



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - March 9, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.

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- 1. Approval of the February 23, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. 211365: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$2,200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund.
- 3. 211368: Recommend** City Solicitor requesting approval to retain the pro bono services of Todd & Weld as outside counsel to advise the city with respect to the establishment of safe consumption sites.
- 4. 211011: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$25,495.51 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to the Fire Department for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras.
- 5. 211255: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, White Jr.) – That the Mayor dedicate resources as a supplementary FY21 budget request and in the FY22 budget to create a Department of Transportation with at least three new,

additional full-time staff including a senior position empowered to coordinate this work across departments - a Chief of Streets.

6. **211258: Discuss** (Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, White Jr.) – That this Council discuss FY22 funding and organizational priorities for the Mobility Department.
7. **211374: Recommend** Requesting a transfer of \$50,000 from the SPCD Planning and Zoning Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Ordinary Maintenance Account for a mid-year professional services request.
8. **211375: Recommend** Requesting to establish a Senior Planner position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$88,434 (NU7) and transfer \$10,237 from the SPCD Economic Development Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021.
9. **211376: Recommend** Requesting to establish a Senior Planner position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$88,434 (NU7) and transfer \$10,237 from the SPCD Housing Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021.
10. **211377: Recommend** Requesting to establish an Outreach Coordinator position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$62,424 (NU11) and transfer \$7,266 from the SPCD Planning and Zoning Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021.
11. **211379: Recommend** Director of SPCD submitting information regarding mid-year transfers to establish new positions and new projects in the Mobility Division.
12. **211382: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That this Council consider advocating for an additional \$750,000 in the FY22 budget, as attached, for safe streets and equitable mobility.