



**City of Somerville,  
Massachusetts  
Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

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**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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**Roll Call**

**Present:** Chairperson Jake Wilson, Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Charlotte Kelly, Jesse Clingan and Ben Ewen-Campen

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 9, 2023. [23-0735](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 23, 2023. **23-0842**

Kept in committee

Grant Acceptances

3. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,063.14 grant, with no new match required, from the Barr Foundation for staff attendance at the Designing Cities 2023 conference. [23-0606](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,950 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to the Health and Human Services Department to restructure the food security coalition. [23-0772](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Appropriations

5. Requesting approval to appropriate \$104,247.14 from the Bikeshare Stabilization fund for new stations at 5 Middlesex Ave and 10-50 Prospect St. [23-0718](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Contracts and Easements

6. Requesting approval to extend the contract with the Mystic River Watershed Association for Blessing of the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 for an additional 24 months. [23-0725](#)

Recommended to be approved

Transfers

7. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the City Clerk Salaries Account to the City Clerk R&M - Software Account to expand the digital accessibility and archiving of the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances. [23-0812](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

8. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the Clerk of Committees Salaries - Monthly Account to the City Clerk R&M - Software Account to expand the digital accessibility and archiving of the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances. [23-0823](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Communications and Discussions

9. Director of Water and Sewer conveying the FY 2024 Water & Sewer Rate proposal. [23-0550](#)

Recommended to be not approved

**Aye:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**Nay:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

### Ordinances

- 10.** Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors. [23-0827](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

### Orders

- 11.** That this City Council discuss data from the FY 2023 budget hearings and assess the budget hearing process for FY 2024. [23-0457](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Kept in committee

### Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2023-05-23 FinanceMemo\_5\_21\_23 (with 23-0772)
- Finance - 2023-05-23 City Clerk Memo (with 23-0812, 23-0823)
- Finance - 2023-05-23 FY24 Rate Memo 0519 (with 23-0550)
- Finance - 2023-05-23 Memo re Water & Sewer Rates (with 23-0550)
- Finance - 2023-05-23 Water and Sewer Public Hearing Info Session FY24 (with 23-0550)
- Finance - 2023-05-23 Rate Conveyance Presentation (with 23-0550)