



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Wilson at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 5 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Kelly, Scott, Wilson), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Councilor Pineda Neufeld).

City Council President Ewen-Campen was appointed to replace Councilor Pineda Neufeld on the Finance Committee until further notice.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Karin Carroll – Director of Health & Human Services; Christopher Major – Assistant Chief Engineer, Fire Department; Neha Singh – Legislative Liaison; Alan Inacio – Director of Finance & Community Development; Christopher Ward – Deputy Chief, Police Department; Edward Bean – Finance Director; Richard Raiche – Director of IAM.

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 April 25, 2023. [23-0663](#)

Accepted

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

Appropriations

2. Requesting the appropriation of \$26,279.51 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Supervised Consumption Plan. [23-0673](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

Grant Acceptances

3. 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 for produce for the Mobile Market. [23-0661](#)

Recommended to be withdrawn

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$65,040 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the traffic safety program. [23-0668](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

Transfers

5. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Overtime Account to cover a deficit in the Fire Alarm Overtime account. [23-0549](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

6. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$17,590.52 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Economic Development Division Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Administration Personal Services Account to fund a grants and procurement analyst position. [23-0655](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ewen-Campen

Nay: Vice Chair Scott and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

7. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$27,200 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Housing Division Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Administration Division Personal Services [23-0656](#)

Account to fund temporary salaries to cover the OSPCD special counsel vacancy.

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

Contracts and Easements

8. Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for PMA Consultants LLC, for owner's project manager (OPM) services for the Building Master Plan project. [23-0643](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Pineda Neufeld

Orders

9. That the City Solicitor advise this Council regarding the city's ability to use General Funds for a mass medical debt relief program. [23-0359](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2023-05-09 OSPCD Funds Under Mgmt (with 23-0655)