



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 27, 2018  
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William A. White Jr.	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Stephanie Hirsch	Alderman At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	Alderman at Large	Present	

### **FY-19 Departmental Budget Cuts and any associated departmental financial matters**

Chairman White gave a brief explanation of the budget process prior to the committee making cuts to the proposed FY-19 city budget. Mr. Bean explained what 'free cash' is, why it's important, how it's generated and how it's certified by the Department of Revenue. The certified FY-18 free cash was \$11.6 million.

Ms. Lathan was asked to clarify why there is an additional \$60,000 request in this proposed budget for the boathouse. Ms. Lathan said that there are many improvements that need to be made this year. Alderman Ballantyne expressed concern that there is no long-range plan in place to care for the facility.

Alderman Hirsch shared her perspective on the budget and said that department heads have the ability to transfer funds within their own departments without BOA approval. She thinks that if cuts are made to the budget, those funds should be reallocated for something benefiting the residents, as shown in her data sheet (attached).

The following budget cuts were proposed:

- Executive Administration Special Items
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 530000 by \$10,000. Withdrawn
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 530000 by \$7,000. Approved - (Alderman

Niedergang and Clingan were opposed)

- Capital Projects - Engineering
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$650. Approved
  
- Arts Council
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$6,923. Approved
  
- Personnel
  - Alderman Scott proposed cutting line 530000 by \$52,445. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 10 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, White), 0 against and 1 absent (Ald. McLaughlin)
  
- Treasury
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$1,299. Approved
  - Alderman Scott proposed cutting line 530012 by \$14,000. Withdrawn
  
- Auditing
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$1,755. Approved
  
- Licensing Commission
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511002 by \$636. Approved
  
- Housing
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$2,076. Approved
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 530000 by \$40,000. Withdrawn
  
- Housing Stability
  - Alderman Ballantyne proposed cutting line 511000 by \$39,999. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 9 in favor (Ald. Scott, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, White) and 2 against (Ald. Mbah, Hirsch)
  
- Economic Development
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$6,057. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 7 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne, McLaughlin) and 4 against (Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, White)
  
- Redevelopment Authority
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511002 by \$636. Approved
  
- Transportation and Infrastructure
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$8,653. Approved
  
- Inspectional Services
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$744. Approved

- Animal Control
  - Alderman Scott proposed cutting line 530000 by \$3,000. Withdrawn
- Traffic and Parking
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 530000 by \$90,000. Approved
- SomerPromise
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 511000 by \$6,923. Approved
- Parks and Recreation - Field Maintenance
  - Alderman Ballantyne proposed cutting line 524001 by \$20,000. Not Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 2 in Favor (Ballantyne, McLaughlin) and 9 against (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, White)
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 510000 by \$127,095. Approved
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524002 by \$10,000. Withdrawn
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524017 by \$5000. Approved
  - Alderman Rossetti asked Ms. Lathan to prepare a memorandum regarding the cost and locations for portable toilets in parks and playgrounds.

Chairman White made a motion to take up the Department of Public Works proposed budget on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The motion was not approved on a Roll Call Vote of 5 in favor (Ald. Rossetti, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, White) and 6 against (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin).

The deliberations continued and the following budget cuts were proposed:

- DPW - Administration
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 530000 by \$60,000. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 10 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin) and 1 against (Ald. White)
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 530018 by \$20,000. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 8 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Ballantyne, White), 2 against (Ald. Clingan, Davis) and 1 recused (Ald. McLaughlin)
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 553001 by \$5,000. Approved
- DPW - Buildings and Grounds
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 513000 by \$25,000. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 9 in favor ((Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin) and 2 against (Ald. Niedergang, White)
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 521001 by \$150,000. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 10 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin) and 1 against (Ald. White)
  - Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524001 by \$30,000. Not approved on a Roll Call Vote of 4 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, McLaughlin) and 7 against (Ald.

- Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, White)
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524002 by \$40,000. Not approved on a Roll Call Vote of 3 in favor (Ald. Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin) and 8 against (Ald. Mbah, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, White)
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524019 by \$100,000. Approved on a Roll Call Vote of 9 in favor (Ald. Scott, Rossetti, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin), 1 against (Ald. White) and 1 absent (Ald. Mbah)
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524020 by \$150,000. Approved
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524024 by \$30,000. Approved
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 524031 by \$10,000. Not approved on a Roll Call Vote of 5 in favor (Ald. Scott, Mbah, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen) and 6 against (Ald. Clingan, Davis, Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, White).
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 538004 by \$10,000. Approved
- Alderman Rossetti proposed cutting line 545000 by \$50,000. Approved

**206025: Requesting an appropriation of \$225,971,887 to fund the General Fund Operating Budget for FY19.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**206026: Requesting an appropriation of \$1,750,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY19 Tax Levy.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**206027: Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$1,986,473 in estimated FY19 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**206028: Requesting the appropriation of \$377,622 for the FY19 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**206029: Requesting an appropriation of \$865,346 to fund the FY19 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**206030: Requesting an appropriation of \$41,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206031: Requesting the appropriation of \$205,000 to fund the FY19 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206032: Requesting the appropriation of \$17,000 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206033: Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-373 to include a Revolving Fund for Community Gardens.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206034: Requesting the approval of FY19 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206036: Requesting an appropriation of \$22,847,863 to fund the FY19 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206037: Requesting an appropriation of \$14,521,861 to fund the FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206038: Requesting the appropriation of \$736,041 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206159: Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: municipal salary ranges.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206079: Requesting a transfer of \$2,576,212 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206080: Requesting an appropriation of \$1,737,203 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the Snow Removal deficit.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206086: Requesting the appropriation of \$376,387 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Sanitation Recycling Account to mitigate a Recycling deficit.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206087: Requesting the appropriation of \$607,279 from the Park Stabilization Fund to the General Fund Debt Service Account to pay for incurred debt service for FY18 Parks renovation and construction.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206089: Requesting approval of a transfer of \$20,000 in the Workers Compensation Department, from various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Workers Compensation Wages Account to eliminate a year end deficit.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206090: Requesting a transfer of \$11,000 from the Veterans Services Professional & Technical Services Account to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to fund clerical support for the remainder of the fiscal year.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206091: Requesting a transfer of \$10,600 from the Pension Accumulation Fund to the Pension-Non-Contributory Fund to eliminate a year end deficit.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206081: Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206082: Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.**

**RESULT:** **KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206083: Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206084: Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206085: Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**206078: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,543,000 in a bond for Water Main Replacement.**

Mr. Raiche explained that this is for routine cleaning and replacement of 4,400 feet of water main. The work will be started this calendar year. The existing pipe is circa 1890's. This is a zero interest bond.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**206088: Requesting approval to appropriate \$18,855.55 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.**

Mr. Inacio explained that additional invoices have been received and the funds would be to pay those.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**206093: Requesting acceptance of a \$133,132.50 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.**

Chief Fallon explained that the funds would be used for Rapid Response Team training and backfilling/overtime.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**206094: Requesting acceptance of a \$120,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures, training and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.**

Chief Fallon explained that the funds would be used for Rapid Response Team training and backfilling/overtime.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**206095: Requesting acceptance of a \$900 grant that requires a match, from the MA**

**Council on Aging to the Council on Aging for exercise equipment.**

Ms. Hickey explained the purpose of the grant.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**205952: Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$90 using available funds in the Personnel Advertising Account for an advertisement on Idealist.com.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**205954: Requesting acceptance of a \$94,622.16 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**205955: Requesting acceptance of a \$32,354.14 bequeath from the Estate of Mary M. Fontaine to the Council on Aging.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**205957: Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the CBI Consulting House Doctor contract, to June 28, 2019, to allow for the closeout of construction projects.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**205958: Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with D&R General Contracting for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project to April 30, 2019.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**Handout:**

- 6-27-18 Income Graph