

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

PUBLIC RECORD OF MEETING
Complete Public Record of Meeting can be found at the link below:

<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>

Attendees: Finance Committee Chair Dion, Committee Members: Trevorrow, Zarro & Mayor Snyder, City Councilors: Ali, Fournier, Phillips & Rodriguez; School Board Chair Lentz, School Board Members: Biliew, Bondo, Brydon, Figdor, Grant, Opperman, Russell-Bedder, Yusuf, City Staff, School Staff and Public

5:02 PM - Meeting Called to Order / Introductions

5:04 PM - Portland Public Library - Air Handler Failure (CITY ONLY ITEM)

The Committee received 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 were reviewed and discussed. Staff also sought guidance about potential reallocation of ARPA funds from the Burbank Library ARPA project to address immediate fixes required at the main library. This was a discussion item only - no action was taken at the current meeting.

5:20 PM - FY24 City Budget Discussion - Open Union Contracts and Open Contract Items (CITY ONLY ITEM)

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

The Committee voted to 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.

Motion made by Trevorrow to go into executive session, seconded by Zarro (Passed 3-0) Vote Time 5:25 PM

This was a discussion item only - no action was taken at the current meeting.

6:33 PM - Presentation of 6/30/22 Audit Results by External Auditors, Marcum LLP (JOINT ITEM)

The joint City/School Finance Committee received a presentation on results of the audit of the City/Schools for the year ended 6/30/22. The auditors reviewed their findings from the fiscal year and management letter recommendations for future improvements and a Q&A session followed. This was a discussion item only - no action was taken at the current meeting.

7:19 PM - Portland Public Schools FY24 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation (JOINT ITEM)

School staff presented their recommended PPS budget for FY24. This was the first of two Joint City/School meetings required by the City Charter - the second is scheduled for Thursday, April 6th. This was a discussion item only - no action was taken at the current meeting.

8:12 PM – Adjournment.

Motion made by Trevorrow, seconded by Dion (Passed 2-0, Zarro absent) Vote Time 8:12 PM