



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - October 9, 2018, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

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1. **Approval of the September 12, 2018 Minutes**
2. **Approval of the September 25, 2018 Minutes**
3. **206716: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,350,000 in a bond for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library.
4. **199297: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration implement a PILOT program to promote partnerships with major local non-profit institutions for fair-value voluntary PILOTs.
5. **202971: Recommend** Green Cab requesting a waiver of Taxi Medallion fees.
6. **206006: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Clean Cab Proposal to waive taxi medallion fees for qualifying vehicles.
7. **203230: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the city may restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing based on their business activities, and whether the city may engage in a negotiated underwriting process with a pre-selected lending institution under certain circumstances.

8. **205678: Discuss** City Treasurer responding to #203230 re: whether the city can restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing.
9. **204025: Discuss** Asst. City Solicitor responding to #203230 re: restricting or pre-selecting financial institutions for city borrowing.
10. **203448: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the City Assessor and Finance Director provide revenue comparisons for real estate and other taxes received, for a hotel vs. a commercial building of comparable size.
11. **203742: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Fleet Manager provide a 2017 mid-year report of all services provided by the Fleet Management Department, and the expenses to date in each of its line items.
12. **204867: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Chief Assessor and the Director of Communications provide an update on how this year's tax deferral program can be advertised to each eligible home owner, and how the application process can be streamlined.
13. **204881: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Mayor allocate \$25,000 for the remainder of FY18 for this Board to hire its own legal counsel to provide independent legal analysis and advice on legal matters.
14. **206164: Discuss** (Scott) – That, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, this Board authorizes and requires the employment of other counsel to issue legal opinion and assist in resolving the questions of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee around sequencing of appointments and confirmation, and on release of requested information from the Administration for consideration by the Committee.
15. **204888: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Finance report to this Board how much money was spent per year on girls' programs and boys' programs during FY16, FY17 and FY18 to date.
16. **205109: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch) – That the Administration and Director of Parks and Recreation develop a financial policy for programming for persons under 18 years of age that ensures gender equity when using public funds.
17. **204982: Discuss** (McLaughlin, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD outline any financial incentives offered in the city's Amazon bid as well as plans for a Community Benefits Agreement in the possible development.
18. **206162: Discuss** Director of SPCD responding to #204982 re: possible financial incentives and a community benefits agreement in the city's Amazon bid.

19. **206243: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of the fee interest in portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.
20. **206715: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a Confirmatory Reciprocal Easement over Block 11 in Assembly Square.
21. **206229: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration add \$250,000 to the FY19 budget to purchase additional trees.
22. **206239: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration increase the annual salary of the Director of the Council On Aging to align with the numerous other Directors who oversee a similar number of staff and contribute to the well-being of thousands in our Community.
23. **206323: Recommend** Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$34,000 to the Parks and Recreation Budget Ordinary Maintenance Fee Account to fund a license payment for the DCR Boathouse.
24. **206452: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mount Auburn Hospital to the Health & Human Services Department for health equity training.
25. **206451: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$3,100 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department, for summer youth jobs.
26. **206442: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$6,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreational Land Reserve budget to Groundwork Somerville, for the conservation restriction fee for the 5 Palmer parcel.
27. **206584: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Administration explain to this Board why the new textile recycling contract was not subject to the city's Living Wage ordinance, and inform this Board when that contract will be re-negotiated.
28. **205729: Discuss** Legislative Liaison updating this Board on the city's recycling costs.
29. **205959: Discuss** Legislative Liaison responding to #200593 with updated reports on Police and Fire services rendered to tax-exempt facilities.
30. **205960: Discuss** Legislative Liaison responding to #205477 re: Block 8 payments.

31. **205998: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #205728, a proposed Fire Suppression Charge.
32. **206100: Discuss** CPA Manager submitting the FY18 CPA Annual Report and FY19 Community Preservation Plan as supporting documents for the CPA FY19 budget.
33. **205091: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration provide this Board with an opinion on whether or not to draft a home rule petition raising the owner occupied residential tax exemption from 35% to 40%.
34. **202711: Discuss** Director of SomerStat submitting a memorandum analyzing an increase in the residential exemption.
35. **206242: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of certain Assembly Row streets as Public Ways, including portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.
36. **205950: Recommend** Requesting approval of a reciprocal easement over portions of Block 6 in Assembly Row.
37. **205956: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistics helmets, and sunglasses from OEM, with no match required, for the Police Department's Special Response Team.