

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 23, 2023**

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, January 23, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 P.M. by the Chair, Jeron Alston.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeron Alston, Chair; Sarah Gallagher, Vice-Chair; Justin Farmer; Cory O'Brien; Bob Anthony

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wetmore; Lesley DeNardis

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Order authorizing intradepartmental transfer 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Hamden Police Dept. \$200,000

-- Moved by Mr. Anthony, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Acting Chief Wydra explained how he was funded at \$1,000,000 and in early July \$120,000 was taken from this account to fund the Deputy Chief position and he's been funding O.T. to cover vacancies since. He said these are contractual obligations for staffing levels. Mr. Farmer asked if the \$200,000 has already been expended. Chief Wydra say no. Mr. Farmer asked how we bring O.T. down. Chief Wydra said he doesn't like sitting here asking for this but he went from 109 officers to 80. Mr. Farmer spoke on restructuring and said he'd love to see a restructuring plan. Mr. Alston mentioned the Chief expects needing \$625,000 until year end and asked if this is just for now. Chief Wydra said that's correct and said the \$625,000 includes this \$200,000 so it's another \$425,000 that he'll need.

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 opposed (Farmer)

There being no further business Mr. Alston adjourned the meeting at 10:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Jeron Alston, Chair