

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2012, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	

1. #193405 Call of the Roll.
Roll Call

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. #193406 Public Hearing on the proposed FY2013 Operating Budget.
Public
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

The Public Hearing was opened and two speakers addressed the Board:
1. Lance Davis, of Progress Together for Somerville, spoke in support of the budget's education and youth programs.
2. Ed Halloran, SMEA President, spoke in opposition to the budget's initiative to outsource custodial services in multiple city buildings.
The Public Hearing was then closed.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193407 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 5, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193408 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 6, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193409 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 11, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193410 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 12, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193411 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 13, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #193217 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$13,500 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account (free cash) to the SPCD Transportation Infrastructure Tree Planting Account to fund the purchase of trees for planting.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. #193219 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to transfer \$12,500 from the DPW Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to the SPCD Transportation Infrastructure Tree Planting Account to fund the purchase of trees for planting.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. #193276 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to design improvements to Lincoln Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193412 Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole Committee Report on June 19, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

AMENDED: #193296 was Placed on File.

- B. #191877 Mayor's Communication Submitting a list of proposed Capital Stabilization projects for FY2012.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. #192074 Submitting the City's FY2012-2016 Capital Investment Plan.
Mayor's
Communication

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- D. #192927 Requesting A Supplemental Appropriation to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund of
Mayor's Request \$30,000.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- E. #193275 Requesting an appropriation of \$625,000 for the reconstruction and
Mayor's Request streetscape of East Broadway and authorization to borrow \$625,000 in a
bond to meet said appropriation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

Ald. Heuston moved for the Reconsideration of this item, and the motion failed.

- F. #193277 Requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance
Mayor's Request (Free Cash) to the DPW-Engineering Professional and Technical Services
Account to fund a city-wide assessment of sidewalks and curb ramps.

RESULT: APPROVED

- G. #193280 Requesting approval to extend the contract with Professional Account
Mayor's Request Management LLC for 3 months to allow analysis of proposals received for
parking ticket processing services.

RESULT: APPROVED

- H. #193296 Requesting an appropriation of \$171,726,330 to fund the Fiscal Year 2013
Mayor's Request Operating Budget.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- I. #193297 Requesting an appropriation of \$17,837,568 to fund the FY2013 Sewer
Mayor's Request Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- J. #193298 Requesting an appropriation of \$12,612,292 to fund the FY2013 Water
Mayor's Request Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- K. #193299 Requesting an appropriation of \$395,938 to fund the FY2013 Veterans
Mayor's Request Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- L. #193300 Requesting an appropriation of \$140,000 to fund the FY2013 Dilboy
Mayor's Request Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- M. #193301 Requesting an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance
Mayor's Request ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2013 Tax Levy.

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. #193302 Requesting the reauthorization of departmental Revolving Funds for
Mayor's Request FY2013.

RESULT: APPROVED

- O. #193344 Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$580,000 for the FY2013
Mayor's Request Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- P. #193347 Requesting an appropriation of \$1,300,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance
Mayor's Request ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- Q. #193348 Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance
Mayor's Request ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- R. #193349 Requesting an appropriation of \$600,000 from the Developer Fund Receipts
Mayor's Request Reserved Account to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

- S. #193350 Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance
Mayor's Request ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

- T. #193351 Mayor's Request Requesting a Transfer of \$15,000 from the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Electricity Account to the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Salaries Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

- U. #193390 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$308,675 from the Assembly Square Construction Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY2012 Debt Service for Parks Renovation.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. #193413 Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 21, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. #189601 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz That This Board of Aldermen Hereby Requests that the Administration Provide This Board with an Update on Efforts it Has Taken to Initiate a Car Sharing Program Within City Departments.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. #191435 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$120,420 from the Salary Contingency-Salaries Acct. to the Police Medical and Dental Services Acct. to fund a deficit in medical claims.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- D. #191454 Order By Ald. Gewirtz That the Commissioner of Public Works make various repairs at the West Branch Library including reinforcing basement walls and repairing broken windows.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. #191455 Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Library Director create a written plan and timeline detailing how the \$15,000 donation to the Children's Room at the West Branch Library will be allocated.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. #191573 Order By Ald. Heuston
That the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of SPCD create a business/financial plan to build a new library, detailing how revenues would be earmarked and providing a feasibility study and secure financial analysis to the Committee on Finance within 90 days.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. #191697 Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to pay a prior year invoice of \$272 in the Council on Aging.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- H. #191740 Order By Ald. Gewirtz
That the Director of SPCD provide the Finance Committee with an update of the MaxPak project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. #191745 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the reconstruction and streetscape of Lower Broadway and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond to meet said appropriation.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- J. #191786 Mayor's Request Requesting extension of a Contract with Howard/Stein-Hudson Inc., to August 30, 2012, to complete the Union Sq. roadway/streetscape improvement design plan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- K. #191795 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund architectural and engineering services for an ice rink at Lincoln Park.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- L. #191841 Mayor's Request Requesting the extension of a Grant with the MA DOT to August 30, 2012, for the Union Square roadway and streetscape improvements design study.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- M. #192128 Order By Ald. Heuston That the Superintendent of Recreation provide the Committee on Finance with a detailed accounting of the ice rink's Enterprise Fund expenditures to date.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- N. #192185 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$15,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Other Lump Sum Payments Acct. to fund relocation expenses for the Police Chief per an Employment Agreement.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- O. #192187 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$9,350 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Animal Control Salaries Acct. to fund additional staff services during the maternity leave of the Animal Control Officer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- P. #192245 Order By Ald. White Jr. That the Director of Finance appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the impact upon the City's budget from the City's notice to terminate the lease for the waste transfer facility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- Q. #192366 Order By Ald. Gewirtz That the Director of SPCD submit the Workforce Training RFPs to the Finance Committee for review.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- R. #192621 Order By Ald. Taylor, Heuston
That the Chief Financial Officer appear before this Board's Committee on Finance to present an update on the FY12 budget, especially expenditures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- S. #192643 Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Gewirtz, Roche, O'Donovan, Heuston, Lafuente
That this Board requests that the Administration conduct a thorough review of the Public Library, including long-range planning to maintain the highest level of community services, and report back to this Board prior to the FY13 budget review.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- T. #192742 Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief Financial Officer provide the Committee on Finance with further clarification of how the City receives appropriations of funds for acceptance into the City's General fund.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- U. #192774 Order By Ald. Trane
That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with a list of all tax exempt property, showing the valuation and possible tax dollars that would be collected if not for the exempt status.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- V. #192782 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration, with this Board, consider creating a low cost loan program for locally-owned independent businesses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- W. #193050 Officer's Communication Chief Assessor responding to #192774 re: tax exempt properties and the potential taxes lost.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- X. #193059 Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration include funding in the upcoming Capital Plan for renovations to the West Branch Library, including accessibility.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- Y. #193223 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept a grant of \$12,200 from the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Initiative for the Police Dept. to address gang violence and substance abuse.

RESULT: APPROVED

- Z. #193279 Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$667 for Collins Overhead Door for service performed in FY11.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AA. #193346 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$7,583,145 from the Receipts Reserved-Insurance Losses Account to the East Somerville Community School Renovation Project to fund the renovation and reconstruction of the school.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AB. #193352 Mayor's Request Requesting a transfer of \$250 within the Information Technology Department, from the Maintenance Software Account to the Salaries and Wages Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AC. #193353 Mayor's Request Requesting payment of a FY11 invoice of \$50.80 by the DPW for Murray Supply, for supplies purchased.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AD. #193354 Mayor's Request Requesting that two trucks operated by the DPW be declared surplus and available for disposition.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AE. #193355 Requesting the acceptance of a \$21,200 grant from the Bureau of Justice
Mayor's Request Assistance for the Police Dept. to purchase bulletproof vests.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AF. #193393 Requesting approval for SPCD to pay prior year invoices totalling
Mayor's Request \$3,728.57 from FY12 funds, for MuniCode to maintain the Zoning Code.

RESULT: APPROVED

- AG. #193396 Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$72,680.89 from the Boston
Mayor's Request Office of Emergency Preparedness for continuing the process of target
hardening of the Public Safety Building and Fire Headquarters.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

10. #193414 Requesting the acceptance of 8 temporary and 1 permanent Easements for
Mayor's Request the new section of the Community Path from Cedar St. To Lowell St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

11. #193415 Requesting an appropriation of \$482,490 in Water Enterprise Fund Retained
Mayor's Request Earnings to fund the FY2013 Water Enterprise Fund budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

12. #193416 Requesting an appropriation of \$287,566 from Sewer Enterprise Fund
Mayor's Request Retained Earnings to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund FY2013 budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

13. #193417 Mayor's Request Requesting appropriation of \$160,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Appraisals and Relocation Services related to planning activities for the revitalization of Union Square.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. #193418 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$77,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund the second phase of design improvements to Lincoln Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. #193419 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$70,966 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to match the Federal Transportation Administration grant for a bike share system.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. #193420 Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund house doctor services to produce construction documents associated with the in-house design of Kenny Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

17. #193421 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$24,000 from the Assembly Square Stabilization Fund for the construction of a new park on Quincy St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

18. #193422 Requesting acceptance of a deed conveying fee simple title to the new
Mayor's Request Assembly Square Drive.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

19. #193423 Requesting discontinuance of the abandoned segment of Assembly Square
Mayor's Request Drive as a public way.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

20. #193424 Requesting acceptance of a multi-year lease of the East Somerville Police
Mayor's Request Substation and office space at 79-83 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

21. #193425 Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund
Mayor's Request for the construction of Chuckie Harris Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. #193426 Requesting the acceptance of a \$272,327 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter
Mayor's Request Grant to install Opticom Pre-emption systems at 22 intersections citywide.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

23. #193427 Resolution By Ald. Taylor
That this Board requests that the Administration create a line item for a Health Care Assistance Fund of \$175,000 to assist retirees with rising healthcare costs.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Thomas F. Taylor, Ward Three Alderman
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

24. #193428 Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Heuston, Taylor
That this Board requests that the Administration create a new position for an Assistant Sealer of Weights and Measures.

RESULT: APPROVED

25. #193429 Resolution By Ald. Desmond, Lafuente, Roche, Connolly
That this Board requests that the Administration consider purchasing a boat, of a size and configuration to be determined by the Chief Fire Engineer, due to the increased use of the Mystic River waterfront.

RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 3]
MOVER: Bruce M. Desmond, Alderman At Large
SECONDER: Tony Lafuente, Ward Four Alderman
AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Taylor, Lafuente
NAYS: Maryann M. Heuston, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah Gewirtz
ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

26. #193430 Resolution By Ald. White Jr., Taylor, Gewirtz
That this Board requests that the Administration inform this Board, prior to submitting future fiscal year budgets, of any collective bargaining agreements that may be impacted by that budget and the parties impacted.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. #193431 Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for the cost of improvements to various school and city buildings.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. #193432 Mayor's Communication Responding to a request of this Board for information about the proposed FY13 DPW Personal and Technical Services Account.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

29. #193433 Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the revised FY2013 General Fund Budget of \$171,620,447.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston,
Taylor, Lafuente, O'Donovan, Gewirtz

ABSENT: Robert C. Trane

30. Reconsideration

Ald. Heuston moved Reconsideration of all financial items approved during this meeting. Reconsideration failed on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk