



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Davis and adjourned at 8:39 PM on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Mbah, Burnley, Clingan Scott and Wilson), none against and none absent.

#### Others present:

Alan Inacio - Senior Accountant Planning Board, Anoop Malik - Finance Manager HHS, William Fisher – Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Brendan Salisbury – Legislative and Policy Analyst, Jill Lathan – Commissioner DPW, Emily Wisdom - Director of Finance And Administration – SPD, Kate Hartke - Director of Grants and External Funds, Lauren Mahoney - Deputy Director - Office of Emergency Management, Cory Mian - Senior Vice President, Real Estate Development Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc., Neha Singh – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

#### Roll Call

Approved

**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 March 25, [25-0598](#)  
2025.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting [25-0668](#)  
of April 2, 2025.

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

Prior Year Invoices

3. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$787.50 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for ray catchers. [25-0414](#)

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 approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$276.94 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Department Kennedy Pool Account for paint supplies. [25-0493](#)

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 approval to pay prior year invoice totaling \$1,200 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for arbitration services. [25-0579](#)

Recommended to be withdrawn

6. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,282.76 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supply Account for bicycles, parts, and accessories. [25-0585](#)

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

7. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$25,600 grant that requires an in-kind match which is a portion of the Director's salary, to the Office of Emergency Management for emergency management and Fire Department supplies. [25-0280](#)

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

8. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for senior transportation services. [25-0531](#)

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 Easements

9. Requesting the approval of a time-only contract extension for three years for the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for restoration of 59 Cross Street. [25-0415](#)

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

#### Bonding

10. Requesting authorization to borrow \$9,750,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for a portion of the costs associated with the development of the Clarendon Hill Phase II Housing Project. [25-0601](#)

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

11. Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,787.19 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the salary and fringe of the Prevention Services Coordinator for FY 2026. [25-0542](#)

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 the appropriation of \$160,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink. [25-0456](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

#### Ordinances

13. Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-325 to Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3 related to compensation for elected officials. [25-0375](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be approved as amended

**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

14. 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. [25-0036](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

15. 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. [25-0037](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update on the citywide disparity study, including when the report will be made available to the public. [25-0251](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

17. 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.

Kept in committee

## Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2025-04-08 COA Memo (with 25-0531)
- Finance - 2025-04-08 Founders Data (with 25-0456)
- Finance - 2025-04-08 OSPCD Presentation (with 25-0601)
- Finance - 2025-04-08 Parks and Rec Memo (with 25-0493)
- Finance - 2025-04-08 Parks and Rec Memo (with 25-0414)
- Finance - 2025-04-08 Elected Official CoLA Memo (with 25-0375)
- Finance - 2025-04-08 Amending Ch. 2 Art. VI Div. 3 Elected Official Cost of Living Adjustment (with 25-0375)