



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 18, 2019

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
William A. White Jr.	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor at Large	Present	

Others present: Annie Connor - Legislative Liaison, Ed Bean - Finance, Michael Mastrobuoni - SomerStat, Stan Koty - DPW, Mike Bowler - DPW, Steve MacEachern - DPW, Christine Morin - DPW, Ron Bonney - DPW, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees.

The meeting took place in the City Council Chamber and was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chairman White and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

#### **FY-20 Departmental Budget Review and any associated departmental financial matters. Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds**

This was rescheduled to Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> since councilors didn't have enough time to review the information received earlier today. Councilor Scott requested the Water & Sewer personnel list.

#### **Public Works**

Mr. Koty made the presentation for all divisions of Public Works.

#### **Administration**

Mr. Koty talked about the budget increase of 6.5%. Councilor-at-large Rossetti inquired about the status of two open positions. She also inquired about line 524000 funding transferred out and how it was used. Councilor Scott inquired about a 66% encumbrance of a line in 3 days and an

amount that was carried forward. Councilor-at-large Rossetti and Chairman White asked what was spent and encumbered based upon a document that was created last year during the budget hearing. Mr. Mastrobuoni will try to duplicate this document for FY19.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Koty talked about the increases in this budget due to collective bargaining and two new positions. There are also two vacancies for city parks and open space. Questions were asked about the lights on the trees for holidays and the electrical problems. Councilor-at-large Rossetti requested a breakdown of encumbrances for various lines. Councilor Ballantyne inquired about the moving expenses and how they are used.

### **Custodians**

Mr. Koty was asked about the city side vs. contractor (outside) for school custodian. Councilor-at-large Rossetti inquired about a new position for custodian that is not mentioned in the budget book.

### **Solid Waste**

Mr. Koty stated there are no vacancies. Councilor Scott inquired about \$500,000 that was carried forward from FY18 to FY19. Councilor Niedergang inquired about the solid waste contract that expires in 2024.

### **Highway**

Mr. Koty stated there is a 13.1% increase due to collective bargaining and merit increase. There are two new positions and no vacancies. Councilor Scott inquired about the amount of funds that were carried forward, expended and liquidated.

### **Lights and Lines**

Mr. Koty stated there are no vacancies. Councilor Scott inquired about funds that were carried forward, expended and liquidated. Councilor-at-large Rossetti inquired about line 530000 for street light repair and maintenance. She also asked to see encumbrances for line 543011.

### **Fleet**

Mr. Koty stated that \$267,000 was spent and \$162,000 encumbered. The remaining balance will be used to cover snow removal.

### **Snow Removal**

Mr. Koty stated there is a 3.5% increase for FY20 which amounts to approximately \$50,000. He also stated that in FY19, 24 outside vehicles were used with 9 contractors.