



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 5, 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	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Joseph Curtatone	Mayor	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Ward Seven School Committeeman	Present	
M. Teresa Cardoso	Ward Two School Committeeman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five School Committeeman	Present	
Paul Bockleman	Ward Six School Committeeman	Present	
Adam Sweeting	Ward Three School Committeeman	Present	
Sarah Kloos	Personnel Director	Present	
Stan Koty	DPW Commissioner	Present	
David Lutes	Environmental Programs Manager	Present	
Ed Bean	CFO	Present	
Thomas Pasquarello	Chief of Police	Present	
David Morrow	The Maquire Group	Present	
Bill Carney	Gilberne Construction	Present	
Tony Pierantozzi	Supt. of Schools	Present	

- Update on the reconstruction of the East Somerville Community School

Mayor Curtatone provided an update on the reconstruction of the East Somerville Community School and stated that the finished product would be state of the art. He discussed negotiations with the insurance company, the Massachusetts School Building Authority, (MSBA), the bidding process, financing and a savings of \$3 million resulting from a change in materials. The city is anticipating a construction start in the beginning of November 2011 and a 2013 opening for the school. Questions were raised about the \$5 million gap and Mayor Curtatone stated that the additional funding would not impact other capital projects in the city. Mr. Carney told the members that there was difficulty in obtaining bids on steel and that the development and design process also made it harder to get bidders for the project. Additionally, the estimators did not anticipate the level of labor intensity that would actually be needed to complete the project and the selective demolition that was done exposed issues that were not originally expected.

Mr. Niedergang expressed shock at the cost overrun and questioned the contingency amount, should further problems arise unexpectedly. He also requested information on what items were given up in addition to the green roof. Alderman Gewirtz requested that The Maquire Group provide a cost estimate for a green roof at the school. Alderman White requested that copies of the submitted bids be provided to the committee. Alderman Roche requested that a fact sheet and timeline be prepared to inform residents of Ward One about the project.

191958 - Requesting approval for the Personnel Dept. to use FY 2012 funds to pay FY 2011 invoices totalling \$7,133.:

RESULT: APPROVED

191982 - Communicating to this Board regarding a Capital Projects planning update.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

192006 - Requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 and authorization to borrow the same amount in a bond for various repairs to municipal buildings.:

Mr. Koty discussed the repairs and Mr. Bean explained why the work is being funded through a bond. Alderman Gewirtz requested that a spreadsheet be provided, detailing the specific work needed and who bid on the project.

RESULT: APPROVED

192007 - Requesting an appropriation of \$55,000 and authorization to borrow the same amount in a bond to replace the apron at the Fire Dept. Headquarters.:

Mr. Koty told the members that this was necessary to remove a public safety hazard.

RESULT: APPROVED

192008 - Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 and authorization to borrow the same amount in a bond to repair the Dept. of Public Works roof.:

Mr. Koty stated that the roof has mold and mildew and needs to be repaired. The work will carry a 15 year warranty.

RESULT: APPROVED

192009 - Requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for private way reconstruction work.:

Mr. Koty explained that these roadways were in need of repair and that the city secures sign-offs from property owners on the roadway. Alderman Gewirtz questioned why the city was paving these roadways, since they are private.

RESULT: APPROVED

192010 - Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund the purchase of street benches and barrels.:

RESULT: APPROVED

192011 - Request to pay prior year invoices in the Department of Public Works from the FY12 appropriation, totalling \$11,031.75.:

RESULT: APPROVED

192012 - Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$31,809 from the Office of Justice Programs FY11 Byrne JAG Grant for the use of the Police Dept.:

Chief Pasquarello explained how the grant would enhance training for the Police Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

192013 - Requesting the acceptance of an overtime reimbursement from Federal Realty to cover Police expenses associated with the Riverfest Fireworks event on September 17, 2011.:

RESULT: APPROVED

192014 - Requesting approval of an \$800 grant from the MetLife Foundation to support the Arts Council's Art in a Garden program.:

RESULT: APPROVED
