



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

Others present: Jill Lathan – DPW, Alan Inacio – OSPCD, Jeffrey Barbieri – DPW, Ashley Sepliotis – Council on Aging, Brian Postlewaite – Engineering, Michael Richards – DPW, Fred Berman – OSPCD, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 7:47 PM on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Pineda Neufeld, Clingan, Kelly, Scott and Wilson), none against and none absent.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Charlotte Kelly, Jesse Clingan and Judy Pineda Neufeld

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 6, 2022. [22-2076](#)

Approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Gift Acceptances

2. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,050 gift with no new match required, from Tufts University Technology Support Center to the Council on Aging to reduce the cost of a luncheon for older adults. [23-0043](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Appropriations

3. Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools. [23-0016](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 4. Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for a Blue Bike Station at Boynton Yards at 101 South Street. [22-2083](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Lease Agreements

- 5. Requesting approval of the Alternative Transportation Corridor Lease Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). [22-2041](#)

Kept in committee

Contracts & Easements

- 6. Requesting approval to extend a contract with the Community Action Agency of Somerville for an additional four months to 2/29/2023 for housing search and stabilization services. [23-0035](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Bonding

- 7. Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,545,827 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for streets and sidewalk reconstruction. [23-0049](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Prior Year Invoices

- 8. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$95,474.26 using available funds in various Department of Public Works Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for various services. [23-0046](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9. Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$4,950 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for FY 2022 arbitration services. [22-2062](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10. Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,012.03 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for May 2021 Employee Assistance Program. [22-2061](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$358 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for pre-employment placement exams and drug screens. [22-2060](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

12. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$796.67 using available funds in the City Clerk Office Supplies Account for various supplies. [23-0044](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

13. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,332 using available funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment Ordinary Maintenance Professional and Technical Services Account for preventative maintenance of solar arrays. [23-0017](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Transfers

14. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,000 from the Office of Sustainability and Environment Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Personal Services Account to reallocate approved funding for interns to the appropriate budget line. [23-0037](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Orders

15. That the Administration update this Council on efforts to use District Improvement Financing to capture new tax growth, specifically for new affordable housing. [22-1798](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director update this Council on the progress of the free cash certification and any anticipated plans for additional free cash use. [22-1517](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee