



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 19, 2012

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Stan Koty	Commissioner of Public Works	Present	
Frank Wright	City Solicitor	Present	
Doug Willardson	Budget Analyst	Present	
Ginger Barrett	Water Superintendent	Present	
Paulette Renault-Caragianes	Director of Health	Present	

The following Aldermen were recused from all discussions of the departments below, as noted:

Alderman Roche	Police, Constituent Services, DPW - Sanitation
Alderman Heuston	DPW - Administration
Alderman Taylor	Animal Control
Alderman O'Donovan	Fire, Capital Planning
Alderman Trane	School Department
Alderman Desmond:	Information Technology
Alderman Sullivan	Traffic and Parking

FY-13 City Budget

The budget requests for the following departments were reviewed at this meeting:

- **Public Works**
- **Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds**
- **Health Department**

Mr. Willardson provided information on the proposal to purchase the streetlights, and some utility poles, from NSTAR and projected that the city would save approximately \$311,404 over a full fiscal year. Final details are still being worked out between the city and NSTAR.

Mr. Dias was asked to provide additional information regarding special circumstance parking permit fees in the Traffic and Parking Department. There are 12 different permits available and the anticipated annual revenue from these is \$200,000. Mr. Diaz noted that these fees are set by the Traffic Commission.

The following requests were made by the committee:

- DPW Buildings and Grounds: breakdown for the \$125,521 increase in the Professional line item of the DPW Buildings and Grounds budget, and in-house costs vs. contracted (AM-PM) costs, (Ald. Gewirtz)
- DPW Buildings and Grounds: information from the Law and/or Personnel Departments regarding whether the city has to negotiate with the union prior to expanding the scope of work with the cleaning contractor (AM/PM), (Ald. Roche)
- listing of all outstanding debt service, (Ald. White)
- breakdown of the number of new Traffic and Parking permits, by category, (Ald. Connolly)
- OSE - information regarding the invasive water chestnuts in the Mystic River, (Ald. White)

The committee reviewed each department's budget submission and made the following cuts:

Department	Acct. #	Line Item	Reduction
Exec - SomerStat	511000	Communications Associate	\$2,860.88
Exec - Capital Projects Management	511000	Capital Projects Director	\$8,461.52
Exec - Capital Projects Management	511000	Project Manager	\$6,153.84
Elections	578017	Special Election	\$62,650.00
Finance - Auditing	511000	Deputy City Auditor	\$5,363.44
Finance - Auditing	511000	Internal Auditor	\$4,787.28
Finance - Purchasing	511000	Procurement Analyst	\$4,076.92
OSPCD - Administration	511000	Project Manager	\$2,307.69
OSPCD - Administration	511000	Administrative Asst. PT	\$1,835.84
OSPCD - Economic Development	511000	Director - Economic Development	\$1,107.69
OSPCD - Economic Development	511000	Principal Planner	\$750.00
OSPCD - Economic Development	511000	Planner	\$1,981.54
OSPCD - Inspectional Services	511000	Building Inspector	\$3,407.92
OSPCD - Inspectional Services	511000	Code Enforcement Officer	\$3,552.08
OSPCD - Inspectional Services	511000	Code Enforcement Officer	\$3,580.36
Fire Department	511000	Management Analyst	\$5,000.00
Fire Department	511000	Lieutenant	\$704.96
Fire Department	511000	Lieutenant	\$704.96
Fire Department	511000	Lieutenant	\$704.96
Fire Department	511000	Captain	\$551.44
Fire Department	511000	Captain	\$551.44
Fire Department	511000	Deputy Chief	\$703.92
Fire Department	511000	District Chief	\$623.24

Police Department	511000	Crime Analyst	\$11,250.00
Police Department	511000	Victim Witness Advocate	\$6,840.00
Police Department	511000	Forensic ID Specialist	\$7,788.46
Traffic and Parking	511000	Parking Control Officer	\$1,377.36
Health Department	511000	School Nurse Practitioner	\$3,234.28
Health Department	511000	School Nurse	\$2,818.20
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Health Department	511000	Public Health Nurse - PT	\$2,007.68
Health Department	511000	Hearing Tester	\$1,308.94
Libraries	511000	Librarian I	\$3,068.32
Recreation	511000	Outreach Coordinator	\$2,692.28
DPW - Highway	511000	SHMEO\PWL	\$2,946.24
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DPW - Highway	511000	SHMEO\Cement Finisher\PWL	\$3,146.24
DPW - Engineering	511000	Asst. Director of Engineering	\$1,269.23

Total reduction to FY-13 Budget:	\$180,879.83
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191877 - Submitting a list of proposed Capital Stabilization projects for FY2012.:

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

192074 - Submitting the City's FY2012-2016 Capital Investment Plan.:

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

192927 - Requesting A Supplemental Appropriation to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund of \$30,000.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

193275 - Requesting an appropriation of \$625,000 for the reconstruction and streetscape of East Broadway and authorization to borrow \$625,000 to meet said appropriation.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

193277 - Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the DPW-Engineering Professional and Technical Services Account to fund a city-wide assessment of sidewalks and curb ramps.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193280 - Requesting approval to extend the contract with Professional Account Management LLC for 3 months to allow analysis of proposals received for parking ticket processing services.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193296 - Requesting an appropriation of \$171,726,330 to fund the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

193297 - Requesting an appropriation of \$17,837,568 to fund the FY2013 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193298 - Requesting an appropriation of \$12,612,292 to fund the FY2013 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193299 - Requesting an appropriation of \$395,938 to fund the FY2013 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193300 - Requesting an appropriation of \$140,000 to fund the FY2013 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193301 - Requesting an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2013 Tax Levy.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193302 - Requesting the reauthorization of departmental Revolving Funds for FY2013.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193344 - Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$580,000 for the FY2013 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193347 - Requesting an appropriation of \$1,300,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193348 - Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193349 - Requesting an appropriation of \$600,000 from the Developer Fund Receipts Reserved Account to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193350 - Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193351 - Requesting a Transfer of \$15,000 from the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Electricity Account to the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Salaries Account.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

193390 - Requesting an appropriation of \$308,675 from the Assembly Square Construction Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY2012 Debt Service for Parks Renovation.:

RESULT:

APPROVED