



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 26, 2012

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
Michael Glavin	Exec. Director, OSPCD	Present	
Anne Thomas	Special Counsel, OSPCD	Present	
Hayes Morrison	Director, Transportation and Infrastructure	Present	
Jason Grossfield	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	
Doug Willardson	Budget Analyst	Present	
Ed Bean	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

#### **193345 - Requesting approval of a revised appropriation of \$39,511,429 for the cost of rehabilitation and renovation of the East Somerville Community School.:**

Mr. Bean discussed the reasons for the cost increase associated with the ESCS project and said that an agreement was reached with the MSBA which calls for a low interest rate of 2%, saving the city \$1.4 million.

Alderman White's motion *that the Administration provide a detailed explanation of how the additional \$6.25 million for the ESCS project will be used*, was approved.

This item was approved with the condition that the requested information (above) be provided.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

#### **193414 - Requesting the acceptance of 8 temporary and 1 permanent Easements for the new section of the Community Path from Cedar St. To Lowell St.:**

Ms. Thomas and Ms. Morrison spoke on this matter and explained why the easements are necessary. The committee amended the request to include all temporary easements.

**RESULT:****APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**193419 - Requesting the appropriation of \$70,966 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to match the Federal Transportation Administration grant for a bike share system.:**

Ms. Morrison spoke about using grant funding for this item and she discussed locations of the bike stations. Chairman Heuston noted that residents of Brickbottom would like a station in their area.

**RESULT:****APPROVED**

**193422 - Requesting acceptance of a deed conveying fee simple title to the new Assembly Square Drive.:**

Ms. Thomas discussed the reasons for the conveyance and the stages of the proposed construction. The committee requested a report of all expenditures thus far and also requested that Federal Realty make a presentation to the committee. A revised plan will be submitted.

**RESULT:****APPROVED**

**193423 - Requesting discontinuance of the abandoned segment of Assembly Square Drive as a public way.:**

Ms. Thomas spoke about the process of transferring the property in question and also about the allocation of DIF funds and additional money spent by Federal Realty. The city is paying \$12 million for the land. Alderman White wants to review previous meeting regarding this issue and the committee discussed the necessity of having a public hearing on the matter.

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**193424 - Requesting acceptance of a multi-year lease of the East Somerville Police Substation and office space at 79-83 Broadway.:**

Chief Pasquarello explained the terms of the lease (\$1,500 per month for 3 years) and said that the presence of this substation is important to the city.

**RESULT:****APPROVED**

**193425 - Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the construction of Chuckie Harris Park.:**

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**