

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 8, 2016 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	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	

Others present: Michael Mastrobuoni - SomerStat, William Roche - Personnel, Mary Skipper -Superintendent of Schools, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Skye Stewart - SomerStat, Nick Salerno - Elections, Greg Jenkins, Oliver Sellers-Garcia - OSE, John Long - City Clerk, Charles Sillari - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Aldermen's Chamber and was called to order at 6:15 PM by Alderman Lafuente and adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Document List:

- New & Vacant Position Info
- Corrections to proposed budget
- OSE Supplemental Materials
- Additional School Department Information
- Job Description Legislative Liaison

Approval of the May 18, 2016 Minutes

RESULT:

ACCEPTED

2. FY-17 departmental budget review Mr. Mastrobuoni distributed corrections to the proposed budget and supplemental materials for OSE. Mr. Roche distributed information on new and vacant positions contained in the proposed budget.

School Department:

School Superintendent Mary Skipper presented the School Department's FY-17 budget and outlined the School Committee's goals. She explained the process used to develop the budget and reported that the FY-17 budget is \$65,420,081 and is 4.65% higher than last year's budget. Alderman White asked that some demographic and enrollment data be included in the future. He also asked that data on the number of students leaving school and the reasons why also be provided.

Executive:

Mr. Snyder presented the department's budget and spoke about a new Legislative Liaison position.

Clerks:

Mr. Snyder presented the department's budget and spoke about a change of title for one of the clerk positions.

SomerStat:

Ms. Stewart presented the department's budget.

Elections:

Mr. Salerno presented the department's budget. The design of the census has been updated. All CF reports under the department's domain are being posted online.

Arts Council:

Mr. Jenkins explained that some positions have been reassigned from other departments to the Arts Council.

Sustainability and Energy:

Mr. Sellers-Garcia presented the department's budget request and spoke about many of the programs undertaken by OSE.

City Clerk:

Mr. Long spoke presented his department's budget. The city's archives will be relocated to the Edgerly School building and will have a reading room for the public.

Requests for information:

- Alderman White requested data (from the Personnel Department) for new positions for the past 10 years.
- Alderman Ballantyne requested that the Personnel Department provide the amount of lag money for unfilled positions listed on the New & Vacant Positions handout.
- Alderman Heuston requested the names of personnel in the positions marked "filled" on the New & Vacant Positions handout.

3. Any and all associated departmental financial matters