

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
199370  
(ID:11976)

<b>RESULT:            PLACED ON FILE</b>
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**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

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| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mayor's Request<br>199371<br>(ID:11958) | Requesting an appropriation of \$195,959,717 to fund the Somerville Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.                                                  |
| Mayor Joseph Curtatone presented the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. The new budget is a snapshot of future goals, and he reflected on some of the accomplishments that took place this past year, including the schools, youth programs, and core services. He stated new challenges must be taken on to make Somerville an exceptional city to live, work and raise a family in. The Mayor reiterated that people want to be part of the community because of its priorities, values, and investments. President White had some questions and concerns regarding some of the projections, in particular the property tax levies. Alderman Rossetti had concerns and questions on PILOT payments and suggested that the Board become more involved in the discussions. Alderman Heuston had questions on construction assessments and fiscal year payment dates. Alderman Lafuente questioned the timeline of the Partners PILOT. Alderman Ballantyne had a question on the projected new growth for Fiscal Year 2016.<br><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |                                         |                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mayor's Request<br>199372<br>(ID:11970) | Requesting an appropriation of \$19,778,865 to fund the FY2016 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.                                                                |
| <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                         |                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mayor's Request<br>199373<br>(ID:11971) | Requesting an appropriation of \$12,469,430 for the FY2016 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.                                                                    |
| <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                         |                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mayor's Request<br>199374<br>(ID:11959) | Requesting an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2016 Tax Levy.                                        |
| Alderman Lafuente requested to waive the readings of items 5 through 38 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.<br><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mayor's Request<br>199375<br>(ID:11973) | Requesting an appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit. |
| <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                         |                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 7. Mayor's Request 199376 (ID:11972)  | Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                         | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 8. Mayor's Request 199377 (ID:11968)  | Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$1,890,020 in estimated FY2016 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee. | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 9. Mayor's Request 199378 (ID:11969)  | Requesting an appropriation of \$1,200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund to fund community preservation projects.          | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 10. Mayor's Request 199379 (ID:11964) | Requesting an appropriation of \$888,200 to fund the FY16 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.                                                        | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 11. Mayor's Request 199380 (ID:11936) | Requesting to transfer \$250,000 from various Personal Services accounts to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                                 | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 12. Mayor's Request 199381 (ID:11963) | Submitting an appropriation of \$185,000 to fund the FY2016 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund.                                                                                      | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 13. Mayor's Request 199382 (ID:11966) | Requesting an appropriation of \$140,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Fire Department Overtime account to alleviate a year end deficit.                   | <b>RESULT:</b> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION<br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |

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| 14. Mayor's Request 199383 (ID:11974) | Requesting an appropriation of \$118,060 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to various SPCD accounts to eliminate several long-standing deficits.                       | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 15. Mayor's Request 199384 (ID:11965) | Requesting an appropriation of \$115,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY16 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget. | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 16. Mayor's Request 199385 (ID:11975) | Requesting an appropriation of \$27,600 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund to mitigate a revenue deficit in FY2015.                       | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 17. Mayor's Request 199386 (ID:11961) | Requesting authorization to establish the SomerTime Departmental Revolving Fund for FY2016.                                                                                     | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 18. Mayor's Request 199387 (ID:11960) | Requesting authorization to establish the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Farmers Market Departmental Revolving Fund for FY2016.                                                     | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 19. Mayor's Request 199388 (ID:11962) | Requesting the reauthorization of Departmental Revolving Funds for FY2016.                                                                                                      | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

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| 20. Officer's Request 199389 (ID:11967) | City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2015. | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

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| 21. Mayor's Request 199390 (ID:11996) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$233,446 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.                              | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |
| 22. Mayor's Request 199391 (ID:11995) | Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund needed capital projects. | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |
| 23. Mayor's Request 199392 (ID:11994) | Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.                           | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |
| 24. Mayor's Request 199393 (ID:11977) | Requesting a transfer totaling \$125,000 from two SPCD ISD Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.  | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |
| 25. Mayor's Request 199394 (ID:11980) | Requesting a transfer of \$36,000 from the Capital Projects Management Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.   | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |
| 26. Mayor's Request 199395 (ID:11988) | Requesting a transfer of \$33,000 from the SPCD Inspectional Services Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.    | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |
| 27. Mayor's Request 199396 (ID:11989) | Requesting a transfer of \$29,836 from the SPCD Planning Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                 | <p><b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee</p> |

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| 28. Mayor's Request 199397 (ID:11979) | Requesting a transfer of \$26,000 from the Treasury Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                               | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 29. Mayor's Request 199398 (ID:11992) | Requesting a transfer of \$23,000 from the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit. | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 30. Mayor's Request 199399 (ID:11986) | Requesting a transfer of \$21,456 from the Auditing Department Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                    | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 31. Mayor's Request 199400 (ID:11991) | Requesting a transfer of \$20,000 from the SPCD Housing Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                           | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 32. Mayor's Request 199401 (ID:11984) | Requesting a transfer of \$13,767 from the Assessing Department Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                   | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 33. Mayor's Request 199402 (ID:11990) | Requesting a transfer of \$11,163 from the SPCD Administration and Finance Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.        | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |
| 34. Mayor's Request 199403 (ID:11981) | Requesting a transfer of \$10,000 from the Council on Aging Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.                       | <b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee |

35. Mayor's Request 199404 (ID:11985) Requesting a transfer of \$9,700 from the Veterans Services Department Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 199405 (ID:11987) Requesting a transfer of \$9,308 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 199406 (ID:11978) Requesting a transfer of \$8,077 from the Somerpromise Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 199407 (ID:11993) Requesting a transfer of \$3,000 from the Redevelopment Authority Salaries Monthly Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the snow removal deficit.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk.