

City of Portland, Maine
Remote Joint City/School Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
5:00 PM, City Finance Committee Meeting
6:30 PM, Joint City/School Finance Committee Meeting
Remote via ZOOM

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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1. Introductions

2. Portland Public Library - Air Handler Failure (CITY ONLY ITEM)

The Committee will receive a brief update on various capital projects in progress at the Portland Public Library (PPL) including the recent failure of an air handler. The failure of one of three air handling units at PPL resulted in damage to and temporary closure of the children's section of the library. Funding sources being pursued for the damage repairs and replacement of the air handling units will be reviewed and discussed. Staff will also seek guidance about potential reallocation of ARPA funds from the Burbank Library ARPA project to address immediate fixes required at the main library. This is a discussion item only - no action will be taken at the current meeting.

3. FY24 City Budget Discussion - Open Union Contracts and Open Contract Items (CITY ONLY ITEM)

City staff will highlight several union contracts which are open for FY24 including a few unresolved items within existing contracts.

The Committee may go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRS 405(6)(D) and (E) to discuss with staff negotiators and corporation counsel potential changes to certain labor contracts, and the City's rights and duties under those contracts, between the City and Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Portland Police Superior Officers Association (SOA), City Employees' Benefit Association (CEBA), Pro-Tech and Labor and Trades. This is a discussion item only - no action will be taken at the current meeting.

***** BREAK UNTIL 6:30PM *****

4. Presentation of 6/30/22 Audit Results by External Auditors, Marcum LLP (JOINT ITEM)

The Joint City/School Finance Committee will receive a presentation on results of the audit of the City/Schools for the year ended 6/30/22. The auditors will review their findings from the fiscal year and management letter recommendations for future improvements. Committee members will have time to ask questions and responses will be provided at the current meeting (if readily available) or a future joint City/School meeting. This is a discussion item only - no action will be taken at the current meeting.

5. Portland Public Schools FY24 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation (JOINT ITEM)

The interim co-Superintendents will present their recommended PPS budget for FY24. Members of the Portland Public Schools (PPS) Board of Education and PPS staff will also be present. This is the first of two Joint City/School meetings required by the City Charter - the second is scheduled for Thursday, April 6th. This is a discussion item only – no action will be taken at the current meeting.

6. Adjournment