



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 7:35 pm with a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Mbah, Burnley, Clingan, Scott and Wilson), none opposed, and none absent.

Also present: Ed Bean - Finance Director, Kimberly Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Emily Wisdom - Somerville Police Department Director of Finance and Administration, Catherine Lester Salchert - Assistant City Solicitor, Tom Galligani - Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Anoop Malik - Health and Human Resources Finance Manager, Brian PostleWaite - Director of Engineering, Nikki Spencer - Mayor's Office Chief of Staff, Christopher Hosman - SomerPromise Director and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of November 19, 2025. [25-1779](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Bonding

2. Requesting authorization to borrow \$3,057,826 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Fiscal Year 2026 Street Resurfacing Program. [25-1742](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Appropriations

3. Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the Street [25-1743](#)

Reconstruction & Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for the FY 2026 Street Resurfacing Program.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

4. Requesting the appropriation of \$205,000 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Electricity Account for delinquent electricity bills. [25-1747](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

5. Requesting the appropriation of \$225,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Electricity Account for delinquent electricity bills. [25-1748](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

6. Requesting the appropriation of \$10,643 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to recompense the fund for unallowable expenses. [25-1744](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

7. Agenda item 7 was a duplicate item and removed from the agenda.

8. Agenda item 8 was a duplicate item and removed from the agenda.

9. Requesting approval to appropriate \$6,750 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for additional duties related to the Out of School time activities for FY 2026. [25-1732](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Funds and Accounts

10. Requesting authorization to establish a consolidated Gift Account for the Veteran Services Department to accept donations for Veterans Holiday Season uses and veterans in need of financial assistance. [25-1736](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Grant and Gift Acceptances

11. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$370 gift from the Tufts University Softball team to the Health and Human Services Mobile Farmers Market Revolving Fund for market needs. [25-1741](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

12. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$22,570 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for mobile data terminals. [25-1740](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

13. Requesting approval to accept a gift of real property located at 17 Inner Belt Road (9 New Washington Street) from Ralph C. DeVitto, Jr. and A Bram, Trustee, RCD Foundation. [25-1737](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Contracts and Agreements

14. Requesting approval of a utility easement for NStar Electric Company at 0 Windsor Place (Boynton Yards). [25-1728](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Transfers

15. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150 from the Office of Immigrant Affairs Neighborhood Improvement Council Account to the Somerville Public Schools Food Services Account for the Latin American and Caribbean Heritage Celebration. [25-1697](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Prior Year Invoices

16. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$147.86 using available funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Program Supplies and Materials Account for meeting snacks. [25-1733](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Orders and Resolutions

17. In support of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority committing additional resources to stormwater management. [25-1677](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

18. That the Chief of Police present to this Council the financial implications of the Public Safety for All recommendations, specifically the costs to fund additional officers, acquire and utilize body cameras, and implement a co-response model. [25-0254](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

19. That the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs coordinate with departments to assess which federal grants are likely to not be available in FY 2026 and discuss with this Council the potential impact on programs and services. [25-0649](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

- 20.** That the City Solicitor update this Council on the new Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation requirements attached to forthcoming Urban Area Security Initiative grants. [25-1445](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

- 21.** That the Chief of Police or the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region representative update this Council on the strategy for applying for Urban Area Security Initiative or any other federal grants that require Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation. [25-1446](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

Public Communications

- 22.** Crystal Huff submitting comments re: items #25-1445 and #25-1446, Orders regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and ShotSpotter. [25-1515](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2025-12-09 FY26 Annual Streets+West Pearl (with 25-1742, 25-1743)
- Finance - 2025-12-09 Eversource Delinquent Bills Parks and Recreation (with 25-1747, 25-1748)