



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 15, 2016
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	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	

Others present: David Falon - SPD, Patrick Sullivan - SFD, Suzanne Rinfret - T&P, Bruce Desmond - IT, Denise Taylor - Communications, Steve Craig - Constituent Services, Michael Mastrobuoni - SomerStat, Ed Bean - Finance, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Skye Stewart - SomerStat, Peter Forcellese - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Aldermen's Chamber and was called to order at 6:15 PM by Alderman Lafuente and adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Document List:

- Cellular & Paging data
- ERATE Summary
- IT Line Item Breakdowns

FY-17 departmental budget review

Police, E-911, Animal Control

Chief Fallon stated that the SPD responded to 36,000 calls during FY-16 and has secured federal funding in the amount of \$250,000 to establish (over the next 3 fiscal years) a rapid response unit. He also addressed other programs within the department, including S.T.E.P.S., K-9 training, Active Shooter training, COHR, Park Walk and Talk and the opening of a Sub Station in Assembly Row.

Fire, Fire Alarm, Emergency Management

Chief Sullivan reviewed the staffing of the SFD and spoke about various programs conducted by the department. Alderman Rossetti asked about services for Assembly Square and Chief Sullivan replied that it is scheduled to be discussed in the near future.

Traffic and Parking

(Alderman Sullivan recused himself from all discussion about this department.)

Ms. Rinfret reviewed her department's budget and responded to questions regarding ART. 14 petitions submitted by residents. Alderman Niedergang spoke about the lack of speed bumps in the city.

Information Technology

Mr. Desmond reviewed the accomplishments of the IT Department.

Communications

(Alderman Rossetti recused herself from all discussion about this department.)

Ms. Taylor reviewed the budget for this department.

Constituent Services (311)

(Alderman Rossetti recused herself from all discussion about this department.)

Mr. Craig reviewed his department's accomplishments and budget request. He reported that a new system implementation will now allow residents to track their requests on their phones in real time.

Telco

(Alderman Rossetti recused herself from all discussion about this department.)

Mr. Taylor reviewed the budget for this department.

Requests for information:

- Alderman Ballantyne (Police) asked for data on domestic violence and its correlation to more violent crimes.
- Alderman White asked (Police) to subtract motor vehicle thefts from the statistic of property offenses.
- Alderman White asked (T&P) for an accounting of resident parking permit fees.
- Alderman White asked (T&P) for an accounting of parking fines issued during FY-16.
- Alderman White asked (T&P) for an accounting of parking meter revenue during FY-16.
- Mr. Mastrobuoni will provide a list of all union positions covered under salary contingency.
- Alderman White asked (IT) for a breakdown of all positions not listed in the budget book along with a reason why they aren't listed.
- Alderman Ballantyne (IT) asked for an update on the projected savings resulting from the implementation of the MUNIS software.

- Alderman Ballantyne asked (IT) to provide the names, titles and departments of all city employees issued cell phones and/or devices, noting what type of device each person has.
- Alderman White asked (Constituent Services) for a breakdown of unique callers into 311, via phone or app.