



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:07 pm by Chair Wheeler and adjourned at 7:23 pm with a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt, Scott and Wheeler), none opposed, and none absent.

Also present: Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Richard Raiche - Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Charles Breen - Somerville Fire Chief, Alan Inacio - Director of Finance and Administration, Edward Bean - Director of Finance, Anoop Malik - Health and Human Services Finance Manager, Eric Weisman - Department of Public Works Commissioner, Thomas Galligani - OSPCD Executive Director, Rachel Strutt - Interim Director of Arts Council and Delaney Fisher-Cassioli - Clerk of Committees

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Jon Link, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 21, 2026. [26-0724](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Appropriations

2. Requesting approval to appropriate \$182,469 from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Stabilization fund for the Healthcare for the Homeless program. [26-0803](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Arts

3. Requesting approval to establish an Arts Council Furniture Account and to [26-0738](#)

use \$2,000 in available funds from the Arts Council Professional & Technical Services Account to purchase new desks and chairs for staff.

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Community Preservation Act Appropriations

4. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$4,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve. [26-0733](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Contracts and Agreements

5. Requesting approval to enter into a 60-month contract renewal term with Waste Management of Massachusetts Inc. for solid waste disposal. [26-0763](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

6. Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 5/22/2027 for the contract with UELContractors Inc. for the completion of improvements at Junction Park. [26-0740](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Financial Districting

7. Requesting approval of an amendment to the Assembly Square District Improvement Financing District Map and Program to include the Assembly Square Fire Station, 45 Middlesex Avenue, and improvements to the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Mystic Avenue. [26-0745](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Bond Servicing

8. Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,940,905 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the Street Resurfacing Bond Fund to pay down street reconstruction and resurfacing expenses. [26-0818](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

9. Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,381,625 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the Somerville Avenue Streetscape Bond Fund to pay down capital expenses. [26-0808](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

10. Requesting approval to appropriate \$320,000 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the Union Square Streetscape and Plaza Bond Fund to pay down streetscape improvement expenses. [26-0810](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

11. Requesting approval to appropriate \$999,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to the Building Improvements Bond Fund to pay down building renovation expenses. [26-0807](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Fire Department Grant and Gift Acceptances and Transfers

12. Requesting approval to appropriate \$545,985 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to Fire Pumper Bond Fund 51855 for the purposes of funding a new fire pumper. [26-0819](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

13. Requesting approval to appropriate \$532,449 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Fire Pumper Bond Fund 5187 for the purpose of funding a new fire pumper. [26-0820](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

14. Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$11,000 grant and a \$4,200 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire safety education and supplies for school children and senior citizens. [26-0732](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Police Department Prior Year Invoices

15. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,660 using available funds in the Police Department Maintenance Software Account for fingerprinting machine software. [26-0707](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

#### Police Department Grants

16. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$231,635 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for a body-worn camera program. [26-0378](#)

Kept in committee

#### Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2026-05-26 Memo (with 26-0803)
- Finance - 2026-05-26 Memo (with 26-0707)