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# ***CITY OF EASTHAMPTON*** **OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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*Council  
Finance  
Committee  
Meeting,*

**6/8/2022**

## **Attendees:**

### **Finance Committee Members:**

Councilor Dan Rist, Chair  
Councilor Tom Peake, Clerk (remote)  
Councilor Koni Denham

### **Other Attendees:**

City Council President Homar Gomez  
Councilor Brad Riley  
Mayor Nicole LaChapelle  
City Treasurer Jessica Hebert  
City Auditor Hetal Patel

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting was held as a hybrid due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was videotaped. Councilors Rist and Denham were in person and Councilor Peake was remote.

1. No minutes were approved.
2. Mayor's Communication: None.

3. Public Speak: None

4. New Business:

#### **a) Final Budget Votes and Recommendations**

Councilor Rist asked City Auditor Hetal Patel about what would happen if a budget item were cut. City Auditor Patel stated that estimated local receipts would be amended. Councilor Peake stated that he was hopeful that a deal could be reached, and that he intended to abstain until a deal could be reached. Councilor Denham stated disappointment in this process, but also faith that a solution could be reached. Councilor Riley expressed concern about the process.

1. General Government: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**

2. Public Safety: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  3. Schools: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  4. Public Works: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  5. Human Services: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  6. Culture and Recreation: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  7. Debt & Interest: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  8. Unclassified (Employee Benefits): **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this item was voted on 1-0-2, with Councilors Peake and Denham abstaining.**
  9. Community Preservation: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this unanimously approved.**
  10. Enterprise: **By motion made by Councilor Denham and seconded by Councilor Peake, this unanimously approved**
5. Continuing Business
- a) **Quarterly fiscal reports from the City Auditor:** This was not discussed tonight.
  - b) **Quarterly Report on Covid-19 grant funding and spending:** This was not discussed.
  - c) **Review of elected officials/board & committee stipends.** This was not discussed.

**By motion made by Councilor Peake and seconded by Councilor Denham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM**

Next meeting: 6/13/22

