



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0491](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 11, 2025.

Transfers

2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0434](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Council on Aging Transportation (Non-School) Account for the Senior Taxi Transportation program.

Grant and Gift Acceptances

- 3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0410](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$42,000 grant with no new match required from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for safety equipment.

Contracts and Easements

- 4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0285](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only extension for an additional two years until 12/31/2026 for the contract with Warner Larson Landscape Architects, to complete additional structural and design services at the Healey Schoolyard and Athletic Field.

Prior Year Invoices

- 5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0168](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$72.24 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Rental Water Cooler Account for the purchase of four cases of bottled water.
- 6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0400](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,090 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department DCR-Boat House account.

Appropriations

- 7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0456](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$160,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.
- 8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0470](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$922,609 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Salaries Accounts to fund an update to the non-union salary ordinance.

Ordinances

- 9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0370](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** 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.

10. Ordinance
(ID # [25-0375](#))
- Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-325 to Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3 related to compensation for elected officials.

Orders and Resolutions

11. Order
(ID # [25-0252](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the City Auditor provide in writing to this Council, the revenue generated by the short-term rental tax and an estimate of how much additional revenue would be generated if a 3% community impact fee was adopted.
12. Order
(ID # [25-0255](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the City Solicitor provide an assessment of whether a trust could be created for funds from a short-term rental program, half of which would be allocated for grants to local artists for beautification projects, as proposed by the Creative Displacement Task Force.