



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom, was called to order by Chair Wilson at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 7:33 pm with a roll call vote of four in favor (Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Scott and Chair Wilson), none opposed, and one absent (Councilor Sait).

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Timothy Mitsakis – SPD, Charles Breen – Fire, James Mucci – Fire, Erik Larson – OSE, Mohammed Uddin – Finance Analyst, Cathy Piantigini – Libraries, Alan Inacio – OSPCD, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024. [24-0139](#)

Accepted

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

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Personnel Requests

2. Requesting the use of available funds in the amount of \$24,317 from the Library's Personal Services account to reestablish a Librarian III West Branch Manager position. [24-0141](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Appropriations

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3. Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,900 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for design services for a building project at 42 Cross Street. [24-0135](#)
- Recommended to be approved
- Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
- Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait
4. Requesting approval to appropriate \$49,250 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for insulation projects for Department of Public Works steam systems. [24-0134](#)
- Recommended to be approved
- Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
- Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait
5. Requesting the appropriation of \$650,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund for the Capital Projects Division to restore the City Hall clock tower and roof. [24-0130](#)
- Recommended to be approved
- Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
- Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Transfers

6. Requesting the transfer of \$280,010 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the Historic Preservation Reserve. [24-0129](#)
- Recommended to be approved
- Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
- Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait
7. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 from the City Council Legal Services Account to the City Council Office Supplies Account for the purchase of furniture and supplies to create a space for children in the City Council Chamber. [24-0174](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Sait
- Kept in committee

Prior-Year Invoices

8. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$638 using available [24-0128](#)

funds in the Department of Public Works Public Safety Supplies Account for Verizon Fleet subscription services.

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Sait

9. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$278.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Plumbing Supply Account for building related plumbing materials. [24-0127](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Contracts & Easements

10. Requesting the acceptance of a 30-year lease with BRE-BMR Assembly Innovation I LLC, and the appropriation of \$171,969 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Special Items Account to fund said lease, for the Assembly Square Fire Station for the remainder of FY 2024. [24-0154](#)

Recommended to be not approved

Aye: City Councilor At Large Wilson and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Nay: Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Grant Acceptances

11. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,529.99 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for installation of access controls, card entry access, and indoor fencing. [24-0140](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Absent: Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2024-02-20 DPW response (with 24-0127, 24-0128)