



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 3, 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
meeting as a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others: Alderman Neidergang, Boukili, Stan Koty, Hayes Morrison, Dave Fallon, Steve Craig, Michael Glavin, Eileen McGettigan, Ed O'Donnell, Don Briggs (Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT)), Peter Forcellese. Jr.

Approval of the Minutes of June 09, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19 and 23, 2014

RESULT:

APPROVED

197515 - Requesting the extension of the Non-Participating Items Agreement with MassDOT related to the East Broadway streetscape.:

Ms. Morrison spoke on the item and requested an extension of 12 months. Funding is derived from a combination of bonds, CDBG and state funds.

RESULT:

APPROVED

197516 - Requesting approval of the second amendment to the Assembly Row Economic Development Proposal as it pertains to I-Cubed financing for Assembly Row infrastructure.:

Mr. Briggs described the I-Cube process that was approved by the state and explained that it is a tri-party agreement with FRIT, the City of Somerville and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. FRIT signed to invest in the infrastructure. A portion of the investment will be reimbursed through a District Improvement Financing (DIF) program. The remaining item is FRIT's production of an IDAA development agreement that would provide structure to issue the bonds.

FRIT would like to have this item approved by the committee and the Patrick Administration by end of October. Ms. McGettigan discussed a letter of credit that provides security for the city to secure the debt services for 2 years of failure to pay.

Alderman White stated that the next meeting with FRIT on Assembly Row would be scheduled as a Committee of the Whole and that a walk through of the agreement should be done at that time. Alderman Heuston wants a document that will help the aldermen explain the issue to their constituents. Chairman Lafuente will schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting around the 1st week of October to meet with FRIT and discuss the next phase and requested that Mr. Glavin provide documents on the next phase of Assembly Row to all committee members before the next meeting.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197517 - Requesting an appropriation of \$253,620 in unused bond funds for renovations and safety improvements at the Kennedy School Playground.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197518 - Requesting an appropriation of \$107,200 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to partially fund the renovation and safety improvements for the Kennedy School Playground:

Mr. Boukili spoke on the item and will come back with more information for the next meeting.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197519 - Requesting an appropriation of \$25,519 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for environmental testing of the Municipal Waste Transfer Facility.:

Ms. Morrison spoke on the item. An on-site professional will report back on the best way to cap the site. Additionally, the concrete slab still remains where the building used to be.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

197520 - Requesting a transfer of \$6,591 from the Health Department's Salaries Account to the Constituent Services Salaries and Wages Temporary Account to fund wage adjustments for fill-in telephone operators.:

Mr. Steve Craig spoke on the item. The 3 fill-in operators do not receive benefits and are the lowest paid operators. Alderman Heuston inquired about the Pay for Performance for all staff members, including per diems and part time employees.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

197521 - Requesting a transfer of \$2,000 from two Constituent Services Department Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Constituent Services Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to fund a rate adjustment for fill-in telephone operators.:

See Item 197520, (above)

RESULT:

APPROVED

197522 - Requesting approval to pay FY14 invoices in the Department of Public Works from FY15 appropriations totaling \$28,486.24.:

Mr. Koty explained that a policy change forced these bills to be paid out of FY-15 funds.

RESULT:

APPROVED

197523 - Requesting approval to pay 6 prior year invoices totaling \$4,669.50 for the Treasury Department using FY2015 funds.:

Mr. Forcellese explained that the invoices were received near the end of June and were not encumbered before the end of the fiscal year.

RESULT:

APPROVED

197524 - Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices totaling \$1,204 in SPCD for police details related to the setup of Hubway stations.:

Ms. Morrison stated there are 12 Hubway stations in Somerville and that police details were required due to the scope of their installation.

RESULT:

APPROVED

197525 - Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$186,976.00 from The MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Department.:

Deputy Chief Fallon spoke on the item.

RESULT:

APPROVED

197526 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$60,704 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.:

Deputy Chief Fallon spoke on the item.

RESULT:

APPROVED

197527 - Requesting the approval of a gift from the Union Square Master Developer bidders, valued at \$18,140.77, for reimbursement of travel expenses.:

Mr. O'Donnell spoke on the item.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

197608 - Requesting permission to enter into a 5 year contract for AED medical supervision, training, and support.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197609 - Requesting the extension of a contract for architectural and engineering services with CDR Maguire to ensure the completion of repairs at the High School.:

Mr. Boukili spoke on the item and said that the extension would run until January of 2015. The project is being managed by the Capital Projects Department.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

197610 - Requesting the transfer of \$2,000 from Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Personal Services Account within the Constituent Services Department to cover wage adjustment for fill-in operators.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197611 - Communicating information regarding the needed relocation of the Public Safety Building.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**