

**Remote Finance Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 6, 2025
5:00 PM**



MEMBERS
Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Councilor Benjamin Grant
Councilor Wesley Pelletier
Mayor Mark Dion (Ex-Officio)

Remote via ZOOM

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1. Introductions

2. 2026 Metro Assessment and Council Options

On October 31, 2025 Metro submitted their 2026 budget to the City. The budget includes an assessment increase for Portland of 20% or approximately \$600k. Should the Council choose to reject the budget, such rejection must occur within 30 days. Acceptance of the budget and local assessment can occur by taking no action (simply a City Council Communication on a November agenda) or by a formal vote of acceptance. Due to the significance of the FY27

increase the budget will be initially discussed at tonight's Finance Committee meeting to ensure Council support. City and METRO staff will be in attendance to discuss the increase for FY27, the service level enhancements, outlook for FY28, and why the budget is being recommended for acceptance. This is a discussion item only, no action is scheduled at the current meeting.

3. 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Process and Capital Project Selection Criteria

In 2025, City staff made several key changes to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process. Most notably, staff better aligned project selection with established City priorities, added additional evaluation of project submissions based on clear criteria weighted to reflect City priorities, added emphasis on equity and sustainability, and established a Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CPAC) to assist in the CIP project assessment process. At the current meeting, staff will review the CIP timeline, investment priorities and capital project selection criteria for 2026. This is a discussion item only, no action is scheduled at the current meeting.

4. Review of Portland Draft Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes Policy (PILOT)

The City's Finance Committee (and other Council Committees) have explored a PILOT policy for Portland at several points in time over the last several years. At the current meeting, staff will review the latest draft of the PILOT policy, review calculations of voluntary PILOT payment amounts which would be due by entity after factoring in the \$10M exemption, and discuss the proposed service fee ordinance. This is a discussion item only, no action is scheduled at the current meeting.

5. Other Items for Discussion

- a. PSTEP Q&A Follow Up**
- b. American Rescue Plan Act Reporting / Spending Update**
- c. Future Meeting Topic - PPS Memorandum of Understanding**

6. Adjournment