

**City of Portland, Maine
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
5:30 p.m., Room 209**

MINUTES

**Finance Committee MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair Mavodones, Committee Members Costa & Strimling**

Members of the City Council (Duson, Ray), School Board (Figdor, Bondo, Atkinson, Davis, Rodriguez, Trevorror, Balfantz), City and School Staff, and Public

5:40 PM - Meeting Called to Order / Introductions

5:44 PM – FY20 City of Portland Budget – Discussion Item Only

The Finance Director Brendan T. O’Connell provided Department specific budget presentations. Department Heads from each Department being discussed along with financial staff assisted in the presentations. These Small Departments were discussed: Debt Service, Pension, Sewer, Stormwater

6:19 PM - FY20 Portland Public Schools Board of Education Budget – Public Hearing

The Finance Committee will review the FY20 school budget and discuss whether to refer the budget to the full City Council for approval. [Link to: FY20 School Budget](#)

7:38 PM - FY20 City of Portland Budget, Continued – Discussion Item Only

Following the School budget item, Planning and Urban Development budget was discussed, followed by the continuation of Parks & Rec budget discussions. (At the previous meeting (4/23) the Committee spent approximately two hours discussing the Parks & Recreation budget but was unable to complete their review.) Based on the length of time spent discussing previous Departments the Health & Human Services and the Fire Department budget reviews previously scheduled for tonight’s meeting were been postponed to future meetings.

8:59 PM - Future Meeting Dates

In addition to the seven meetings where the FY20 budget has been a topic (1/23, 3/27, 4/4, 4/8, 4/9, 4/23 and 4/24) there will likely be eight additional meetings where the FY20 City budget will be reviewed in more detail, including a minimum of three where public comment will be taken. Comments on the budget may also be submitted at budget@portlandmaine.gov and will be distributed to all Finance Committee members. Scheduled meeting dates are listed below:

- a. **City Council Workshop – Monday, April 29th – Policies of Community Support Fund and Shelter Overflow**
- b. **Finance Committee – Thursday, May 2nd, 5:30PM in Room 209 – Individual Department Discussions (Continued)**
- c. **City Council – Monday, May 6th, 5:30PM in Council Chambers (Budget 1st Read and Public Hearing)**
- d. **Finance Committee – Thursday, May 9th, 5:30PM in Room 209 – Individual Department Discussions (Continued)**
- e. **City Council Budget Workshop – Monday, May 13th, 5:30PM in Council Chambers**
- f. **Finance Committee – Tuesday, May 14th, 5:30PM in Room 209 (if necessary)**
- g. **Finance Committee – Wednesday, May 15th, 5:30PM in Room 209 (if necessary)**
- h. **City Council – Monday, May 20th, 5:30PM in Council Chambers (Public Hearing)**

9:13 PM - Adjournment