

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 8, 2019
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 114**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Finance Committee Chair Michael Foley.

City Councilors Present: Victor Chau (Ward 2); Michael T. Foley (At-Large); Ann E. Peoples (At-Large); Brendan Rielly (Ward 1); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President)

City Councilors Absent: Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President)

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Stephen Fields (Assistant City Administrator/Director of Human Resources); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Suzanne Knight (Finance Director); Michael Sanphy (Mayor); James Thomas (City Assessor)

AGENDA CHANGES

Committee Chair Foley noted that Public Transit and Revenues have been removed from the agenda and will be scheduled review at another Finance Committee meeting.

ASSESSING

Committee Chair Foley gave the floor to Mr. Thomas, who presented the proposed Assessing budget.

The following individuals provided comments and/or questions: Committee Chair Foley, Mr. Bryant

Motion to cut \$2,160 from the budget.

Moved by Councilor Rielly, seconded by President Rairdon.

Committee Chair Foley opened the floor for comments on the motion. No one spoke.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

CLERK & ELECTIONS

Committee Chair Foley gave the floor to Ms. Holmes, who presented the City Clerk & Elections budget.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions: Councilor Rielly; Committee Chair Foley; Councilor Chau; Christine Latini (170 Pierce Street); Mr. Bryant

SOCIAL SERVICES

Committee Chair Foley gave the floor to Dr. Bruce Dyer, who presented the Social Services budget.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions: President Rairdon; Councilor Chau; Mr. Bryant; Committee Chair Foley

Motion to eliminate funding for the Morrison Center (\$2,000) and for Community Dental (\$5,000).

Moved by Councilor Chau, seconded by Committee Chair Foley.

Committee Chair Foley opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: President Rairdon, Councilor Rielly, Councilor Peoples

Motion carried. (Vote 3-2-1)

Ayes: Chau, Foley, Rairdon
Nays: Peoples, Rielly
Absent: Turcotte

Motion to add \$8,000 in funding to Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Day One and SARS of Southern Maine.
Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Committee Chair Foley.
Committee Chair Foley opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Rielly, Councilor Peoples.

Motion failed (Vote 1-4-1)

Ayes: Rairdon
Nays: Chau, Foley, Peoples, Rielly
Absent: Turcotte

Councilor Rielly requested that the entire Social Service budget, as amended, be placed on the Referral List for future discussion.

HUMAN RESOURCES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Committee Chair Foley gave the floor to Mr. Fields, who presented the Human Resources & Employee Benefits budget.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions: Councilor Peoples, Councilor Chau, Ms. Latini

FINANCE, DEBT SERVICE, COUNTY TAXES & TRANSFERS

Committee Chair Foley gave the floor to Ms. Knight, who presented the Finance, Debt Services, County Taxes and Transfers budgets.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions: Councilor Chau, Committee Chair Foley, Mr. Fields, Ms. Latini

Motion to reduce \$7,000 from auditing fees.
Moved by Councilor Rielly, seconded by Councilor Peoples.
Committee Chair Foley opened the floor for comments on the motion. No one spoke.
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

MAYOR, LEGAL & RISK MANAGEMENT

Committee Chair Foley gave the floor to Mr. Bryant, who presented the Mayor, Legal & Risk Management budgets.

The following individuals presented comments and/or questions: Councilor Chau, Councilor Peoples, Mr. Bryant, Committee Chair Foley, Ms. Knight, Councilor Rielly, Mayor Sanphy, Deborah Shangraw (752 Main Street)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM.
Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Peoples.
Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.