



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MAY 26, 2020
REMOTE ACCESS MEETING**



Note: This meeting was conducted in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 403-A, which permits public proceedings to be conducted through remote access during the declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Committee Chair Victor Chau.

City Councilors Present: Claude Rwaganje (At-Large); Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large); David C. Morse (Ward 1); Victor Chau (Ward 2); Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President); Elliot Storey (Ward 5)

City Councilors Absent: None

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (City Solicitor); Stephen Fields (Asst. City Administrator/Director of Human Resources); Michael T. Foley (Mayor); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Suzanne Knight (Finance Director); Daniel Stevenson (Director of Economic Development); James Thomas (Tax Assessor)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & WESTBROOK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (WEIC)

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Mr. Stevenson, who presented the Economic Development Department's and WEIC's proposed FY 2021 budgets.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: President Rairdon, Mayor Foley, Councilor Shaughnessy, Councilor Rwaganje, Committee Chair Chau

HUMAN RESOURCES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Mr. Fields, who presented the Human Resources Department's and Employee Benefits proposed FY 2021 budgets.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: Vice President Turcotte, Mayor Foley, Councilor Shaughnessy, President Rairdon

Motion to cut educational reimbursement by \$5,000.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Vice President Turcotte.

Committee Chair Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: President Rairdon, Councilor Shaughnessy, Mayor Foley, Mr. Bryant, Councilor Storey, Committee Chair Chau

Motion failed. (Vote 1-6)

Ayes: Rairdon

Nays: Rwaganje, Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Storey

CLERK & ELECTIONS

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Ms. Holmes, who presented the City Clerk's Office and Elections proposed FY 2021 budgets.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: Councilor Storey, Mayor Foley, President Rairdon, Vice President Turcotte, Councilor Rwaganje, Councilor Shaughnessy, Committee Chair Chau

ASSESSING

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Mr. Thomas, who presented the Assessing Department's proposed FY 2021 budgets.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: Committee Chair Chau

FINANCE, DEBT SERVICE, COUNTY TAX, TRANSFERS

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Ms. Knight, who presented the proposed FY 2021 budgets for Finance, Debt Service, County Tax and Transfers.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: President Rairdon, Councilor Shaughnessy, Councilor Storey, Mayor Foley, Committee Chair Chau

REVENUE

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Mr. Bryant, who presented the proposed FY 2021 revenue budget.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: Councilor Storey, Councilor Shaughnessy, Mayor Foley, Councilor Rwaganje, Committee Chair Chau

MAYOR, LEGAL & RISK MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC TRANSIT

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Mayor Foley, who presented the proposed FY 2021 budgets for the Mayor's Office, Legal & Risk Management and Public Transit.

The following individuals presented comments and questions: President Rairdon, Committee Chair Chau

REFERRAL

Committee Chair Chau noted for the record that there will be no meeting on Wednesday May 19, 2020, which was originally scheduled as a tentative Finance Committee meeting date if it proved necessary.

Motion to send the proposed FY 2021 budget to the City Council for consideration.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Vice President Turcotte.

Committee Chair Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Mayor Foley, President Rairdon, Mr. Bryant, Councilor Rwaganje.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Rwaganje, Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Rairdon, Storey

Nays: None

Committee Chair Chau noted for the record that first reading of the budget would take place on June 1, 2020, seconded reading would take place on June 15, 2020, and the School Budget Referendum would take place on July 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Moved by Councilor Rwaganje, seconded by President Rairdon.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Rwaganje, Shaughnessy, Morse, Chau, Turcotte, Rairdon, Storey
Nays: None