



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 29, 2010

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Joseph Curtatone	Mayor	Present	
All Department Heads		Present	
Tony Pierantozzi	Superintendent of Schools	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	School Committeeman	Present	
Teresa Cardoso	School Committeeman	Present	
Adam Sweeting	School Committeeman	Present	
Christine Rafal	School Committeeman	Present	

The Committee met as a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Alderman Sullivan informed the members that he filed a disclosure statement regarding his wife's employment as a consultant for the SMEA and he noted that he was assured that there would be no conflict with his voting on the city budget. Alderman Sullivan also noted that the union represented by his wife is not the same union representing city's school custodians.

The following Aldermen were recused from the discussions and votes taken, as noted:

Alderman Heuston: DPW Administration
Alderman Sullivan: Traffic and Parking
Alderman Roche: DPW Highway; Police
Alderman O'Donovan: DPW Administration; Fire
Alderman Desmond: Information Technology
Alderman Taylor: Animal Control

Alderman Pero: Constituent Services, Retirement Services

Mayor Curtatone spoke about the revised budget being presented tonight and told the members that the city and the school custodians' union have reached an impasse. A hybrid plan will commence with 8 schools being serviced by 28 FTE's, 3 FTE's at the High School and 1 FTE at the Winter Hill School. Seventeen individuals in the department will be laid off and invited to apply for employment with the new cleaning contractor. The mayor also informed the members that the 3 librarian positions that were eliminated in the FY-11 budget have been restored.

189737 - Request to Appropriate and Authorize Borrowing in the Amount of \$584,157 to Make Needed Repairs to the Public Safety Building:

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Heuston, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly, Gewirtz, Taylor, Roche, O'Donovan, Sullivan
ABSENT:	Robert C. Trane, Walter F. Pero

189738 - Requesting the Appropriation of \$354,166, and Authorization to Borrow the Same Amount in a Bond, for the Resurfacing of 11 Streets.:

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Heuston, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly, Gewirtz, Taylor, Roche, O'Donovan
ABSENT:	Robert C. Trane, Dennis M. Sullivan, Walter F. Pero

189739 - Requesting the Appropriation and Authorization to Bond for Somerville High School Flooring in the Amount of \$313,635.:

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Heuston, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly, Gewirtz, Taylor, Roche, O'Donovan, Sullivan
ABSENT:	Robert C. Trane, Walter F. Pero

189740 - Requesting an Appropriation of the \$ 1,000,000 Federal Realty Investment Payment from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund:

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Heuston, White Jr., Desmond, Connolly, Gewirtz, Taylor, Roche, O'Donovan, Sullivan
ABSENT:	Robert C. Trane, Walter F. Pero

189742 - Transfer \$180,000 from Rubbish Removal 8006-52910 and \$124,900 from Professional Services 8006-53000 to Offset Snow Deficit:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189743 - Transfer of \$111,017 from Fire Department Personal Services to Fire Alarm Personal Services to Eliminate a Year End Deficit:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189744 - Request to Transfer \$7,500 from Salary Contingency Funds to Constituent Services Personal Services to Meet a Year End Deficit.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189745 - Request to Transfer \$3,540 from Salary Contingency to Clerk of Committee Salaries Monthly to Eliminate a Year End Deficit:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189746 - PARC Grant Application for Acquisition of 15-25 Cross Street East]:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189747 - PARC Grant Application for Dickerman Playground Renovation Costs:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189748 - PARC Grant Application for Morse-Kelley Playground Renovation Costs:

RESULT: APPROVED

189749 - Health Department and Somerville Trauma Response Network Request Acceptance of a Grant from CHNA17 in the Amount of \$5,000.00.:

RESULT: APPROVED

189758 - City Clerk Submitting Recommendations for Adjustments to Certain Fees Charged by the City Clerk's Office, Effective July 1, 2010.:

RESULT: APPROVED

189785 - Short Term Contract Extension for Medicaid Reimbursement Claiming:

RESULT: APPROVED

189788 - Requesting Approval of an Appropriation of \$165,507,404 to fund the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget for the City of Somerville:

(Replaced with revised budget. Doc ID 2106)

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

189789 - Request for an appropriation in the amount of \$12,237,945 to fund the Fiscal Year 2011 Water Enterprise Fund Budget:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

189790 - Request to Appropriate \$16,600,120 to fund the Fiscal Year 2011 Sewer Enterprise Budget:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

189791 - Request an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2011 tax levy:

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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189792 - Request to Appropriate \$850,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding necessary Capital Improvements:

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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189793 - Request to Authorize the Young Somerville Advisory Group Revolving Fund for FY2011:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189794 - Request to Reauthorize the attached list of Departmental Revolving Funds for FY2011:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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189809 - Requesting an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 of Sewer Retained Earnings to Fund the FY2011 Sewer Enterprise Budget.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Motion: To convene in Executive Session to discuss issues involving collective bargaining.

Approved by Roll Call vote. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

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

(ID # 2106) - Submitting Revised Appropriation of \$165,507,404 to Fund the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget for the City:

Alderman Sullivan requested information regarding the profits to be realized by contractor, AM-PM, being hired to clean the school buildings. Mayor Curtatone stated that the city does not have that information and that it would be up to the contractor to provide the information, if they so desire.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

Motion: by Alderman Taylor - That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Administration make plans to merge E-911 and Fire Alarm as a Capital Project for FY-11, in preparation for the future possibility of a regional response center being established.

Resolution. Acted on at the 6/29/10 Special Board of Aldermen meeting.

Motion: by Alderman Taylor - That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that any potential cuts to the FY-11 budget be utilized to re-instate any reductions on services and/or personnel.

Resolution. Acted on at the 6/29/10 Special Board of Aldermen meeting.

Motion: by Alderman Desmond - That the City Auditor make arrangements in all future budgets that line item 53405 PSTN-Usage, be used solely to describe the amount of money spent on phone calls (both local and long distance) made from City of Somerville phones as is indicated by the line description; and that any other items previously included in this line item be identified in more appropriate lines.

Resolution. Acted on at the 6/29/10 Special Board of Aldermen meeting.