

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2013, 8:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Maureen Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Courtney O'Keefe	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. #195149 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

After the Opening of the Meeting, the Board recessed to allow the Finance Committee to complete its work on the FY2014 municipal budget and other financial matters. The Board reconvened at 12:05 AM.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #195150 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 4, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #195151 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 5, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #195152 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 6, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #195153 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 10, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #195154 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 11, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #195155 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 20, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193897 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$8,250 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Board of Aldermen Salaries Monthly Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. #194278 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$124,965 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for equipment for the school department

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- D. #194310 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 in a bond for the cost of engineering analyses of buildings needing Capital Improvements.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- E. #194910 Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$1,694.88 in available funds from the Personnel Services Account to fund a Traffic Commission Secretary retroactive stipend increase.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. #194912 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of a \$5600 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization program.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #194913 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$2,500 grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to support the Arts Council's Mystic Mural program.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #194989 Mayor's Request Requesting an authorization to borrow \$715,000 in a bond for renovation of North Street Veteran's Playground.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

- I. #194990 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$319,903 from the Assembly Square Construction Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY2013 Debt Service for Parks Renovation.

RESULT: APPROVED

- J. #194991 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Electricity Account to pay outstanding electric bills from DCR.

RESULT: APPROVED

- K. #194992 Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$4,327 in available funds from the SomerStat Salaries Account to hire a Community Preservation Act Intern.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- L. #194993 Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$7,500 from Honeywell International, Inc. to support urban agriculture programs.

RESULT: APPROVED

- M. #194994 Mayor's Request Requesting the acceptance of \$5,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Dept.'s pedestrian safety initiatives.

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. #195026 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to retain the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as outside counsel.

RESULT: APPROVED

- O. #195039 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$181,785,392 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget for the City of Somerville.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- P. #195040 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$18,998,501 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: After cuts, the final approved Budget is \$18,994,423.

- Q. #195041 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$13,006,521 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: After cuts, the final approved Budget is \$12,994,582.

- R. #195042 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$632,676 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED

- S. #195043 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$170,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED

- T. #195044 Mayor's Request Requesting the reauthorization of Departmental Revolving Funds for FY2014.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: All Revolving Funds are Approved except Cable/Telco, which is Not Approved.

- U. #195045 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$688,434 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to fund a year end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

- V. #195046 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$160,499 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Development Grant Fund (Fund 26) to offset a year end deficit.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- W. #195047 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$60,000 from FY2014 Community Preservation Act Estimated Revenues to hire a Community Preservation Act Manager.

RESULT: APPROVED

- X. #195048 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$275,000 from various DPW accounts to the DPW Snow Removal Account to offset the snow removal deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Y. #195049 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$16,000 from the Recreation Professional Services Account to the Recreation Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to correct a year end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Z. #195050 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$14,280 from the Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Traffic and Parking, Rentals Account to fund the Grove Street Parking Lot Lease.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AA. #195051 Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$2,480.54 in the SomerPromise Dept., from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Salaries Account, to cover last year's wage increase and to allow additional hours to accomplish departmental goals.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AB. #195052 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$1,500 in the Constituent Services Dept., from the Employee Training Account to the Salaries Account to correct a year end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AC. #195054 Officer's Request City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AD. #195055 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$181,870,392 to fund the FY2014 Operating Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

AMENDED: After cuts, the final approved Budget is \$181,036,177.

- AE. #195096 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$750,876 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,876 in a bond to meet the appropriation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

AF. #195097 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$900,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund needed capital projects in FY2014.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

AG. #195098 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to establish the Trash Transfer Station Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

AH. #195099 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$300,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the Hurricane Sandy-Capital Projects Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

AI. #195100 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

AJ. #195101 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$17,478 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Personal Services Account to eliminate a year-end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

AK. #195102 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$10,667 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the Hurricane Sandy Damage-School Department Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

AL. #195103 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,522 in Retained Earnings in the Dilboy Enterprise Fund to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Personal Services Account to fund a year-end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

AM. #195104 Requesting the transfer of \$19,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink's
Mayor's Request Electricity Account to its Salaries Account to avoid a deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

AN. #195105 Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$7,500 from Honeywell International,
Mayor's Request Inc., for the Urban Agricultural Revolving Account to support urban
agricultural programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

AO. #195106 Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$500 from Viewfinder Productions
Mayor's Request LLC, for the Sunsetters Conolitated Gift Account to support Sunsetter
programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

AP. #195156 By Ald. Bastardi
Resolution That the City and Pop Warner work together to form one all inclusive
football league, where every child may participate, regardless of age,
gender, weight or any other factor.

RESULT: APPROVED

AQ. #195157 By Ald. Taylor
Resolution That the Administration set up a program to reimburse all retirees on
Medicare, 80% of their out of pocket contributions, on an annual basis.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AR. #195158 By Ald. Taylor
Resolution That the Administration apply 50% or more of the new growth for FY 2015
towards reducing the tax rate.

RESULT: APPROVED

AS. #195159 By Ald. Connolly
Resolution That all city budgets include non-city grant monies or other income in the
department budget under a suitable heading and include the amount of the
grant/funding, the source of the grant/funding and the length of the award.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

8. #195160 Requesting an appropriation of \$160,500 from Free Cash to the Capital Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund to fund needed capital projects in FY2014.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

9. #195161 Requesting an appropriation of \$80,729 from the Capital Projects Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for equipment for the School Dept.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Bastardi, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Keefe, Gewirtz, Trane

LATE ITEMS

10. #195162 Requesting an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance Mayor's Request ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2014 Tax Levy.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk