



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber

Committee of the Whole

This meeting was held via Zoom and in the City Council Chamber and was called to order by Chair Wheeler at 6:03 PM and adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Councilor Ewen-Campen joined the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Councilor Mbah joined the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Others present: Jake Wilson - Maypr, Michael Mastrobuoni - Budget Director, Karin Carroll - Director of Health and Human Services, Thomas Galligani Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Madalyn Letellier – Assistant City Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler, Jesse Clingan, Ben Ewen-Campen, Lance L. Davis, Wilfred N. Mbah, Matthew McLaughlin and Naima Sait

1. Review of the FY 2027 Budget

2. Submission of Orders and Resolutions by City Councilors

2.1 Resolution by Councilor Strezo 6/9/26

That the collective salaries of Licensing Commissioners be increased to \$15,180 with the Chair receiving \$5,180 and Licensing Commissioners 2 and 3 receiving \$5,000 each annually.

Approved

2.2 Resolution by Councilor Link 6/15/26

That the Administration add \$400,000 in funding for Youth Development Services grants so that Teen Empowerment may have full funding.

Approved

2.3 Resolution by Councilor Strezo:

That the funding for the previously cut Home Visitor position within the Summer Baby Program be reinstated through Health and Human Services and be inclusive of post-partum care.

Approved

- 2.4 Resolution by Councilor Strezo:
That the Administration allocate \$20,000 to support teens on early release Wednesday with additional out of school time programming.

Approved

- 2.5 Resolution by Councilor Link:
That the crossing guards receive a 10% raise in the FY 2027 budget.

Approved

- 2.6 Resolution by Councilor Mbah:
That the Administration restore the funding for the cut positions in the Racial and Social Justice Department and restore funding towards the mission of the Racial and Social Justice Department.

Approved

- 2.7 Resolution by Councilor Mbah:
That the administration utilize the Small Business Stabilization Fund in FY 2027 to infuse spending to local small businesses and educate them on how to use these funds.

Approved

3. Enterprise Funds

- 3.1 Requesting the appropriation of \$24,672,499 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Water Enterprise Fund budget. [26-0952](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.2 Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Water Capital Stabilization Fund. [26-0963](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.3 Requesting the appropriation of \$39,633,688 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget. [26-0951](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.4 Requesting the appropriation of \$16,000,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund. [26-0962](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.5 Requesting the appropriation of \$238,791 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to support the Fiscal Year 2027 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget. [26-0970](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.6 Requesting the appropriation of \$794,782 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 [26-0953](#)

Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.7** Requesting the appropriation of \$86,200 from the Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the Fiscal Year 2027 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund Budget. [26-0969](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.8** Requesting the appropriation of \$237,500 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund Budget. [26-0954](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 3.9** Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$1,000,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to the Housing Assistance Stabilization Fund for housing assistance. [26-1015](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

4. Infrastructure

- 4.1** Requesting the appropriation of \$7,150,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan. [26-0965](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 4.2** Requesting the appropriation of \$549,399 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund for traffic safety improvements. [26-1016](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

5. Salary and Retirement

- 5.1** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,676,728 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund. [26-0961](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 5.2** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund. [26-0966](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 5.3** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund. [26-0967](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

- 5.4** Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund. [26-1008](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

6. FY27 Budget

- 6.1** Requesting the appropriation of \$376,778,493 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Operating Budget. [26-0950](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, McLaughlin and Sait

Nay: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Recused: Clingan and Davis