



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, November 17, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

Others present: David Goodridge – CIO, Michael Mastrobuoni – Budget Manager, Alan Inacio – Senior Accountant OSPCD, Danielle Palazzo – Executive Administrator DPW, Chris Major – Assistant Fire Chief, Richelle Embree - Director of Finance and Administration for Public Safety, Rich Raiche – Director of Capital Projects, Jill Lathan – Commissioner DPW, Ed Bean – Director of Finance, Eric Weisman – Director of Operations DPW, 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 8:51 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 3, 2022. [22-1902](#)

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

2. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$116,166.91 using available funds in various Public Works Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for invoices in Administration, Buildings, Grounds, Lights and Lines, Highway, Fleet, Sanitation, and Snow.. [22-1880](#)

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

3. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$409.60 using available funds in the City Clerk Ordinary Maintenance Credit Card Convenience Fees Account for credit card convenience fees. [22-1851](#)

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

Contracts

4. Requesting approval to amend a contract with Greenberg Traurig LLP for an additional two years and \$300,000, for ongoing litigation related to the 90 Washington Street eminent domain taking. [22-1773](#)

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

5. Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Poplar Street Pump Station Design Services. [22-1858](#)

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

6. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation to Council on Aging sponsored events. [22-1857](#)

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

7. 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 transportation to events at the Council on Aging. [22-1856](#)

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

Appropriations

8. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,616,575 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account to reduce the FY 2023 Tax Rate. [22-1923](#)

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

Supplemental Appropriations

9. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$949,338 to the Capital Outlay, Infrastructure-Streets Account for street resurfacing projects. [22-1983](#)

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 a supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to the Fire Department Overtime Account. [22-1888](#)

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 a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Capital Projects, Building Improvements Account for repairs and upgrades to HVAC systems. [22-1892](#)

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 a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account. [22-1972](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Nay: Vice Chair Scott

13. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$424,950.10 to the Information Technology eRate Account to replace all Somerville Public School network equipment via the eRate grant program. [22-1925](#)

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

14. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for ongoing litigation and planning costs. [22-1875](#)

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

15. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to the Law Department, Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services. [22-1918](#)

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

16. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$200,000 to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund to fund traffic safety measures. [22-1979](#)

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

17. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$110,000 to the Capital Projects Division, Capital Outlay, Fences Account to fund temporary construction fencing at the 90 Washington Street site. [22-1890](#)

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

18. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the DPW Sanitation, Hazardous Waste Removal Account to fund a shortfall. [22-1915](#)

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

19. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the Law Department, Judgments and Settlements Account. [22-1919](#)

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

20. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$70,000 to the Fire Alarm Overtime Account. [22-1905](#)

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

21. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for additional immigrant legal defense services. [22-1889](#)

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

22. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to various Finance Department-Auditing Division Accounts to support the Public Participatory Budgeting Project. [22-1985](#)

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

23. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 to the Police-Animal Control Overtime Account. [22-1911](#)

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