



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, October 20, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

Others present: Danielle Palazo – Executive Administrator DPW, Jill Lathan – Commissioner DPW, Eric Weisman – Director of Operations DPW, Ben Bloomenthal – Director of Administration and Finance DPW, Chris Major – Assistant Chief SFD, Tim Mitsakis – Lieutenant SPD, Demetrios Vidalis – Superintendent of Water and Sewer, Jason Piques – Law, David Shapiro – Law, Catherine Lester Saichert – Law, Alan Inacio – OSPCD, Ed Bean – Auditor, Rich Raiche – Director of Capital Projects, Vithal Deshpande – Environmental Coordinator OSE, Meredith Gamble – Deputy Director SomerViva, Richelle Embree, Aneesh Sahni – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 7:53 PM on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Scott, Wilson), none against and 1 absent (Councilor McLaughlin).

Approved

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Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jake Wilson, Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Matthew McLaughlin, Judy Pineda Neufeld and Charlotte Kelly

1. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$200,000 grant with no new match required, from the City of Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for First Responder portable radios. [22-1667](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

2. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$16,900 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support. [22-1538](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly
Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

3. Requesting the appropriation of \$60,155 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance for restoration of 181 Broadway. [22-1637](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly
Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

4. Requesting approval to create the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund. [22-1671](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly
Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

5. Requesting approval to appropriate \$60,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund to fund legal services for immigrants seeking permanent residency. [22-1672](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly
Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,000 from the SomerViva Professional & Technical Services Account to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund to provide funding for immigrant legal defense services. [22-1670](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly
Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

7. Requesting approval to establish a Consolidated Gift Account to accept donations for the Vietnam Moving Wall event on Veterans Day Weekend. [22-1674](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

8. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,000 donation from Iron Workers Local 7 Union to fund the Vietnam Moving Wall event November 10-14. [22-1673](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

9. Requesting approval to create the BikeShare Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$75,000 from developer contributions to sponsor new Bike Share Stations. [22-1557](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

10. Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup costs of a BlueBike station at the 100 Chestnut Development site. [22-1559](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

11. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$255,097.62 using available funds in various Department of Public Works Accounts. [22-1666](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

12. Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$62,020 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds Account for tree services. [22-1677](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

13. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$36,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. [22-1535](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

14. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$121,500 from the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account to the DPW Highway, Other Lump Sum Benefits account to fund an agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association. [22-1678](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

15. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account to the Law Department Judgments & Settlements Account to fund an Agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association. [22-1679](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

16. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$24,000 to the Law Department Salaries Account to fund an anticipated deficit. [22-1563](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

17. Requesting approval of the termination of the London Street easement. [22-1639](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

18. Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,390,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY23 Sewer Improvements program. [22-1662](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

19. Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,110,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY23 Water Main Rehabilitation program. [22-1663](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

20. Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,730,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual recurring FY23 Sewer System Evaluation and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment. [22-1664](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

21. Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,477,738 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for participation in the FY23 MWRA Lead Line Replacement Program. [22-1665](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Kelly

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin