



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

May 7, 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Alderman Niedergang,, Michael Glavin, Ellen Collins, Peter Forcellese, Jr., Ginger Barrett, Ed Bean.

The meeting was recessed (at 6:56 PM) to allow for the continuation of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee meeting, taking place at the same time. The Finance Committee meeting reconvened at 7:05 PM.

Alderman Lafuente adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM due to a lack of representation from the mayor's office.

196265 - Updating this Board with respect to Partners Healthcare at Assembly Row.:

Mr. Glavin reported that Federal Realty and Partners Healthcare are in the midst of final negotiations and he expects to be able to report out the status of the negotiations within the next 45 days.

Alderman White's motion that the City Solicitor advise the Board of Aldermen on whether the Board has the authority to pass an ordinance that requires the approval of the Board of Aldermen for any agreement for payment in lieu of taxes, was approved.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196355 - That the Administration provide this Board with the details of the soon-to-expire deed restrictions on the TAB building.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196463 - That the Director of SPCD (ISD) provide the Finance Committee with a copy of the application for residential property rodent control assistance.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196464 - That the Director of Finance provide the Finance Committee with an analysis of each SPCD line item for professional and technical services for #196251 (Davis Square streetscape).:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196468 - That this Board's Committee on Finance determine the use and allocation of all funds donated to the city for the American Youth Football League.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196469 - Submitting the city's FY2014-FY2018 Capital Investment Plan.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196470 - Requesting the transfer of \$15,000 from the SPCD Economic Development Personal Services Account to the SPCD Planning Professional and Technical Services Account to begin the Somerville by Design plan for Winter Hill.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196471 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$13,000 grant from the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative, for the Police Department's Shannon Grant for youth violence prevention.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

196472 - Requesting the expenditure of \$142.42 in FY14 funds to pay a FY13 invoice in the SPCD Inspectional Services Division.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196588 - That the Recreation Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update of all expenditures for the current fiscal year.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196640 - That the Chief Assessor provide the Committee on Finance with a list of all Somerville property owned by Tufts with their assessments, the taxes they would pay if they paid taxes, and their actual payments to the city.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196647 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,757 grant from the MA Council on Aging, for a Council on Aging program on exercise and health.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196648 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$2,940 grant from the Somerville Health Foundation, for the Council on Aging, to support the Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Trans-gender women Fit 4 Life Fitness Program.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196731 - Requesting the transfer of \$130,000 from the E911 Salaries Account to the Police Overtime Account to cover projected overtime costs.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196732 - Requesting approval to retain the services of Stephen Leonard as outside counsel for arbitration proceedings with Wynn Resorts.:

Alderman White requested that the Law Department provide a list of expenses of outside counsel.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

196734 - Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,306 from the Food and Drug Administration for the Health Department for training.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196759 - That the Administration consider purchasing 2 additional radar feedback signs to provide additional capability to monitor traffic speeds.:

Mr. Bean stated that the city would be seeking an appropriation for this equipment in the FY-15 budget. Alderman Lafuente requested that the Chief of Police provide information on the number of radar feedback signs in his department along with the cost of the requested new equipment. Alderman Heuston requested a list of the traffic monitoring apparatus currently held by the Traffic and Parking Department.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196775 - That the Water Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update on the \$130,000 rental request approved by this Board during the FY14 budget meetings.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196776 - That the City Engineer appear before this Board to provide an update on the \$120,000 rental request approved by this Board during the FY14 budget meetings.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196784 - That this Board's Finance Committee discuss the potential impact of the recently adopted veterans services legislation, Valor Act II, on our Veterans Services budget.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196802 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$36,877 grant from the MA Department of Agricultural Resources to create a "Local Food Production/Distribution Triangle.":

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196805 - City Assessor responding to #196640 re: properties owned by Tufts University.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196859 - Director of Finance submitting a report on SPCD Professional & Technical Services Accounts.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE