



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 7, 2011

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Matt Buckley	Assistant City Solicitor	Present	
Michael Lambert	Director of Transportation	Present	
Doug Willardson	Finance	Present	
Michael Cabral	Deputy Police Chief	Present	
Gregory Jenkins	Arts Council	Present	
Patrick Sullivan III	Deputy Fire Chief	Present	

190591 - Requesting an appropriation of \$26,074 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase a vehicle for the Police Dept.:

Deputy Chief Cabral spoke about the need for providing Chief Pasquarello with a new vehicle and told the members that the Chief now uses a car from the fleet assigned to the detective bureau. The committee questioned the fiscal responsibility of purchasing a new vehicle and requested a breakdown of the department's vehicle mileage. The committee also questioned whether the city had a contractual obligation to provide the chief with a new vehicle, and if so, what restrictions were attached to its use. A vote to approve the measure was taken with Aldermen Heuston and Connolly voting in favor and Aldermen Gewirtz and Taylor voting against.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE [2 TO 2]
AYES:	Maryann M. Heuston, John M Connolly
NAYS:	Rebekah Gewirtz, Thomas F. Taylor
ABSENT:	William A. White Jr.

190708 - Requesting the expenditure of \$2,891.39 of FY11 Appropriations to pay three outstanding FY10 invoices in the Police Dept.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190711 - Requesting authorization to enter into a street tree planting contract in excess of three years.:

Mr. Lambert spoke about the contract, noting that the warranty has been extended to 5 years. The Tree Committee will be convened in April. The Item was approved pending the convening of the Tree Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

190790 - City Solicitor requesting to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$4,600 in the Law Office to Lucy Jen.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190791 - City Solicitor requesting to pay a prior fiscal year invoice of \$125 in the Law Office to the Boston Bar Assn.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190844 - City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190918 - Requesting approval of a \$20,000 grant from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's ArtsUnion programming.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190919 - Requesting approval of a \$12,213 grant from the Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Initiative for Police Dept. anti-gang activities.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190920 - Requesting approval of a \$4,400 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Police Dept.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190921 - Requesting approval of a \$1,000 grant from America's Promise Alliance, to conduct a local celebration.:

RESULT: APPROVED

190942 - Requesting approval of an extension of the Homeland Security Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston to December 31, 2012.:

The committee requested the following information: 1) a list of items purchased/received and 2) a list of item that still need to be acquired. The committee also discussed the placement of street lights and the use of video cameras.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE