



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - February 24, 2015, 6:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of the January 14, 2015 Minutes
2. **195734: Discuss** (Taylor, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration provide this Board with a breakdown of special events (festivals, concerts, road races, etc.), indicating if they are/were city sponsored and/or privately sponsored, and including city expenditures for each.
3. **195769: Recommend** Requesting approval to appropriate \$106,812.60 from Free Cash to the Highway Professional & Technical Services Account to provide the first year of GPS monitoring services for city vehicles.
4. **195833: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Finance and the City Treasurer research the possibility of providing direct deposit pay stubs online to employees and determine the potential savings to the city by doing so.
5. **196058: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195769 re: GPS devices on city vehicles and collective bargaining rights.
6. **196125: Discuss** Sanford Pooler submitting comments re: #195769, installing GPS devices in city vehicles.
7. **196288: Recommend** Requesting the transfer of a parcel of land at 163 Glen Street to the Redevelopment Authority for neighborhood development.

8. **196588: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Recreation Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update of all expenditures for the current fiscal year.
9. **196859: Discuss** Director of Finance submitting a report on SPCD Professional & Technical Services Accounts.
10. **197339: Recommend** Requesting that the City-owned portion of 163 Glen Street be declared available for disposition.
11. **197349: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the invoices for electric light poles as they are purchased in FY15.
12. **197611: Discuss** Communicating information regarding the needed relocation of the Public Safety Building.
13. **197739: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the City Auditor advise this Board of the status of the Gosder Cherilus Foundation check to refund the money used by the City to pay for the equipment for the Somerville Youth Football program.
14. **197850: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Finance and/or the City Treasurer report to this Board on what categories of grants, gifts, payments, donations, etc. and by what type of entities need to be formally accepted by a vote of this Board and which do not require official acceptance.
15. **197852: Recommend** Requesting an Order of Taking of real estate property at 515 Somerville Avenue to provide for the relocation of the Fire Department from its current facility in Union Square.
16. **197976: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Capital Projects present to this Board, no later than January 22, 2015, a 5- and 10-year plan for the use, development and sale of City buildings.
17. **198228: Recommend** Authorization to borrow \$300,000 and appropriate that amount in a bond for resignalization and an upgrade to the Powderhouse Square Rotary.
18. **198232: Recommend** Requesting the dedication of Otis Playground for Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.
19. **198233: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a Parkland Acquisitions and

Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant totaling \$400,000 to construct Otis Playground.

20. **198234: Recommend** Requesting, as required by the PARC grants, the authorization to utilize State and Federal funding necessary to construct Otis Playground.
21. **198235: Recommend** Requesting Use of Available Funds totalling \$2,108 in the Auditing Dept. Salaries Account to adjust the salary of the Accounting Analyst position.
22. **198400: Recommend** Requesting the expenditure of \$2,057.31 in FY15 appropriations to pay four outstanding FY14 invoices in the Police Dept.
23. **198401: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,999 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, for the City Clerk's assessment and preservation of certain historic records.
24. **198415: Recommend** Requesting approval of an intradepartmental transfer of \$17,500 in the Health and Human Services Dept., from the Personal Services Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account, to cover Shape Up Somerville's contract with the Head to Fitness Program Coordinator through FY15.
25. **198416: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$110,000 from the MA Government Innovation Office partially funding a longitudinal integrated data system for the Public Schools in concert with SomerPromise and Code for America.
26. **198417: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,000 from DCR for the Arts Council to complete a sculpture project for Baxter Park.
27. **198423: Discuss** Senator Jehlen responding to #198182 re: the senior property tax deferral.
28. **198450: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$34,779.40 From Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Personnel Professional and Technical Services Account to pay an FY2014 training invoice.
29. **198451: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of grant funds totaling \$250,000 from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for the East Broadway Streetscape Project.
30. **198452: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a \$4,314 grant from the MA Vest-a-

Dog program for a cruiser insert for the Police Dept.'s K-9 dog.

31. **198475: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$64,423 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for Fire Department staffing.