



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation

Committee of the Whole

The meeting took place in person and remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Others present:

Michael Mastrobuoni – Budget Director, Ed Bean – Director of Finance, Demetrios Vidalis - Director of Water and Sewer, Rich Raiche – Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Kate Hartke – Director of Grants Development, Nikki Spencer – Chief of Staff, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

The Committee meeting was recessed at 7:43 PM and reconvened 8:04 PM.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Two City Councilor Naima Sait, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Lance L. Davis, Ben Ewen-Campen, Wilfred N. Mbah, Matthew McLaughlin, Judy Pineda Neufeld and Kristen Strezo

1. Review of the FY 2025 Budget
 - Cut night
 - Miscellaneous Budgetary Items

2. Requesting approval to appropriate \$725,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund the Fire Alarm Alerting System. [24-0851](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

3. Requesting the appropriation of \$850,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Open Space Acquisition Stabilization Fund to acquire new publicly accessible open space. [24-0849](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

4. Requesting approval to appropriate \$270,000 from the Immigrant Legal [24-0848](#)

- Services Stabilization Fund for legal services to immigrants.
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
5. Requesting the appropriation of \$266,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Emergency Stabilization Fund to provide funding for the Warming Center. [24-0847](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
6. Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Composting Stabilization Fund for a pilot community composting program. [24-0846](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
7. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund for the Participatory Budgeting Program. [24-0845](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
8. Requesting the appropriation of \$700,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for a Fire Alarm Alerting System. [24-0843](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
9. Requesting approval to appropriate \$149,051 from the Racial & Social Justice Fund to hire a Project Manager for the development of an Alternative Emergency Response Program. [24-0842](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
10. Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to supplement a prior appropriation to purchase and install prefabricated standalone public toilets. [24-0841](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
11. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,432,778 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2025 Water Enterprise Fund budget. [24-0840](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
12. Requesting approval to create the Community Composting Program Stabilization Fund. [24-0839](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
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13. Requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for funding for the SPS Parent/Guardian Transit Pass Program. [24-0838](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
14. Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to fund the Somerville Public School Parent/Guardian Transit Pass Program. [24-0837](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
15. Requesting the appropriation of \$270,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for immigration legal services. [24-0836](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
16. Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support flexible rental assistance programs. [24-0835](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
17. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,110,472 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund. [24-0834](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
18. Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund for traffic safety improvements. [24-0833](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
19. Requesting the appropriation of \$7,635,022 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan. [24-0832](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
20. Requesting the appropriation of \$2,089,659 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan. [24-0831](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
21. Requesting the appropriation of \$403,187 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects that reduce carbon emissions and energy costs. [24-0830](#)
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- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
22. Requesting the appropriation of \$2,589,087 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan. [24-0829](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
23. Requesting the appropriation of \$943,392 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan. [24-0828](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
24. Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan. [24-0827](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
25. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Sewer Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan. [24-0826](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
26. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund. [24-0825](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
27. Requesting the appropriation of \$500,00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund. [24-0824](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
28. Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund. [24-0823](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
29. Requesting the appropriation of \$2,584,976 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund. [24-0822](#)
- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
30. Requesting approval of the expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds for FY 2025. [24-0821](#)
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- Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
31. Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$3,436,205 in estimated FY 2025 Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue for CPA projects and expenses. [24-0820](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
32. Requesting the appropriation of \$237,000 to fund the FY 2025 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund budget. [24-0819](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
33. Requesting the appropriation of \$736,255 to fund the FY 2025 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget. [24-0818](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
34. Requesting the appropriation of \$21,398,392 to fund the FY 2025 Water Enterprise Fund budget. [24-0817](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
35. Requesting the appropriation of \$31,947,141 to fund the FY 2025 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget. [24-0816](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
36. Requesting the appropriation of \$342,878,129 to fund the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget. [24-0814](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation
37. Director of Water and Sewer conveying the FY 2025 Water & Sewer Rate proposal. [24-0913](#)
Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

Motions

Referenced Documents:

- Finance 2024-06-18 Councilor Scott Dept Head Motion
- Finance 2024-06-18 Water and Sewer Revised Rate Presentation FY25