



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - May 21, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 5/17/19 at 9:04 AM)

- 1. Approval of the May 7, 2019 Minutes**
- 2. 206099: Recommend** City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to replace Ordinance 5-32 regarding Fire Department salaries.
- 3. 207725: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Mbah) – That the Administration discuss matching Newton's 41(A) tax deferral program income limits and interest, which are \$86,000 at 2.5% interest, vs. Somerville's \$57,000 at 3% interest.
- 4. 208239: Recommend** Requesting an adjustment to income limits and interest rates with respect to the senior property tax deferral under MGL c59 s5(41A).
- 5. 207953: Recommend** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$37,778.81 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds and Highway Division Accounts for invoices received after the close of FY18.
- 6. 208165: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$996,947 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Debt Service - Interest on Notes-BAN Account in order to pay interest on notes due on June 7, 2019.
- 7. 202971: Recommend** Green Cab requesting a waiver of Taxi Medallion fees.
- 8. 204989: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration provide an update on the "DIF for Affordable Housing" plan identified as one of the Mayor's goals for the upcoming year.

9. **205501: Recommend** Requesting approval of an Administrative Order providing for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.
10. **205663: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration consider adopting MGL c58 s8(c), which would allow the city to abate a portion of outstanding property taxes to create affordable housing.
11. **206006: Recommend** Requesting approval of a Clean Cab Proposal to waive taxi medallion fees for qualifying vehicles.
12. **206153: Recommend** KP Law requesting this Board's consent to represent Powderhouse Studios, including its development of the new innovation school.
13. **206235: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That this Board discuss with the Administration and appropriate personnel, the implementation of an annual Municipal Revenue Growth Factor Report.
14. **206236: Discuss** (Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That this Board discuss with the Administration and appropriate personnel, the implementation of a Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account for proceeds earmarked for particular purposes.
15. **206737: Discuss** SMEA President Ed Halloran submitting comments re: #205501, an Administrative Order for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.
16. **206753: Discuss** Finance Director responding to #206385 Re: Projected State Aid.
17. **206787: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ewen-Campen) – That the Administration update this Board on establishing a waste reduction position, ideally using revenue saved from reducing recycling and solid waste costs.
18. **207059: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Personnel review the compensation for the Clerk of Committees and propose necessary modifications.
19. **207080: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration present this Board's Committee on Finance with the preliminary test results for the ballfield at Conway Park, and, if existent, the remaining unopened portions of Conway Playground.
20. **207168: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Clingan, Hirsch, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, White Jr.) – That the Administration and Director of Finance implement opportunities for community participatory budgeting for FY20.

21. **207172: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD work with this Board to create overlay districts or other policies for "Opportunity Zones" in order to maximize community benefits generated by developments in these areas.
22. **207248: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Hirsch) – That the Administration and Director of Finance discuss the impact to the budget if the FCC redefines cable franchising.
23. **207274: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That Director of SPCD provide an estimate of projected short-term rental revenue under the new state law.
24. **207485: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – Reporting on recent School Committee activities.
25. **207496: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Hirsch, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne) – That the Administration significantly increase the funding for traffic-calming physical infrastructure improvements in the FY20 budget.
26. **207549: Discuss** Special Counsel responding to #207171 re: nondisclosure agreements with prospective developers or commercial tenants.
27. **207550: Discuss** City Solicitor submitting the suit titled Somerville v. Purdue Pharma, filed in Middlesex Superior Court.
28. **207563: Discuss** 23 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at 217 Somerville Ave.
29. **207583: Discuss** 62 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at 217 Somerville Ave.
30. **207623: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the City Solicitor provide this Council with a written explanation of any City and State regulations regarding public notifications. (2nd request)
31. **207681: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #207623 re: state and local regulations on public notices.
32. **207740: Recommend** (White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah) – Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-124 to permit the City Solicitor to settle legal actions of up to \$5,000 against the City.
33. **207741: Discuss** (White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Director of Finance report to this Council on the

financial impact of the reduction in Cable TV Franchise Fees on the FY19 budget.

- 34. 207947: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration include in the FY20 Budget, the funding necessary to expand school cafeteria recycling and food waste reduction and collection programs to all schools.
- 35. 208001: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Finance provide this Council a 10-year revenue projection before the Council's Finance Committee meeting on April 23.
- 36. 208149: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration consider including funds for the following FY20 requests: 1) An analysis of how to reach 30-40% deed-restricted units by 2040; 2) Project management, service delivery and coordination for out-of-school time, especially for underserved populations; and 3) A software engineer to support technology architecture and integration across divisions.
- 37. 208154: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Chief Fire Engineer provide the Finance Committee with the allocation of apparatus while some city bridges are closed due to the GLX project.