



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Monday - February 11, 2019, 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 2/7/19 at 6:19 AM)

1. **Approval of the January 22, 2019 Minutes**
  
2. **206896: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration explain to this Board, in writing, how the recently-released US Treasury “Opportunity Zone” tax breaks will apply to the Union Square redevelopment, and whether this is expected to significantly increase the profit for the Union Square Master Developer.
  
3. **207447: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott) – That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss ways the City and Union Square Master Developer can support the 300+ employees of Royal Hospitality Services, in light of Union Square redevelopment.
  
4. **204755: Recommend** Requesting the transfer of a City-owned parcel (82-D-1) in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.
  
5. **207195: Recommend** Requesting approval to create the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing open space.
  
6. **207333: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3A, imposing a 6% local excise tax on a bed and breakfast, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental, or motel.
  
7. **207334: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3D(a), imposing a community impact fee of 3% on a bed and breakfast, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental, or motel.
  
8. **207335: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64G s3D(b), imposing the

community impact fee allowed under MGL c64G s3D(a) on each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit in a 2-family or 3-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence.

9. **204888: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Finance report to this Board how much money was spent per year on girls' programs and boys' programs during FY16, FY17 and FY18 to date.
10. **205109: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch) – That the Administration and Director of Parks and Recreation develop a financial policy for programming for persons under 18 years of age that ensures gender equity when using public funds.
11. **206827: Discuss** Director of Parks & Recreation responding to #205109 re: a policy for gender equity for programs serving persons under 18.
12. **204989: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration provide an update on the "DIF for Affordable Housing" plan identified as one of the Mayor's goals for the upcoming year.
13. **205076: Discuss** (Mbah, Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Administration appropriate funds to contract a community organization to provide free or low-cost legal services on immigration and naturalization issues to immigrants living in Somerville.
14. **205478: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Director of Purchasing, with the Administration, provide this Board with an analysis of the cost of raising the living wage to \$15.00 per hour, and determine if a more appropriate inflation adjuster may be used.
15. **205663: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration consider adopting MGL c58 s8(c), which would allow the city to abate a portion of outstanding property taxes to create affordable housing.
16. **206162: Discuss** Director of SPCD responding to #204982 re: possible financial incentives and a community benefits agreement in the city's Amazon bid.
17. **206164: Discuss** (Scott) – That, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, this Board authorizes and requires the employment of other counsel to issue legal opinion and assist in resolving the questions of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee around sequencing of appointments and confirmation, and on release of requested information from the Administration for consideration by the Committee.
18. **207080: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Administration present this Board's Committee on Finance with the preliminary test results for the ballfield at Conway Park, and, if existent, the remaining unopened portions of Conway Playground.

19. **207198: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications and Community Engagement Department Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund the citizenship efforts of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.
20. **206003: Recommend** Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for 90 Washington Street.
21. **206004: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,745,000 in a bond to purchase land by eminent domain.
22. **206005: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,860,000 in a bond for new Public Safety Building design, architectural, engineering, and owner's and contractual project management services.
23. **207343: Discuss** Director of SPCD conveying the draft Memorandum of Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority for 90 Washington Street.
24. **207344: Discuss** Director of SPCD conveying the draft Demonstration Project Plan for 90 Washington Street.
25. **207395: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$74,542 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.
26. **207454: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$442,235 in a bond for Water Department vehicles.
27. **207455: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$71,865 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Capital Outlay-Vehicles-Sewer Enterprise Account, to purchase vehicles and accessories for the Water & Sewer Departments.
28. **207456: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$33,819 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Capital Outlay-Vehicles-Water Enterprise Account, to purchase vehicles and accessories for the Water & Sewer Departments.