



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1122) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 27, 2023.

#### Contracts and Easements

2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0779](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance Agreement at 100 Chestnut Street.

#### Transfers

3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1229](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$57,716.11 from the Veterans Department's Ordinary Maintenance - Veterans Benefits account to the Personal Services - Salaries account to fund the Veterans Project Manager position through the end of FY 2024.

Prior Year Invoices

4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1241](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$31.40 using available funds in the Law Department's Ordinary Maintenance Recordings Account for public access to court electronic recordings.
5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1197](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Repair & Maintenance Vehicles Account for vehicle inspections.
6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1196](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,833.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Admin Professional and Technical account for FY 2022 Roca services.
7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1266](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$980 using available funds in the Buildings Fire Alarm Repair & Maint Account for Fire Alarm testing and services.
8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1265](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,509.75 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Interior Maint Account for asbestos testing.
9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1264](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,285 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Elevator Repair & Maint Account for repairs to the High School elevators.
10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1238](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$16,929.60 using available funds in the Engineering Repairs & Maintenance - Highways Account for Police details.

Bonding

11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1240](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,878,900 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for various sewer improvement projects as part of participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) I/I Local Financial Assistance Program, Phases 9-11.

12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1239](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,269,990 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2024 Sewer Improvements program.

#### Appropriations

13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1203](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$98,053 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for restoration of the collection storage area.
14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1202](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$411,776 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Open Space Reserve Fund to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation of Henry Hansen Park.
15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1201](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$97,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Open Space Reserve Fund to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation of the Brown Schoolyard.

#### Grant Acceptances

16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1146](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to re-purpose \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds awarded to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for the design of Junction Park, to be used for construction.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1050](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,612.38 grant that requires a match, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Fire Department for the purchase of high visibility jackets.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1255](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$4,980 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the Fire Department for the purchase of emergency response equipment.

19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1208](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for focus groups and a feasibility study related to the development of a rental registry and energy retrofitting housing.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1207](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for the study of energy efficiency opportunities in affordable housing for low and moderate income households.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1261](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$95,000 grant with no new match required, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program 2.0 Planning Grant.