jackson-Brooks, Clark, Castro, Lemar, and Sandman.**

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

**1. Ronald Smith, City Clerk, and Sally Brown, Deputy City Clerk, came before the committee. Ms. Brown spoke concerning the department's budget request.**

There were no questions from the Committee.

2. William Clark, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr. Mayo, Superintendent of Schools, came before the committee. Mr. Clark gave the committee three handouts which he went over concerning the Board of Educations budget request.

Alderman Perez asked for the Board of Educations plan to maintain the school buildings. Mr. Clark said he would get it to the committee.

Alderwoman Castro asked how the funding for the magnet schools vs. the regular schools would be affected by funding cuts. Mr. Clark said he would get it to the committee.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

3. William Grant, Fire Department Chief, Ronald Dumas, Assistant Fire Chief, and Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer, came before the committee. Chief Grant went over the department's budget request. Mr. Smuts spoke concerning the proposed revenue initiative for medical and accident insurance cost recovery fro insurance companies.

Mr. Smuts gave a handout on Fire Department overtime which he went over. A discussion ensued.

Alderman Perez asked Mr. Smuts the City has currently billed and received to date from the insurance billing. Mr. Smuts said that he didn't have the numbers.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

4. Jennifer Pugh, Deputy Administrative Officer, came before the committee and spoke concerning the East Rock Communication Tower Enterprise Fund.

There were no questions from the Committee.

5. Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer, Stephanie Redding and Kenneth Gillespie, Assistant Police Chiefs, and Michael Piasecki, Supervisor of Management Services, came before the committee. Assistant Chief Redding went over the department's budget request.

Mr. Smuts gave the committee a handout on the Police overtime, which he went over. A discussion ensued on overtime costs and the overtime budget.

Alderman Perez asked about Police strategies. Assistant Chief Redding answered.

There were no further questions from the Committee.

6. Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer, and Jennifer Pugh, Deputy Administrative Officer, came before the committee. Mr. Smuts went over the department's budget request.

There were no questions from the Committee.

7. Craig Manemeit, Director of Labor Relations, came before the committee. Mr.

Manemeit went over his department's budget request.

There were no questions from the Committee.

8. Emmit Hibson, Director of Organization Development, came before the committee. Mr. Hibson went over the Human Resource department's budget request.

There were no questions from the Committee.

9. Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Vauiso, from Management & Budget, and Cathleen DeNigris, City Library Chief of Public Services, came before the committee. Ms. DeNigris went over the Public Library's budget requests.

There were no questions from the Committee.

10. Robert Levine, Director of Parks, Recreation & Trees, Thomas Verderame, Executive Assistant to the Director, Christ Hass, Deputy Director Parks & Squares, and Martin Torresquintero, Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, came before the committee. Mr. Levine went over the department's budget request.

Mr. Levine also spoke of a technical amendment to the budget which added back four Park Maintainers, which had been taken out of the budget prior to the union concessions which saved the positions.

Mr. Verderame went over the departments Enterprise funds (Alling Memorial Golf Course, Lighthouse Carousel, and the Walker Skating Rink).

There were no questions from the Committee.

11. John Prokop, Director of Public Works, and Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer, came before the committee. Mr. Prokop went over the department's budget request.

There were no questions from the Committee.

12. Richard Miller, City Engineer, and Robert Smuts, Chief Administrative Officer, came before the committee. Mr. Miller went over the department's budget request.

There were no questions from the Committee.

On a motion by Perez, seconded by Sandman, the Committee unanimously voted to close the workshop at 10:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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