



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 7:06 pm with a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Mbah, Burnley, Clingan and Wilson), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Scott).

Also present: Richard Raiche - Director of Infrastructure Asset Management, Ed Bean - Finance Director, Rachel Nadkarni - Director of Economic Development, Gregory Jenkins - Director of the Arts Council, Anna Gartsman - Director of Somerstat, Kimberly Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Emily Wisdom - Somerville Police Department Director of Finance and Administration, Catherine Lester Salchert - Assistant City Solicitor, James Mucci - Somerville Fire Department Director of Finance and Administration, and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of November 10, 2025. [25-1711](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Communications and Discussions

2. Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management conveying the draft Combined Sewer Overflow Plan. [25-1451](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Appropriations

3. Requesting the appropriation of \$407,090 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the Water Enterprise Fund Debt Service [25-1680](#)

Account to fund debt service for a Massachusetts Water Resource Authority loan.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4. Requesting the appropriation of \$403,980 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Debt Service, Interest on Notes/BANS Account for payment of interest for the 90 Washington Street property acquisition. [25-1679](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

5. Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to the Armory Revolving Fund to prepare the Armory for onboarding and support of tenants. [25-1698](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Transfers

6. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,500 from various SomerStat Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the SomerStat Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to fund additional temporary employee time. [25-1620](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

7. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$729 from the Communications Department Community Outreach Account to the Somerville High School (SHS) Salaries Account for SHS staff participation in the new PK-8 School Building Planning Focus Group Session. [25-1624](#)

Recommended to be withdrawn

Contracts and Agreements

8. Requesting approval of a Pedestrian Access Easement and grant of a [25-1649](#)

Maintenance License for 495 Columbia Street.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$125.43 using [25-1638](#)
available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Computer
Equipment Account for freight charges.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,285.77 using [25-1640](#)
available funds in the Police Department Computer Supplies Account for
computer supplies.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

11. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,765.28 using [25-1622](#)
available funds in the Police Department Professional and Technical Services
Account for case management services.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

12. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,547.55 using [25-1646](#)
available funds in the Police Department Animal Control Professional and
Technical Services Account for veterinary services.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

13. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$271 using available [25-1648](#)
funds in the Police Department Badges, Emblems, Trophies Account for
educational achievement award bars.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

14. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$54 using available funds in the Police Department Badges, Emblems, Trophies Account for a hat badge. [25-1651](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Grant and Gift Acceptances

15. Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$87,450 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of Grants & Research to the Police Department for public safety staffing. [25-1621](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Nay: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

16. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$109,296 grant, with no new match required, from Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for staffing costs. [25-1636](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan,
City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott