



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 18, 2012

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Peter Forcellese, Jr.	City Treasurer	Present	
Ed Bean	Finance Director	Present	
Omar Boukili	Aide to Mayor	Present	
Tony Pierantozzi	Supt. of Schools	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Ward Seven School Committeeman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five School Committeeman	Present	
Patricia Durette	Financial Director - School Dept.	Present	
Karthik Viswanathan	Chief Information Officer	Present	
Michael Glavin	Exec. Director, OSPCD	Present	
Joe Tringale	Dir. of Operation - School Department	Present	
Adam Sweeting	Ward Three School Committeeman	Present	
Maureen Cuff-Bastardi	Alderman Ward One	Present	

193778 - Requesting the creation of the Assembly Square District Improvement Financing Stabilization Fund.:

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

193918 - Requesting that \$5,800,000 of the \$6,500,000 authorized to be borrowed in a bond to pay the costs of renovations to the Powder House Community School, on June 24, 2004, be rescinded.:

Mr. Forcellese informed the members that these funds are not anticipated to be spent and that this request is to move the item off the city's books. Mr. Glavin informed the members that there has been some interest in the PHCS building expressed by private developers.

Alderman Connolly's motion that the Administration provide the Board of Aldermen with an update on the current status of all city-owned and/or leased property, ASAP, was approved.

RESULT:

APPROVED

2012-194079 - Requesting an appropriation of \$704,000 and authorization to borrow \$704,000 in a bond for the replacement of City and School Core Network Infrastructure.:

Mr. Viswanathan explained that this is a capital request to upgrade core switches, providing the city with additional bandwidth, an increased Wi-Fi footprint to support mobile computing, increased security and network performance and the ability to easily integrate with new technology. Mr. Forcellese spoke about the financial impact of this bond on the city's overall debt.

RESULT:

APPROVED

2012-194080 - Requesting an appropriation of \$177,545 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Insurance Losses to the DPW to repair public damage caused by Hurricane Sandy.:

Mr. Bean told the members that this represents the first payment to the city for damages from Hurricane Sandy. The funds will be used to repair the roof of the high school.

Alderman White's motion that the City Solicitor appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the methodology used by the City of Somerville in submitting claims to insurance companies for damages to city owned buildings, was approved.

RESULT:

APPROVED

2012-194146 - Requesting a Transfer of \$365,529 from Salary Contingency-Salaries to School Department-Salaries to fund salary increases for non-union School Department employees.:

Superintendent Pierantozzi spoke about the item and explained that the School Department did not require full re-evaluations of positions and did not group positions as was done on the city side. He explained the reasons for differences between the consultant's recommendations and what was approved by the School Committee. In addition to the requested amount, another \$59,735 will come from other sources, bringing the total amount for these raises to \$425,264.

RESULT:

APPROVED