



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 5, 2011

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Doug Willardson	Budget Analyst	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
Stan Koty	DPW Commissioner	Present	
Ed Bean	CFO	Present	

191883 - Requesting an appropriation of \$48,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 2 Ford Escapes for the Police Dept.'s narcotics and gang units.:

Chief Pasquarello told the members that these vehicles would be used primarily for undercover assignments and to provide surveillance in the narcotics and gang units. Most of the vehicles in the department's fleet have 150,000 to 200,000 miles on them, and these vehicles would be the first new vehicle procurements for the drug and gang units.

Alderman White's motion *that the Chief of Police provide the Board of Aldermen with a list of siezed cash and property for the past five years, noting what has gone into the City's account during that period*, was approved

RESULT: APPROVED

191885 - Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of handheld portable radios for the Police Dept.:

Chief Pasquarello addressed the need for this equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

192135 - Requesting acceptance of a \$42,000 grant from the Office of Emergency Preparedness for security improvements to the Public Safety Building.:

Chief Pasquarello explained that this grant would be used to enhance security by providing key card access and allowing more entry points to be alarmed.

RESULT: APPROVED

192183 - Requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the old Union Square Firehouse.:

Commissioner Koty outlined the repairs that need to be made.

RESULT: APPROVED

192188 - Requesting to pay prior year invoices in the Dept. of Public Works totalling \$15,067.40.:

Commissioner Koty reviewed the outstanding invoices and explained that they were not received until June of this year and therefore were not processed during the FY-11 cycle.

RESULT: APPROVED
