

**Remote Finance Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 29, 2026
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. Public Hearing and Vote on Payment-In-Lieu-of-Tax (PILOT) Policy

A longstanding Finance Committee goal has been to develop a PILOT policy for the City of Portland. The current draft of the PILOT policy represents the culmination of that work, incorporating feedback and public comment from the past several years of Finance Committee

*work and 2017-2018 Housing and Economic Development Committee work. Based on the feedback from the nonprofit community and City Council to date, the PILOT policy being presented is entirely **voluntary**, includes a \$10M exemption to address concerns from small and medium sized exempt entities, and includes a 50% services-in-lieu of taxes credit in consideration of “other services” that benefit the community which are provided by exempt organizations. After brief comments, the Committee will hold a public hearing, have additional Committee discussion, and hold a vote to recommend the draft policy to the full City Council for adoption.*

3. 2026 Finance Committee Goals Discussion

At the current meeting, the Committee will begin the discussion around goals for the Committee during the 2026 calendar year. This discussion follows on the heels of two City Council workshops (Monday 1/12/26 and Monday 1/26/26) where the Council set their goals for 2026 and received a preview of the FY27 budget. This is a discussion item only, no formal action is scheduled.

4. Future Meeting Dates & Topics

At the current meeting, the Committee will review specific dates and topics for upcoming Committee meetings. This is a discussion item only; no formal action is scheduled.

- a. February - 2 Meetings (Finalize Committee Goals, Capital Improvement Plan)*
- b. March - 2 Meetings (Capital Improvement Plan, Review Audit Results, Joint/City School Meeting #1)*
- c. April/May - 5 or 6 Meetings (Joint City/School Meeting #2, School Budget Recommendation to Full Council, City Budget Review and Recommendation to Full Council)*

5. Adjournment