Remote Finance Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 29, 2026
5:00 PM

MEMBERS
Councilor Benjamin Grant, Chair
Councilor April Fournier
Councilor Wesley Pelletier
Mayor Mark Dion (Ex-Officio)

Remote via ZOOM

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1. Introductions

2. Finance Policies Updates - Debt Management (Public Hearing and Scheduled Vote)

At prior meetings, staff discussed concepts for changes to the Debt Management Policy for Finance Committee to review and approve. These included elimination of language specific to

the City's pension obligation bonds (which matured on June 1, 2026), addition of new best practices per the latest guidance from credit rating agencies, details on the City's referendum thresholds, and work to align internal policy with Chapter 2 and Chapter 14 of the City Code. At the current meeting, staff will discuss next steps for approvals including presentation of an updated red lined draft of the Debt Management Policy and applicable sections of Chapter 2 and Chapter 14. The changes to Chapter 2 and Chapter 14 will require City Council approval and the changes to Chapter 14 will also require Planning Board approval. The Committee will hold a public hearing and consider taking action to endorse the changes.

3. Other Items for Discussion

a. **Finance Committee Work Plan - Other 2026 Items**
    i. **MOU with Portland Public Schools - Draft Document in Development**
    ii. **Planning - Future of Expo Center Campus and Police Department**
b. **Upcoming Meetings**
    i. **Future Dates**
    ii. **Future Meeting Formats (Remote vs In-Person @ City Hall)**

4. Adjournment