



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair Wheeler and adjourned at 8:42 pm with a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt and Wheeler), none opposed, and one absent (Councilor Scott).

The meeting was recessed at 7:03 PM and reconvened at 7:13 PM with Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt and Wheeler present and Councilor Scott absent.

Also present: Emily Wisdom - Somerville Police Department Director of Finance and Administration, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Alan Inacio - Director, Finance and Community Development, Eric Weisman - Interim DPW Commissioner, Shumeane Benford - Somerville Police Chief, Devin Schneider - Somerville Police Detective Sergeant, Rachel Nadkarni - Director of Economic Development, Maya Yoshikawa - Department of Public Works Sanitation and Hazardous Material Program Manager, Katharine Wiese - Economic Development Planner and Delaney Fisher-Cassioli - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt and City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 24, 2026. [26-0295](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Environment-related Grant Requests

2. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$31,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for upgrades to the Hazardous Household Waste Facility. [26-0268](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Appropriations

3. Requesting approval to appropriate \$56,339.46 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup costs of a Blue Bike station at the Boynton Union Connect Transportation Management Association development site. [26-0270](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Police, Fire Department Grant and Gift Acceptances

4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$22,800.08 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention. [26-0271](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Nay: City Councilor At Large Link

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

5. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$43,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for software. [26-0169](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$127,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Special Response Team equipment and training. [25-0849](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Link, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt and City Councilor At Large Wheeler

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Communications

7. Director of Economic Development conveying the potential use of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Tool (UCH-TIF) to incentivize housing production. [26-0201](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2026-03-10 Memo-REV (with 26-0270)
- Finance - 2026-03-10 Presentation-REV (with 26-0201)
- Finance - 2026-03-10 Memo (with 25-0849, 26-0169)