



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 7:27 pm with a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Burnley, Clingan, Scott and Wilson), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Mbah).

Others present: Michael Richards - IAM Director of Finance and Administration, Neha Singh - Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Catherine Lester Salchert - Assistant City Solicitor, Brian Postlewaite IAM Director of Engineering, Christine Blais - Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment, Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of September 9, 2025. [25-1443](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Grant and Gift Acceptances

2. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from Commonwealth of MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for a study investigating possible zoning incentives to increase the ability to comply with the Fossil Fuel Free Ordinance. [25-1295](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

3. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for post-overdose support. [25-1418](#)
Kept in committee
4. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$155,271.38 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for training costs for 911 certification. [25-1408](#)
Kept in committee
5. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for enhanced 911 telecommunicator personnel costs. [25-1409](#)
Kept in committee
6. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for emergency medical dispatch. [25-1410](#)
Kept in committee

Prior Year Invoices

7. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$545.31 using available funds in the Police Department Equipment Maintenance Account for electronic access door service. [25-1387](#)
Recommended to be approved
Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah
8. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$330 using available funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment Professional and Technical Services Account for monitoring the Argenziano School solar array. [25-1294](#)
Recommended to be approved
Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah
9. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$596.25 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Repairs-Comm Equipment, Repairs-Fire Alarm, and Reimbursement of Licenses Accounts. [25-1414](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

10. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$23.41 using available funds in the Emergency Management Public Safety Supplies Account for public safety supplies. [25-1415](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

11. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$137.77 using available funds in the Emergency Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies. [25-1416](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

12. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$71.88 using available funds in the Emergency Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies. [25-1417](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

13. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$10,452.22 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure & Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Professional & Technical Account for Strategic Asset Management Plan. [25-1413](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Transfers

14. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$350,048 from the Department of [25-1412](#)

Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) Ordinary Maintenance
Professional & Technical Services Account to the IAM Capital Outlay
Professional & Technical Services Account.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward
Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Bonding

15. Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,300,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the design of the Morrison Avenue Linear Storage Sewer Separation project. [25-1411](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward
Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Contracts and Agreements

16. Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with Eastern Bank for an additional year until 8/31/2026, for the banking services of the Treasury Department. [25-1384](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward
Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

17. Requesting approval of the partial termination of the City Utility Easement on Sewall Court. [25-1383](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward
Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

18. Requesting approval of temporary and permanent easements over Lot 3 of 299 Broadway in favor of 299 Broadway Property Owner, LLC. [25-1433](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward
Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Property/Land Transactions

19. Requesting approval of the discontinuance of a portion of Sewall Court. [25-1382](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

20. Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for the acquisition of Lot 3 at 299 Broadway for municipal purposes including parking. [25-1400](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Orders and Resolutions

21. That the City Solicitor update this Council on the new Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation requirements attached to forthcoming Urban Area Security Initiative grants. [25-1445](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

22. That the Chief of Police or the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region representative update this Council on the strategy for applying for Urban Area Security Initiative or any other federal grants that require Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation. [25-1446](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

23. That the Director of Finance provide a comprehensive accounting of all stabilization accounts that have remained unspent for three or more fiscal years and provide a report for each fund. [25-1344](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- Finance 2025-09-23 - Stabilization Memo (with 25-1344)
- Finance 2025-09-23 - Stabilization Fund Balances (with 25-1344)
- Finance 2025-09-23 - Eastern Bank City Council Extension (with 25-1384)
- Finance 2025-09-23 Letter to FINCOM re FY25 UASI NOFO (with 25-1445)

