



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

August 23, 2011

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Doug Willardson	Auditing	Present	
David Lutes	OSEP	Present	
Kevin Kelleher	Chief Fire Engineer	Present	
Robert May	OSPCD	Present	
Stan Koty	DPW Commissioner	Present	

191746 - Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 for the purchase of new radio equipment and authorization to borrow \$80,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation.:

This expense is being bonded, for a short term, to take advantage of the current low interest rates. Chief Kelleher spoke about the FCC mandates regarding narrow band frequencies and told the members that there may be some grant money that could be used to help pay for the needed new equipment. Additional upgrades to the infrastructure will be needed next year at a cost of about \$70,000.

RESULT: APPROVED

191753 - Requesting acceptance of a \$140,494 grant from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters program, for the Fire Dept. to meet new FCC radio requirements.:

RESULT: APPROVED

191785 - Requesting the approval of a ten year "Zero Sort" contract with Casella Recycling LLC.:

Mr. Lutes explained that Casella Recycling needs to have a ten year contract in order to justify their cost in this program. Under the terms of the contract, the revenue would be split, with 60% going to Casella and 40% going to the city. The carts used in the program would belong to Casella until the end of the ten year contract, at which time they would be gifted to the city. Alderman White requested to see the figures used in calculating the city's projected revenue and requested that language be included in the contract giving the city the right to audit the records that impact the city's share of revenue.

The committee requested that the following be added to the contract:

1. a definition of ACR,
2. audit rights of city on trucks and
3. a second option for a 50/50 revenue share

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191786 - Requesting extension of a Contract with Howard/Stein-Hudson Inc., to August 30, 2012, to complete the Union Sq. roadway/streetscape improvement design plan.:

Mr. May explained that there have been delays with the project and he spoke about the peer review undertaken by MIT. Chairman Heuston stated that neither she, nor Alderman Taylor, like the proposed design and feel that it would hurt the businesses in Union Square. Mr. May stated that the cost of the contract extension would be \$370,000 and that without it, the city would not be able to redesign the plan. Chairman Heuston expressed her desire to meet with the area's business community first, and then with the neighbors, to obtain their input.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191795 - Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund architectural and engineering services for an ice rink at Lincoln Park.:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE