



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 11, 2017  
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	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Stanley Koty - DPW, Cindy Hickey - COA, Frank Wright - Law, Greg Jenkins - Arts, Rob King - Capital Projects, Chief Patrick Sullivan - SFD, Paut Trant - SPD, Michael Bertino - Treasury, Ed Bean - Finance, Frank Golden - Assessing, Tom Galligani - OSPCD, Alan Inacio - OSPCD, Oliver Sellers-Garcia - OSE, Emily Monea - SomerStat, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Annie Connor - Legislative Liaison, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees.

The meeting took place in the Aldermanic Chamber and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Lafuente and adjourned at 7:30 PM.

### **204646: Requesting approval to extend the TRC Brownfield Assessment Contract beyond the 3 year time limit.**

Mr. Galligani told the committee that the current contract would expire on December 31, 2017.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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### **204647: Requesting approval to extend the WSP Union Square Infrastructure Engineering Contract beyond the 3 year time limit.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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### **204648: Requesting approval to extend a Weston & Sampson contract for construction**

**administration services at Lincoln Park.**

Mr. Galligani and Mr. Frazen talked about the estimated time for completion of Lincoln Park. The final completion date is expected to be in October 2018 and the Weston and Sampson contract will go through October 2018. The extension included no extra cost, just time. The main contract was extended because of change orders being added to the contract.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**204677: Requesting approval to enter into net-metering agreements with both ECA Solar and SunWealth.**

Mr. Seller-Garcia spoke about 2 contracts that started in September and said that 3 more projects will be starting soon. The five projects will offset reusable energy costs. The City of Newton, the MBTA and other institutions are using this same process. Alderman Rossetti asked for a document showing the overall budget with cost savings, in print for FY-18.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**204559: Requesting acceptance of a \$61,610 grant with no new match required, from Mass Development to the Arts Council to develop a co-working kitchen space for the Nibble program.**

Mr. Jenkins spoke about approximately 400 square feet of new space in Union Square for kitchen space. The Arts Council is currently renting kitchen space. Mr. Galligani will explore and leverage additional funds at the old Somerville Hospital for this space request. The Nibble program focuses on entrepreneurs and hospitality workers. The funds do not include rent. There will be a RFQ process for the kitchen space.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**204560: Requesting acceptance of a \$34,200 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for its grant program.**

This is an annual grant supporting residency projects.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**204562: Requesting acceptance of a \$6,900 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for operational support.**

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**204561: Requesting acceptance of a \$22,460 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Fire Department for emergency operations.**

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**204645: Requesting acceptance of a \$56,201 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204580: Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection for the Public Works Department's Recycling Dividends Program.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204644: Requesting acceptance of a \$94,663 Formula 18 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for senior services, staffing and transportation.**

Ms.Hickey said this grant has been requested for 30 years.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204642: Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.**

Mr. Wright said the funds are for litigations that are pending such as: the soccer camp appeal, police detail fact finding and other cases.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204579: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices using \$16,092 in available funds in the Law Department Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204643: Requesting a transfer of \$100,000 from the Judgments and Settlements Account to the Law Department Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.**

Mr. Wright said the funds are for judgments and settlements for general property cases.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204557: Requesting approval to appropriate \$40,357.05 from the Union Square Revitalization Fund for legal services.**

Mr. Inacio said the funds are for installments for US2 and eminent domain legal services.

<b>RESULT:</b>
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<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204675: Requesting approval to dedicate the entirety of Prospect Hill Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.**

<b>RESULT:</b>
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<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204676: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$436,528.08 in a bond for two DPW Sweepers and a Trackless Vehicle.**

Mr. Koty said that one sweeper will serve as a sweeper and the other vehicle will be used for the cycle track. The previous company went out of business and the city cannot purchase replacement parts for its sweepers. The trackless vehicle purchase will include a trade in of a 15 year old Bombardier. The funds will be coming out the DPW Capital Account and the purchase has been recommended by the city's fleet manager.

<b>RESULT:</b>
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<b>APPROVED</b>
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**204438: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$63,000,000 in a bond for Somerville Avenue streetscape and utility improvements.**

Mr. Galligani gave a presentation on Union Square Infrastructure and District Improvement Finances (DIF). Alderman Niedergang asked about the City of Cambridge's open space fees. Mr. Galligani will revise the Estimate Developer Contributions Comparison to include North Point for the next Finance Meeting on Wednesday. Chairman Lafuente also asked for the square footage amount for North Point and Kendall Square for the next Finance meeting. Alderman Ballantyne suggested making edits to slides where there are blanks from Boston and Cambridge for infrastructure. Mr. Glavin presented page 5 of the Master Land Disposition Agreement, Exhibit M. The committee did not have a copy of Exhibit M and the Mayor's office provided copies for the committee members.

Alderman White talked about additional work beyond the D2 parcel that will require more funding. The D2 parcel construction amount will be \$13 million. The \$63 million is essential to developing Union Square. Alderman White asked that it be made clear as to what is in front of the committee for approval. He also asked if the bond would be sufficient to take the title for US2 to go forward with the development.

On Exhibit M, the top package shows the Somerville Avenue Sewer Separation and Utilities & Streetscape started out at \$44 million and is 43% higher with \$63 million in four months. The request for an additional \$10 million is for Union Square Plaza Renovations, Somerville Ave Central Streetscape and Prospect Street Streetscape. The BOA asked the presenter why the \$10 million was not included in the original request and Mr. Glavin said the presentation on Wednesday will answer these questions. Alderman White asked Mr. Glavin to do a recalculation with the \$10 million included for Wednesday's Finance Committee meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>
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<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**204576: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,500,000 in a bond,**

**for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project Design Phase.**

See discussion of item #204438.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**204575: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,100,000 in a bond to design a Stormwater Pump Station and Force Main on Poplar Street.**

See discussion of item #204438.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**204437: Requesting approval of the proposed Union Square District Improvement Financing Development District.**

See discussion of item #204438.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**204517: Requesting approval of the proposed Union Square District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program.**

See discussion of item #204438.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**Handout:**

- USQ Infrastructure and DIF 12-11-17 (with 204437, 204438, 204517, 204575, 204576)