



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Wilson at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 8:22 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, and Chair Wilson), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Brian Postlewaite – DPW Engineering, Alan Inacio – OSPCD, Jeffrey DiGregorio – SPD, Christopher Ward – SPD, Christopher Major – Fire, Matthew Mitchell – HHS, Melissa Woods – Capital Projects and Planning, Michael Richards – IAM, Edward Bean – Auditing, Anne Gill – Personnel, Ellen Collins – Personnel, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jake Wilson, Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Charlotte Kelly, Jesse Clingan and Ben Ewen-Campen

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 23, [23-0842](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 5, [23-1045](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 5, 2023. [23-1046](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 6, 2023. [23-1047](#)
- Accepted
- Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 7, 2023. [23-1048](#)
- Accepted
- Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
6. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 13, 2023. [23-1057](#)
- Accepted
- Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
7. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 14, 2023. [23-1082](#)
- Accepted
- Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
8. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting of June 15, 2023. [23-1083](#)
- Accepted
- Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
9. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of June 20, 2023. [23-1085](#)
- Accepted
- Aye:** Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

- 10.** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting of June 21, 2023. [23-1086](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Contracts and Easements

- 11.** Requesting approval of the First Amendment to Fiber Optic Communications Easement Agreement with TOWARDEX. [23-1063](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

- 12.** Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, appropriate funding, and dedicate 217 Somerville Avenue as open space and recreational use in perpetuity. [23-1088](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Communications and Discussions

- 13.** Requesting approval to accept the 2023-2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant programs, totaling \$3,321,097. [23-0951](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Appropriations

- 14.** Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Undesignated Fund to Vida Real for continued restoration of the bell tower at 404 Broadway. [23-0947](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Lease Agreements

15. Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement for the East Somerville Police Station. [23-0667](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Absent: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Transfers

16. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,039.02 from the Police Department Personal Services Overtime Account to the Police Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative Shannon Grant match. [23-0847](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Nay: City Councilor At Large Kelly

Grant Acceptances

17. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,117.07 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention. [23-0846](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Nay: City Councilor At Large Kelly

18. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,781 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for students. [23-0813](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

19. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,677 Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for older adults. [23-0814](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

20. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant amendment with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to the Health and Human Services Department for regional youth substance misuse prevention efforts. [23-1065](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Bonding

21. Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,430,638 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Assembly Square Fire Station fit-out. [23-0844](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Nay: Vice Chair Scott

Ordinances

22. Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors. [23-0827](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

23. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-322 and 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions. [23-0925](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Nay: Vice Chair Scott

Orders

24. That this City Council discuss data from the FY 2023 budget hearings and assess the budget hearing process for FY 2024.

[23-0457](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

Unfinished Business

25. Councilor Kelly moved to reduce line 01-12152 of the Executive Office Administration Ordinary Maintenance budget to \$0. The motion was laid on the table at the June 21, 2023 Committee meeting.
This item was withdrawn.

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2023-06-27 Assembly Square Fit-Out 6.27.23
- Finance - 2023-06-27 FY 2023 & FY 2024 Departmental Budget Review Hearings Data (with 23-0457)