



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 26, 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Michael Glavin, Hayes Morrison, Ed O'Donnell, Goran Smiljic, Peter Forcellese, Jr., Ed Bean, Stan Koty, Amanda Mayer

**Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2014**

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**195926 - Requesting an appropriation of \$15,000 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund an Early Retirement Incentive Agreement negotiated with the Police Superior Officers' Association.:**

Mr. Boukili will verify that this item would apply to more than one individual.

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196165 - Requesting the dedication of Symphony Park for Open Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.:**

Hayes Morrison spoke on this item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**196242 - Requesting an appropriation of \$139,605 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) for the ISD Rodent Population Specifications Design.:**

Mr. Smiljic spoke about the purpose of these funds and Ald. Heuston gave a summary of the conference that took place during the March 17, 2014 meeting of the Rodent Issues Special Committee. Ald. White noted, for the record, that the product to be used to sterilize the rodents

does not have a secondary effect on people or other animals. The total amount needed is \$214,718.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**196243 - Requesting the appropriation of \$70,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) for the Residential Property Rodent Control Program.:**

See item 196242, above. These funds may only be used for owner occupied properties and may be applied for according to guidelines.

Ald. Lafuente's motion *that a copy of the application for residential rodent control assistance be provided*, was approved.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**196250 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$61,250 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for Police Dept. Crisis Intervention Team Training.:**

Mr. Boukili stated that this is a grant that the city regularly receives.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**196251 - Requesting the approval of a contract extension for Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge through June 30, 2015, for design and engineering of streetscape improvements and rehabilitation of Davis Square.:**

Ms. Morrison discussed the RFP process and the 3 phases of the contract, adding that the project is not fully funded for construction. The cost estimate is \$8.5 million.

Ald. White's motion *that the Finance Department provide an analysis of each line item for professional technical services from OSPCD*, was approved.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**196326 - Requesting an appropriation of \$62,000 for the final phase of the design and engineering contract for the Davis Square streetscape improvements.:**

Mr. Bean informed the members that these funds would be bonded.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**196341 - Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Account to the DPW Engineering Professional Services Account for the design and repair of the Buena Vista Parking Lot.:**

Mr. Koty addressed this item.

**RESULT:****APPROVED**

**196390 - Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Traffic and Parking-Repairs to Highway Account to fund crosswalk and line painting citywide.:**

Mr. Boukili and Mr. Bean spoke on this request.

**RESULT:****APPROVED**

**196417 - Requesting approval to extend a contract with TRC to October 31, 2015, for the cleanup of the Kiley Barrel site.:**

Mr. O'Donnell explained that this brownfield site will be the location of a future Green Line station. Ms. Mayer spoke about assessment and mediation. \$2.15 million in grant funds are available for the cleanup. This item is only to approve the contract extension. The grant money will cover the cost of remediation.

**RESULT:****APPROVED**