



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0151](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of January 21, 2025.
2. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0167](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 30, 2025.

Contracts and Easements

3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0078](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 12/31/2025 for Crowley Cottrell LLC to complete additional services for re-design and construction administrations fees.

4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0096](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of three years for Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Poplar Street Pump Station Design Services.
5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0097](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of three years for PMA LLC for owners project manager services on the Poplar Street Pump Station project.
6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0098](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of three years for MWH Contractors Inc. for construction manager at risk services on the Poplar Street Pump Station project.

Grant and Gift Acceptances

7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0099](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,500,000 grant that requires a 20% match, from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Infrastructure and Asset Management Engineering Division for the Poplar Street Pump Station.
8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0102](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$33,550 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the purchase of firefighter safety equipment.
9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0100](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,400,000 grant with no new match required, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development for infrastructure and open space improvements on the Clarendon Phase II project.

Prior Year Invoices

10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0079](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,400 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Economic Development Division account for 9 Aldersey Street appraisal report.
11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0103](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$486 using available funds in the City Clerk Advertising account for legal hearing notices.

Transfers

- 12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0051](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the transfer of \$346,492 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Community Housing Reserve.

Appropriations

- 13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0049](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$365,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Somerville Community Land Trust for restoration of 12 Pleasant Avenue.
- 14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0053](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,475,428 from the Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.
- 15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0055](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$172,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to the Elizabeth Peabody House for exterior restoration of 277 Broadway.
- 16. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0056](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Open Space Reserve for the installation of water fountains at Nunziato Park.
- 17. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0057](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the CPA Open Space Land Acquisition Fund.
- 18. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0058](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$114,259 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to the Somerville Museum for preservation of artifacts in its collection.
- 19. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0059](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$18,500 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Historic Preservation Reserve for a condition assessment of the Veterans Cemetery and other historic monuments.

20. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1712](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,900 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to add attic insulation to the Recreation Department at 16 Walnut Street.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0047](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to satisfy a court judgment.

Communications and Discussions

22. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0023](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** City Council Finance Analyst conveying FY 2025 second quarter spending update.

Orders and Resolutions

23. Order (ID # [25-0068](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on short- and long-term plans for the Founders Memorial Skating Rink.
24. Order (ID # [25-0036](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Finance discuss the path for City Councilors to receive administrative support staff to assist with City Council work and communication with constituents.
25. Order (ID # [25-0037](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Finance discuss the path for City Councilors to receive administrative support staff in the form of paid internships to assist City Councilors with City Council work and communication with constituents.
26. Resolution (ID # [25-0060](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Sait
That the Administration discuss the decision to stop the annual employee holiday breakfast at the Department of Public Works building.