



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jake Wilson, Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Charlotte Kelly and Jesse Clingan

Absent: Judy Pineda Neufeld

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 11, 2023. [23-0541](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Requisitions

2. Requesting the use of \$14,154.88 in available funds from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to fund a Finance Manager position. [23-0526](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Nay: Vice Chair Scott

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Appropriations

3. Requesting the appropriation of \$180,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Substance Use Prevention Coordinator position for FY 2024 and FY 2025. [23-0527](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,618,683 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust. [23-0510](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

5. Requesting the appropriation of \$135,050.89 from the Parks and Open Space Stabilization fund for completion of the 25% design services for Union Square Plaza and Streetscape project. [23-0539](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Grant Acceptances

6. Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant of \$2,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Public Library for a Library Comix Con event. [23-0544](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7. Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,840 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for mattress recycling. [23-0521](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Transfers

8. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,000 from the DPW Electrical Account to the DPW Fleet Account for costs related to motor parts and accessories. [23-0507](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9. Requesting the transfer of \$12,729.52 in available funds from the Parks & Recreation Uniforms Account to the Department of Public Works Interior Building Maintenance Account for the installation of a buzzer system with a security camera at the Edgerly Building. [23-0542](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 from the Engineering Personal Services Salaries Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management Personal Services Salaries Account to fund the IAM Administrative Assistant position reclassification. [23-0633](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Bonding

11. Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,110,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program for Water Main Rehabilitation projects. [23-0533](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

12. Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,840,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2023 Building Improvements program. [23-0532](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

13. Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & [23-0531](#)

Utilities project.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 14.** Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,200,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project. [23-0530](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Orders

- 15.** That the City Solicitor advise this Council regarding the city's ability to use General Funds for a mass medical debt relief program. [23-0359](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

Kept in committee

Communications

- 16.** Conveying the draft schedule for the FY 2024 Budget Review. [23-0642](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2023-04-25 FY23 Building Improvements (with 23-0532)
- Finance - 2023-04-25 MWRA Water Main Rehabilitation (with 23-0533)
- Finance - 2023-04-25 Memo to City Council SPL MCC Grant (with 23-0544)
- Finance - 2030-04-25 Somerville Ave Utilities & Streetscapes Improvements (with 23-0531)
- Finance - 2023-04-25 Gen Fund - Somerville Ave Utilities & Streetscapes Improvements (with 23-0530)