



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Wilson at 6:03pm and adjourned at 7:21 pm with a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley, Councilor Sait, Chair Wilson), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Scott).

Others present: Hannah Carrillo - Mayor's Office, Karin Carroll - HHS, Jeffrey Digregorio - SPD, Julie Spurr-Knight - DPW, Jill Lathan - DPW, Richard Raiche - IAM, Catherine Lester Salchert - OSPCD, Demetrios Vidalis - Water and Sewer, Natasha Frazier - Assistant Clerk of Committees.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Naima Sait, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 23, 2024. [24-0571](#)

Accepted

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

#### Grant and Gift Acceptances

2. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$243,094 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to the Office of Sustainability and Environment, for a residential decarbonization outreach campaign and two-year Energy Advisor position. [24-0575](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

#### Contracts and Easements

3. Requesting approval of a Pedestrian Access Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance License at 599 Somerville Avenue. [24-0565](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

#### Appropriations

4. Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund to provide temporary shelter, food, and other common necessities of life to displaced individuals and families. [24-0579](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

5. Requesting approval to appropriate \$400,000 from the Emergency Stabilization Fund to support critical emergency shelter services. [24-0580](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6. Requesting the appropriation of \$2,041,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continued renovations to the Edgerly School to accommodate Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School students. [24-0577](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

7. Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,041,000 from the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continued renovations to the Edgerly School to accommodate Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School students. [24-0578](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

8. Requesting the appropriation of \$237,468 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Buildings Interior Building Maintenance Account for repairs to the Dilboy Pool. [24-0572](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

9. Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for building improvements at 77 Broadway for the East Somerville Police sub-station. [24-0576](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

### Transfers

10. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$13,800 from the Police Salaries Account to the Police Special Items Rental Buildings Account to pay the remaining East Substation lease payments for FY 2024. [24-0564](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

11. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,095,000 from various Department of Public Works personal services accounts to the Department of Public Works Buildings Electricity Account to cover a deficit. [24-0573](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

12. Requesting the appropriation of \$248,111 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Buildings Natural Gas Account for the remediation of an expected year end deficit. [24-0574](#)

Recommended to be approved

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

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

Orders

- 13.** That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the bidding process for IFB 24-39 (Repairs to Water Main Gate Valves and Appurtenance) and IFB 24-29 (Water Distribution System Maintenance & Repairs) and ensure documentation is updated on the city's website for these bids and the previous versions of these bids (IFB 21-51 and IFB 21-52) when they were previously awarded in 2021.

[24-0337](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2024-05-07 Committee Memo (with 24-0575)