



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 6:25 PM on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Mbah, Burnley, Clingan, Scott and Wilson), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Alan Inacio – Planning Board Senior Accountant, Ben Demers – Economic Development Planner, Kimberly Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 11, 2025. [25-0209](#)

Accepted

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

Appropriations

2. Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Open Space Reserve for the renovation of Quincy Street Park. [25-0170](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Grant and Gift Acceptances

3. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,000,000 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable [25-0173](#)

Communities to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Economic Development Division for 14-16 Sewall Street acquisition.

Recommended to be approved

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

4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,500,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Economic Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Economic Development Division for the 299 Broadway redevelopment project. [25-0174](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

5. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$54,400 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program. [25-0158](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

6. Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,300 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support. [25-0159](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Prior Year Invoices

7. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,312.50 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Translation Services Account for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services. [25-0169](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2025-02-25 RSJ Prior Year Invoices Memo (with 25-0169)
- Finance - 2025-02-25 Arts Council Grants Memo (with 25-0158, 25-0159)