



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

Others present: Demetrios Vidalis – Director of Water and Sewer, Rich Raiche – Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Catherine Lester Saichert – Special Counsel – Law, Danielle Palazzo - Executive Administrator – DPW, Arn Franzen – Director of Parks and Open Space, Ed Bean – Auditor, Brad Rawson – Director of Mobility, Jill Lathan – Commissioner of Public Works, Aneesh Sahni – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 7:59 PM on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, McLaughlin, Scott and Wilson), none against and none absent.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jake Wilson, Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Matthew McLaughlin, Judy Pineda Neufeld and Charlotte Kelly

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2022. [22-2051](#)

Approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Retirement Board

2. Retirement Board requesting approval of an increase in the retiree cost of living adjustment base to \$16,000. [22-1855](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Land Dedications

3. Requesting approval to dedicate for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcel of land known as Henry Hansen Park. [22-2000](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Lease Agreements

4. Requesting approval of the Alternative Transportation Corridor Lease Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). [22-2041](#)

Kept in committee

Bonding

5. Requesting authorization to borrow \$89,332,819 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Poplar Street Pump Station construction project. [22-2017](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Transfers

6. Requesting an interdepartmental transfer of \$175,000 from the DPW Buildings, OT Labor Account to the DPW Grounds, OT Labor Account for Grounds overtime labor costs through FY 2023. [22-2015](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Prior Year Invoices

7. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$224,473.60 using available funds in various Department of Public Works ordinary maintenance budgets. [22-2005](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

8. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,500 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Translation Services Account for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services. [22-1824](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

9. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,575 using available funds in the Human Resources Ordinary Maintenance Advertising Account for advertising vacant city positions. [22-2008](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

10. Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,850 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for FY 2021 arbitration services. [22-2009](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

11. Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,600 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for temporary consulting services. [22-2010](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

12. Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$137.50 using available funds in the Human Resources Postage Account for FedEx delivery services. [22-2011](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Grant Acceptances

13. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$53,200 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program. [22-2006](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Referenced Documents:

Finance - 2022-12-6 RSJ Memo (with 22-1824)

Finance - 2022-12-6 Arts Council Memo (with 22-2006)

Finance - 2022-12-6 HR Memo (with 22-2008, 22-2009, 22-2010, 22-2011)