



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation

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Committee of the Whole

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Roll Call

1. Review of the FY 2024 Budget
2. Councilor Kelly moved to reduce line 0112151 of the Executive Office - Administration Personal Services budget to \$0. The motion was laid on the table until the June 21, 2023 "cut night" Committee meeting.
3. Councilor Kelly moved to reduce line 0112152 of the Executive Office - Administration Ordinary Maintenance budget to \$0. The motion was laid on the table until the June 21, 2023 "cut night" Committee meeting.

Budget Related Items

4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0857](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting revocation of the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, ceasing the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink as an Enterprise Fund, effective fiscal year 2024.
5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0904](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$248,419.50 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

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6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0906](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$817,137.42 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.
 7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0907](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$151,252.50 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.
 8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0908](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$69,184.64 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.
 9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0924](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$319,923,766 to fund the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget.
 10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0926](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the rescission of \$13,232,471 of authorized but un-issued borrowings.
 11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0927](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$2,383,367 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.
 12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0928](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.
 13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0929](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.
 14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0931](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$4,676,448 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
 15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0932](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of the expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds for FY 2024.

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16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0934](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$3,283,713 in estimated FY 2024 Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue for CPA projects and expenses.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0935](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$638,218 to fund the FY 2024 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0936](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$221,481 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2024 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.
19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0938](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$40,000 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2024 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund budget.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0939](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Sewer Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0941](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0942](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,636,836 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0943](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$5,890,276 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0945](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$271,200 to fund the FY 2024 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund budget.
25. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0946](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Superintendent of Schools conveying the School Department budget, approved by the School Committee's Finance and Facilities Subcommittee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 16, 2023.
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26. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0948](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$33,863,918 to fund the FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0949](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$18,996,902 to fund the FY 2024 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0966](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$259,382 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects that reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0967](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Open Space Acquisition Stabilization Fund to acquire new publicly accessible open space.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0968](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support flexible rental assistance programs.
31. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0969](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.
32. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0971](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$170,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund for additional monies for site preparation, construction, and furnishing of a safe consumption site.
33. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0973](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to fund the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund.
34. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0974](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to create the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund for maintaining, distributing, and providing food, temporary shelter, and other common necessities of life for residents displaced by public exigency, emergency, or distress, as codified in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 19.
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35. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0980](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,750,036 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.
36. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0982](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,300,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to build reserves for the Water-Sewer Capital Improvement Program.
37. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0983](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
38. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0824](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2023.

Note: Written comment may also be emailed to cityclerk@somervillema.gov and will be accepted until noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Non-budgetary Items

39. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0852](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$550 from the Engineering Personal Services Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management (IAM) Personal Services Account to fund IAM Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) staff holiday and longevity pay.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0853](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$25,000 from the Parks and Recreation Professional & Technical Services Account to the Parks & Recreation Salaries & Wages Temp Account for school staff coaching of intramural sports.
41. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0854](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$18,000 from the Parks & Recreation Fields Personal Services Account to the Parks & Recreation Rec/Youth Program Personal Services Account to cover the remainder of the fiscal year for teen spaces.

42. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0878](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$248,419.50 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Engineering & Architecture Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.
43. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0879](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$817,137.42 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.
44. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0880](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$151,252.50 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Engineering & Architecture Account to the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.
45. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0881](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$69,184.64 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.
46. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0975](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$12,800 from the Unemployment Compensation Account to the Recreation/Youth Program Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to provide additional staff support for the displaced Winter Hill Community Innovation School students.

Late Items

DPW Invoices

47. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0877](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,592.59 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Elevator R&M Account for elevator service.
48. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0903](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$646.08 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Plumbing R&M Account for asbestos sampling.

49. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0952](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$20,284.55 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Hazardous Waste Removal Account for removal services.
50. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0953](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,042.75 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Fire Alarm R&M Account for fire extinguisher maintenance services.
51. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0954](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$800 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Rubbish Removal Account for removal of concrete debris.
52. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0955](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,536.63 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Natural Gas Account for gas in city buildings.

Other Items

53. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0829](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to execute the Second Amendment to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC, for the Grove Street parking lot, through June 30, 2024.