



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 21, 2015
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Absent	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Peter Forcellese, Jr. - Treasurer, Deputy Chief Steve Carabino - SPD, Rob King - Capital Projects, Doug Kress - HHS, Bill Roche - Personnel, Candice Cooper - Personnel, Brad Rossen - OSPCD, Eileen McGettigan - OSPCD, Ed Bean - Finance, Charles Quigley - Engineering

1. Approval of the July 6, 2015 Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED

2. Approval of the July 7, 2015 Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED

199604: Requesting approval to discontinue the portion of Cross Street East between Pennsylvania and Mystic Avenues.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

199605: Requesting the partial release of the Open Space Covenant affecting property on Cross Street East.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

199606: Requesting the acceptance of an Easement and Easement Releases over a former portion of Cross Street East.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199611: Requesting acceptance of the donation of a van valued at \$2,500 from Fire Equipment Inc., to the Fire Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199642: Requesting an appropriation of \$470,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund a comprehensive citywide Mobility Plan.

Mr. Rosen discussed the reason for the mobility plan. Chairman Lafuente requested that information on the subject be circulated to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman White requested a copy of the RFP.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199717: That the Director of Personnel inform this Board whether the new sick-leave law approved by voters last November applies to all City employees, and if not, who is excluded, and whether there are plans to address this exclusion.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199728: Requesting approval of this board, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, to retain the services of outside Workers' Compensation legal counsel.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199729: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,197,500 in a bond for sewer repairs to Cedar St.

Mr. King discussed the drainage improvements needed. Alderman White requested additional detailed information, to include maps, estimates and the scope of the work and recommended that this matter be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199730: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,227,500 in a bond for water repairs to Cedar St.

See 199729

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199731: Requesting the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$158,000 from US2

Associates into the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund.

Ms. McEttigan explained that the funds will be used for legal counsel and planning.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199732: Requesting an appropriation of \$168,000 from the Union Square Stabilization and Revitalization Fund for services in connection with the redevelopment of Union Square.

Ms. McEttigan explained that the funds will be used for legal counsel and planning.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199734: Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$3,587.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199735: Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY16 funds to pay FY15 invoices totaling \$1,280.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199736: Requesting approval for the Personnel Department to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$800.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199737: Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$391.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199739: Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$87,831 from the MA Office of Elder Affairs for Council on Aging staffing, transportation and services for elder residents.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199740: Requesting the acceptance of a \$80,000 grant from the MA DMH Police Based Jail Diversion Program for Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Training.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199741: Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$40,000 from the Metropolitan Area

Planning Council for the Police Department's Bicycle-Pedestrian Traffic Enforcement Program.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199742: Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$37,315 from the Department of Mental Health, for the Police Department's Jail Diversion Program.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199743: Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$20,328 from the Office of Justice Programs FY16 Byrne Grant, for the Police Department's Active Shooter Response Training in schools.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199747: Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$1,700 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the Somerville Police Department's target hardening project.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199748: Requesting the acceptance of a \$1,500 grant from the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199888: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$262,000 for Phase 1 of the Building Assessment/Preventive Maintenance Plan.

Mr. King discussed the need for a preventive maintenance plan and said that it would be implemented in three phases, the first of which would be the collection of data and floor plans from departments. Both the Brown and Winter Hill Schools would be included in the plan. Chairman Lafuente asked for a detailed allocation of funds and a total cost of the three phases. Alderman Ballantyne asked that the information be provided tomorrow (September 22nd), if possible. Alderman White inquired about the debt service on the city's bonds and Mr. Forcellese will provide that information.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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