



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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Virtual

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [24-1769](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024.

#### Grant and Gift Acceptances

2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0021](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to the Office of Housing Stability for a Senior Housing Bridge pilot program.

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3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0018](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the Barr Foundation to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for a Community Heat Resilience Pilot Grant Program.
  4. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1659](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$60,000 grant with no new match required, from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic safety enforcement.
  5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1660](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$40,021 grant with no new match required, from Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the continuation of partial funding for the Jail Diversion Coordinator position.
  6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1727](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for 911 personnel costs.
  7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1728](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$133,427.11 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for training and recertification and additional staffing support.
  8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1729](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for ambulance service.
  9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0016](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$109,296 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Fire Department for staffing costs.
  10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0020](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Economic Development to the Economic Development Division for a Small Business Success Technical Assistance program.

Communications and Discussions

- 11. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0019](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Director of Economic Development and Director of the Arts Council conveying an updated draft Armory Master Plan.

Transfers

- 12. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1718](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,159 from the Public Space and Urban Forestry Capital Account to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Ordinary Maintenance Account for Tree Keeper/311 Integration expenses.

Appropriations

- 13. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1713](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$110,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for ongoing litigation costs.
- 14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0047](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to satisfy a court judgment.

Bonding

- 15. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1694](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,757,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2025 Sewer Improvements program.

Prior Year Invoices

- 16. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1642](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,725.65 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Administration In State Travel Account for EZ pass.
- 17. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1643](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,063.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Fire Alarm R&M Account for fire alarm equipment programming.

- 18. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1725](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$545.03 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services for reimbursement of expenses relating to the Chief of Police interview process.
  
- 19. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0017](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$15,764.40 using available funds in the Information Technology Maintenance Software Account for voice maintenance, and in the Information Technology Computer Hardware Account for laptop accessories.

Orders and Resolutions

- 20. Order (ID # [25-0068](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on short- and long-term plans for the Founders Memorial Skating Rink.