

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

APRIL 16, 2009

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko, Vice Chair presided.

Members of Committee present: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Mark S. Cookson (7:03 p.m.)  
Alderman Michael A. Tamposi, (7:06 p.m.)

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy, Chair

Also in Attendance: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau  
Alderman Richard P. Flynn  
Alderman-at-Large Fred S. Teeboom  
Michael Gilbar, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul Bergeron, City Clerk  
Daniel Gurette, Director, Human Resources  
Dean Giftos, Director, CitiStat  
Thomas Galligani, Director, Economic Development  
Juliana Lastowka, Co-Chair, Review & Comment Commission  
Lauren Byers, Co-Chair, Review & Comment Commission  
Charles Matthews, Chairman, Hunt Building Board of Trustees  
William Mansfield, Radio Systems Mgr., Nashua Police Dept.  
Jennifer Deshaies, Manager, Risk Management Department  
David Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector

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COMMUNICATIONS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF TWO COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PREPARED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Alderman-at-Large Fred S. Teeboom  
Re: Combined Annual Budget in the Proposed FY10 Budget

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Alderman-at-Large Fred S. Teeboom  
Re: Tax Rate Model for FY10 Proposed and Adopted Budget

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DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

Mayor's Office (501)  
City Clerk (513)  
Human Resources (515)  
Insurance-Employee Benefits (508)  
Citi-Stat (511)  
Economic Development (573)  
Civic & Community Activities (505)

Financial Services (512)  
Insurance - Property & Casualty (514)  
Hunt Building (520)

Miscellaneous Revenue (499)

Citywide Communications (536)

- Presentation by Department Representatives
- Questions by Committee Members
- General Comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

Resolutions

**R-08-63**

Endorsers: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau  
Alderman Richard L. LaRose  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman Jeffrey T. Cox

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS  
NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,500,000) FOR THE PURCHASE, REPAIR,  
RENOVATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS**

**R-08-137**

Endorsers: Alderman Jeffrey T. Cox  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko

**APPROPRIATING \$1,347,754.73 FROM UNANTICIPATED REVENUE-  
ACCOUNT #481-629 "SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REVENUE-SPECIAL  
EDUCATION, CATASTROPHIC AID" INTO ACCOUNT #981-5375  
"SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND"**

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 11:30 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Committee Clerk

## SUSPENSION OF RULES

**MacMillan, Dawn**

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**From:** Fred Teeboom [fredtee@myfairpoint.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 8:23 AM  
**To:** Gilbar, Michael  
**Cc:** Lozeau, Donnalee; Board of Aldermen; McCarthy, Brian  
**Subject:** Combined Annual Budget in the Proposed FY10 Budget

CFO Gilbar

Last evening we were presented with the mayor's proposed FY10 budget. However, I cannot find explicitly stated the amount of the Combined Annual Municipal Budget, inclusive of the accounts and line items defined in **Charter Section 56-c and NRO 5-145**.

This is important, so we can compare the proposed FY10 budget with the adopted FY09 budget "apples with apples" for purpose of calculating the amount the FY10 budget can expand above the FY09 budget in accordance with **Section 56-c of the City Charter** (commonly referred to as the Spending Cap).

The Combined Annual Municipal Budget had been reported in previous budgets, so I am puzzled why this was not done this year. I noted this last evening following the mayor's remarks.

I herewith request that you provide, by written communication, the amount of the Combined Annual Budget in the mayor's proposed FY10 budget, (with reference to what line items and accounts are included subject to **Charter Section 56-c and NRO 5-145**), compare this with the Combined Annual Budget of the adopted budget for FY09 (including the line items and accounts subject to **Charter Section 56-c and NRO 5-145**), and show by simple calculation (using the 3-year average CPI-U/Northeast) the dollar margin the proposed FY10 budget is below the Spending Cap.

Fred Teeboom  
Alderman-at-Large

**MacMillan, Dawn**

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**From:** Fred Teeboom [fredtee@myfairpoint.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 8:49 AM  
**To:** Gilbar, Michael  
**Cc:** Lozeau, Donnalee; Board of Aldermen  
**Subject:** Tax Rate Model for FY10 Proposed and Adopted Budget

CFO Gilbar:

The mayor last night, during remarks concerning her FY10 proposed budget, mentioned that residential property assessments had declined an average of 12%, but that with increased education aid and other anticipated revenue offsets expected the average residential property owner is not expected to pay more property taxes than last year.

We usually received a prediction of tax rate and tax calculations, using the spread-sheet model developed by former Administrative Director Maureen LeMieux, which proved to be remarkably accurate. This has been very valuable and helpful during budget deliberations, and given us a clear(er) understanding of the dynamics of the tax rate calculation against the proposed annual budget, and the property taxes our citizens will be paying. The model was updated following adoption of the budget.

I request you provide this or similar model, early during the budget review process, with updates as necessary if revenue projections change.

Fred Teeboom  
Alderman-at-Large