



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

June 20, 2017  
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	

Others present: Suzanne Rinfret - T&P, Terry Smith - T&P, Jeff Winsor - Fields, Glenn Ferdman - Libraries, Goran Smiljic - ISD, Jill Lathan - Recreation, Michael Mastrobuoni - Budget Manager, Ed Bean - Finance, Candace Cooper - Personnel, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place in the Aldermen's Chamber and was called to order at 6:25 PM by Chairman Heuston and adjourned at 9:48 PM.

**FY-18 Departmental Budget Review and any and all associated departmental financial matters**

The following departments presented their FY-18 budget requests:

**Traffic and Parking**

Alderman Sullivan recused himself from all discussion and voted regarding this department. Ms. Rinfret reviewed her department's FY-17 activities and presented its FY-18 budget request. Chairman Heuston commented about the lack of speed limit signs in Ward 2 and Alderman McLaughlin spoke about the length of time that he has been waiting for pedestrian safety items. Alderman Rossetti inquired about line 445011, Resident Parking Permits, on the revenue table and believes that the projected revenue should be higher, given the increase in parking permits issued. Chairman Heuston requested that a list of PCO

routes. Members discussed the credit card convenience fees paid by the city for online purchases and parking meter payments.

### **Inspectional Services**

Mr. Smiljic reviewed his department's FY-17 activities and presented its FY-18 budget request. Members were updated on the department's rodent control efforts and online transactions. Chairman Heuston and Alderman Rossetti asked that Mr. Smiljic check his notes from last year's budget discussion to determine when the 2nd Wire Inspector position was added. Mr. Smiljic said that the position was offered to 2 individuals, who both turned it down.

### **Recreation (Rinks, Dilboy)**

Ms. Lathan reviewed her department's FY-17 activities and presented its FY-18 budget request. Members asked about various youth activities, field and rink use, adult activities, programming hours, etc. Alderman Ballantyne asked for a 5-year projection of all repair/maintenance costs for the boathouse. Alderman White stated that he's not aware of the BOA approving the 5-year arrangement with the DCR and he will check with the City Solicitor regarding the legality of the agreement. There was a discussion about how to adjust the department's budget so that financial consideration could be provided to assist youth organizations that are finding it difficult to meet the fees charged for facility use. Alderman White asked if Dilboy could sign on to the city's aggregate electricity program and Alderman Ballantyne requested a breakdown of Dilboy's Professional and Technical Services line. Alderman Niedergang asked for the term and payment schedule for the ice rinks. Mr. Bean said that it is a 20 year bond. Chairman Heuston asked for a breakdown of the ice rinks' Professional and Technical Services line.

### **Recreation (Fields)**

Ms. Lathan reviewed this department's FY-17 activities and presented its FY-18 budget request. Mr. Winsor responded to questions from members regarding the re-grading of Trum Field.

### **Libraries**

Mr. Ferdman reviewed his department's FY-17 activities and presented its FY-18 budget request.

### **Handouts:**

- Professional & Technical Services Breakdown - 6-20-17
- Revised Pages 242- 244