



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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Virtual

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Roll Call

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| 1. Committee Minutes
(ID # 25-1443) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of September 9, 2025. |
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Grant and Gift Acceptances

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| 2. Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1295) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from Commonwealth of MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for a study investigating possible zoning incentives to increase the ability to comply with the Fossil Fuel Free Ordinance. |
| 3. Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1418) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for post-overdose support. |

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| 4. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1408) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$155,271.38 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for training costs for 911 certification. |
| 5. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1409) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for enhanced 911 telecommunicator personnel costs. |
| 6. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1410) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for emergency medical dispatch. |

Prior Year Invoices

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| 7. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1387) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$545.31 using available funds in the Police Department Equipment Maintenance Account for electronic access door service. |
| 8. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1294) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$330 using available funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment Professional and Technical Services Account for monitoring the Argenziano School solar array. |
| 9. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1414) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$596.25 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Repairs-Comm Equipment, Repairs-Fire Alarm, and Reimbursement of Licenses Accounts. |
| 10. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1415) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$23.41 using available funds in the Emergency Management Public Safety Supplies Account for public safety supplies. |
| 11. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 25-1416) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$137.77 using available funds in the Emergency Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies. |
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12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1417](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$71.88 using available funds in the Emergency Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies.
13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1413](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$10,452.22 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure & Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Professional & Technical Account for Strategic Asset Management Plan.

Transfers

14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1412](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$350,048 from the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) Ordinary Maintenance Professional & Technical Services Account to the IAM Capital Outlay Professional & Technical Services Account.

Bonding

15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1411](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,300,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the design of the Morrison Avenue Linear Storage Sewer Separation project.

Contracts and Agreements

16. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1384](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with Eastern Bank for an additional year until 8/31/2026, for the banking services of the Treasury Department.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1383](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of the partial termination of the City Utility Easement on Sewall Court.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1433](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of temporary and permanent easements over Lot 3 of 299 Broadway in favor of 299 Broadway Property Owner, LLC.

Property/Land Transactions

19. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1382](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of the discontinuance of a portion of Sewall Court.

20. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1400](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for the acquisition of Lot 3 at 299 Broadway for municipal purposes including parking.

Orders and Resolutions

21. Order
(ID # [25-1445](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the City Solicitor update this Council on the new Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation requirements attached to forthcoming Urban Area Security Initiative grants.
22. Order
(ID # [25-1446](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Chief of Police or the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region representative update this Council on the strategy for applying for Urban Area Security Initiative or any other federal grants that require Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation.
23. Order
(ID # [25-1344](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Finance provide a comprehensive accounting of all stabilization accounts that have remained unspent for three or more fiscal years and provide a report for each fund.