



City of Somerville, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation

Committee of the Whole

This meeting was held in-person and virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Wheeler and adjourned at 7:32 pm with a roll call vote of 10 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Link, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Davis, Hardt, McLaughlin, Scott and Wheeler), none opposed, and one absent (Councilor Mbah).

Councilor Mbah arrived at 6:17 pm.

Also present: Alan Inacio - Director of Finance and Administration, Jerome Thomas - Director of Veterans' Services, Edward Bean - Director of Finance, Robert Berretta - Somerville Public Schools Chief Financial Officer and Delaney Fisher-Cassioli - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler, Ben Ewen-Campen, Jesse Clingan, Naima Sait, Lance L. Davis and Matthew McLaughlin

Absent: Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 10, 2026. [26-0375](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

Grant and Gift Acceptances

2. Requesting approval to establish a Grant Match Account with a \$15,000 transfer from the Department of Veterans' Services Grounds Maintenance Account to the Department of Veterans' Services Special Items Account for the Massachusetts General Court and the State Historical Records Advisory [26-0325](#)

Board Grant match requirement.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

Appropriations

3. Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup costs of a Blue Bike station at the 16-20 Medford Street development site. [26-0202](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

4. Requesting the appropriation of \$430,965 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Special Education Reserve Fund. [26-0163](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Sait and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

Recused: Clingan and Davis

Community Preservation Act Appropriations

5. Requesting the appropriation of \$100,766 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to the Somerville Museum to conserve artifacts in its collection. [26-0300](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

6. Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Open Space Reserve to the Open Space Land Acquisition Fund. [26-0299](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

7. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,167,395 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Community Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust. [26-0298](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

8. Requesting the appropriation of \$399,255 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Fund Community Housing Reserve. [26-0297](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

9. Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserve to the Housing Authority for improvements to the open space at the Mystic River/View developments. [26-0323](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Clingan, Sait, Davis and McLaughlin

Absent: City Councilor At Large Strezo

Communications

10. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0357](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0345](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0344](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed
13. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0355](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Strezo
Recommended to be marked work completed
14. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0335](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Mbah
Recommended to be marked work completed
15. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0351](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Davis
Recommended to be marked work completed
16. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0349](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Link
Recommended to be marked work completed
17. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0371](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Hardt
Recommended to be marked work completed
18. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2027. [26-0360](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Wheeler
Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2026-03-24 Memo (with 26-0202)