



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 14, 2011

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Michael Glavin	Exec. Director, OSPCD	Present	
Steve Azar	OSPCD	Present	
Doug Willardson	Budget Analyst	Present	
Ed Bean	Chief Financial Officer	Present	
Sarah Kloos	Director of Personnel	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
Robert Collins	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	
Ginger Barrett	Water Dept.	Present	

191879 - Requesting an appropriation of \$232,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase 8 Ford Tauruses for police cruisers.:

Chief Pasquarello discussed the need for these vehicles, noting that each of the vehicles being replaced have in excess of 90,000 miles on them. The vehicles being replaced will either be sold as surplus or used in high visibility areas.

RESULT: APPROVED

191889 - Requesting an appropriation of \$17,460 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Ice Rink Enterprise Fund for the purchase of a Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink Skating Rink security system.:

This item was marked "completed" since a replacement request is scheduled to be submitted for consideration.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

192132 - Requesting the establishment of a new Stabilization Fund to be known as the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund, under the provisions of MGL c40, s5B.:

The purpose of this fund will be to pay for programs and services that train and assist Somerville residents in competing for higher quality jobs that offer better wages and benefits packages than what has been historically available to them. The fund will be seeded by a \$100,000 mitigation obligation from IKEA, Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

192133 - Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Workforce Training Stabilization Fund.:

Mr. Azar told the members that the \$100,000 is being given to the City by IKEA, as a good faith gesture and he spoke about a district created for hiring resident of East Somerville. There was a discussion about how the funds would be used and also about the obligations of the parties involved. Alderman White expressed a desire to find out how other communities utilize similar funding. Mr. Glavin informed the members that RFP's would be going out in the next 45 days.

Alderman Gewirtz's motion, that the RFP be reviewed by the committee, was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

192134 - Requesting acceptance of a donation of 6 computer kiosks from IKEA, to assist Somerville residents in Workforce Training activities.:

These computer kiosks will be used to assist Somerville residents in Workforce Training activities.

RESULT: APPROVED

192136 - Requesting authorization to extend Contract 08-009 through December 31, 2011, in order to make final payments for sewer and drainage improvements.:

Ms. Barrett informed the members that the work has been completed but the bill has yet to be paid.

RESULT: APPROVED

192182 - Requesting an appropriation of \$46,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond to complete the planned replacement of DPW vehicles.:

RESULT: APPROVED

192324 - Requesting a transfer of \$5,355 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Police Personal Services Crossing Guard Acct. to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Crossing Guard Unit.:

Mr. Collins discussed the details of the Crossing Guard's union contract and reviewed the pay schedule and grievance procedure.

RESULT: APPROVED

192348 - Requesting a transfer of \$367,631 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the DPW School Custodians Personal Services Acct. to fund a collective bargaining settlement.:

Mr. Collins discussed the negotiation process and reviewed the detail rate, changes in vacation time, the breavement clause, retroactive pay and recall rates.

RESULT: APPROVED