



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Wwilson at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 6:57pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Mbah, Burnley,Jr., Clingan, Scott, and Wilson), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Others present: Emily Wisdom - Director of Finance and Administration, Police, Brad Rawson - Director of Mobility, Danielle Palazzo - Deputy Director of Finance for Public Works, Ben Waldrip - Superintendent, Kimberley Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Cindy Amara - City Solicitor, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of September 23, 2025. [25-1511](#)

Accepted

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

Contracts and Agreements

2. Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with City Hall Systems for an additional two years until 12/17/2027, for online bill payment services. [25-1462](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Personnel Requests

3. Requesting approval to use available funds in the Law Department Personal [25-1494](#)

Services accounts in the amount of \$6,296.88 to increase the annual salary of the Municipal Hearing Officer.

Recommended to be approved

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

Prior Year Invoices

4. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$121,818.23 using available funds in various Department of Public Works Accounts for various services. [25-1479](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

5. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$159.96 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for picnic blankets. [25-1419](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

6. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$527 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department Equipment Rental Account for truck rental. [25-1452](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

7. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$94.75 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for carbon dioxide tank refill at Dilboy Pool. [25-1453](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Appropriations

8. Requesting the appropriation of \$240,664.10 from the Transportation [25-1449](#)

Network Company Special Revenue Fund for FY 2026 Vision Zero safety efforts.

Recommended to be approved

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

9. Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools. [25-1459](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Grant and Gift Acceptances

10. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$54,400 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program. [25-1447](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

11. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for post-overdose support. [25-1418](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

12. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$155,271.38 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for training costs for 911 certification. [25-1408](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

13. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for enhanced 911 telecommunicator personnel costs. [25-1409](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

14. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts State 911 Department to the Police Department for emergency medical dispatch.

[25-1410](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

Orders and Resolutions

15. That the Director of Finance provide a comprehensive accounting of all stabilization accounts that have remained unspent for three or more fiscal years and provide a report for each fund.

[25-1344](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

Public Communications

16. Bill Valletta submitting comments re: item #25-1344, an Order that the Director of Finance provide a comprehensive accounting of all stabilization accounts.

[25-1514](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2025-10-07 Contract Extension Memo (with 25-1462)
- Finance - 2025-10-07 Arts Council Memo (with 25-1459, 25-1447)