



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0598](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 25, 2025.
2. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0668](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 2, 2025.

Prior Year Invoices

3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0414](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$787.50 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for ray catchers.

4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0493](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$276.94 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Department Kennedy Pool Account for paint supplies.
5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0579](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoice totaling \$1,200 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for arbitration services.
6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0585](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,282.76 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supply Account for bicycles, parts, and accessories.

Grant and Gift Acceptances

7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0280](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$25,600 grant that requires an in-kind match which is a portion of the Director's salary, to the Office of Emergency Management for emergency management and Fire Department supplies.
8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0531](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** 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 senior transportation services.

Contracts and Easements

9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0415](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the approval of a time-only contract extension for three years for the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for restoration of 59 Cross Street.

Bonding

10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0601](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$9,750,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for a portion of the costs associated with the development of the Clarendon Hill Phase II Housing Project.

Appropriations

11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0542](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,787.19 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the salary and fringe of the Prevention Services Coordinator for FY 2026.

12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0456](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$160,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.

Ordinances

13. Ordinance (ID # [25-0375](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-325 to Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3 related to compensation for elected officials.

Orders and Resolutions

14. Order (ID # [25-0036](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Finance discuss the path for City Councilors to receive administrative support staff to assist with City Council work and communication with constituents.
15. Order (ID # [25-0037](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Finance discuss the path for City Councilors to receive administrative support staff in the form of paid internships to assist City Councilors with City Council work and communication with constituents.
16. Order (ID # [25-0251](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update on the citywide disparity study, including when the report will be made available to the public.
17. Order (ID # [25-0649](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs coordinate with departments to assess which federal grants are likely to not be available in FY 2026 and discuss with this Council the potential impact on programs and services.