



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - December 1, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 11/25/21 at 7:40 AM)

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**1. Approval of the October 26, 2021 Minutes**

**OSE Stabilization Fund**

- 2. 212623: Recommend** Requesting approval to appropriate \$74,326.85 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs of City operations.

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- 3. 212664: Recommend** Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$283,859,233 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.

Motion To: **SOIA Expansion**

- 4. 212665: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$148,950 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries Account

to establish several new positions.

5. **212666: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$52,050 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts in the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Department.
6. **212667: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$22,988 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries for salary adjustments.

#### **COLA Retirement Adjustment**

7. **212612: Recommend** Somerville Retirement Board requesting approval to increase the Cost of Living Adjustment Base for retirees from \$14,000 to \$15,000

#### **Beacon St. Contract Extension**

8. **211851: Recommend** Requesting approval to amend a contract with Design Consultants for an additional 2 years and \$53,146.25, for final work related to the Beacon St. Roadway construction project.

#### **Treasury Bond Counsel**

9. **212528: Recommend** Treasurer/Collector requesting approval to retain Hinckley Allen as bond counsel.

#### **Police Staffing Study**

10. **212571: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott) – That the Administration update this Council on the status of the Police Staffing Study which was included in the FY2022 budget and estimated to take 2-4 months.

#### **Houskeeping - To Be Placed On File**

11. **206099: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to replace Ordinance 5-32 regarding Fire Department salaries.
12. **207740: Recommend** (White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah) – Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-124 to permit the City Solicitor to settle legal actions of up to \$5,000 against the City.
13. **209826: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$486,805 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for heavy equipment/vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department to manage the city's athletic fields and facilities.

14. **212448: Discuss** Requesting an opportunity for the ARPA Director and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to provide this Council with an overview of ARPA.
15. **212451: Discuss** Fire Chief responding to Item 211748, providing data on calls and responses to the Assembly Square neighborhood.
16. **212517: Recommend** Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$8,796,290 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to the Somerville High School Construction Fund.
17. **212548: Recommend** Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$278,790,633 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.
18. **212635: Recommend** Chief Assessor requesting to appear before the City Council for the tax classification hearing on November 23, 2021.