



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday - December 10, 2014, 6:00 PM

Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

- **Approval of the Minutes of October 28, 2014**
- **Approval of the Minutes of November 12, 2014**
- **195532: Recommend** Requesting authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA Accessibility - Building Improvements.
- **195734: Discuss** That the Administration provide this Board with a breakdown of special events (festivals, concerts, road races, etc.), indicating if they are/were city sponsored and/or privately sponsored, and including city expenditures for each.
- **195769: Recommend** Requesting approval to appropriate \$106,812.60 from Free Cash to the Highway Professional & Technical Services Account to provide the first year of GPS monitoring services for city vehicles.
- **195833: Discuss** That the Director of Finance and the City Treasurer research the possibility of providing direct deposit pay stubs online to employees and determine the potential savings to the city by doing so.
- **196058: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #195769 re: GPS devices on city vehicles and collective bargaining rights.
- **196125: Discuss** Sanford Pooler submitting comments re: #195769, installing GPS devices in city vehicles.
- **196588: Discuss** That the Recreation Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update of all expenditures for the current fiscal year.
- **196859: Discuss** Director of Finance submitting a report on SPCD Professional & Technical Services Accounts.

- **197349: Discuss** That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the invoices for electric light poles as they are purchased in FY15.
- **197850: Discuss** That the Director of Finance and/or the City Treasurer report to this Board on what categories of grants, gifts, payments, donations, etc. and by what type of entities need to be formally accepted by a vote of this Board and which do not require official acceptance.
- **197880: Discuss** That the Director of Finance and the Chief Assessor provide a 5-year projection of new commercial office and new commercial retail revenues.
- **197881: Discuss** That the Chief Assessor report the addresses of all commercial properties that have decreased in land or building value.
- **197922: Discuss** That the Director of SPCD provide administrative support and funding for a Main Streets initiative for the Beacon Street corridor.
- **197926: Recommend** Requesting authorization for a time extension for the Gilbane Building Company, to March 31, 2015, for work on the East Somerville Community School.
- **197928: Recommend** Requesting a transfer of \$8,000 from the Executive Summer Jobs Youth Program to various Recreation Dept. Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to fund a Girls Basketball Program.
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- **197976: Discuss** That the Director of Capital Projects present to this Board, no later than January 22, 2015, a 5- and 10-year plan for the use, development and sale of City buildings.
- **197988: Recommend** That the Administration work with this Board to reschedule the community meetings currently set for November 19 and 20.
- **197989: Recommend** That the Administration hold off from advertising the proposed community meetings on #196116, re: commercial and residential property tax valuations, and immediately direct the Communication Department to cease advertising as well.
- **197990: Discuss** That the Director of Finance create a database to track developers' contributions to stabilization funds and how those funds are utilized.
- **198001: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a \$3,000 grant from the Somerville Health Foundation, for the Council on Aging's "fit for life" program at the Cross Street Center.

- **198023: Discuss** Finance Director responding to #197850 re: grants and donations that require this Board's approval.
- **198062: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$1,012,171.75 for the cost of DPW equipment and Departmental vehicles and authorization to borrow \$1,012,171.75 in a bond to meet the appropriation.
- **198063: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to fund enhanced youth services programming.
- **198064: Recommend** Requesting a transfer within the Water Enterprise Fund of \$60,000 for an increased scope and time extension for full replacement of the water main at Beacon St.
- **198065: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$39,946 from the MA Department of Agriculture for the Health & Human Services Department's Shape Up Program to expand the food production/distribution triangle.
- **198066: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$23,895 from the Office of Justice Programs FY15 Byrne JAG Grant for Police Department programming.
- **198067: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$10,000 from CHNA 17, for the Health & Human Services Dept.'s SCAP Youth Leadership Program to increase youth engagement in social marketing prevention strategies.
- **198068: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$9,990 from The State Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for underage alcohol enforcement.
- **198069: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$5,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division for the Police Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement initiative.
- **198070: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a reimbursement of \$3,770.61 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for 2014 Riverfest event expenses.
- **198071: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$2,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for child passenger safety equipment.
- **198127: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Police Department Professional and Technical Services Account to fund a drug prevention program.
- **198128: Recommend** Requesting the use of \$1,155 in available funds for a LGBT Liaison position in the Health and Human Services Department Salaries Monthly Account, to increase outreach and engagement for a 6 month period.

- **198129: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$39,946 MA Department of Agriculture Grant to support and expand the Health and Human Services Department's Shape Up Somerville Food Production/Distribution Triangle.
- **198130: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$10,605 from Metro North Regional Employment Board, for the Health and Human Services Department to fund employment, training and support services for youth.
- **198131: Recommend** Requesting approval to accept a \$10,000 CHNA 17 Youth Leadership Development Grant for the Health and Human Services Department for youth programming.
- **198160: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for a comprehensive planning effort for Assembly Square.