



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - December 3, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the November 12, 2019 Minutes**
2. **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.
3. **205086: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Administration clarify for this Board the role of Stantec Corp. as a contractor tasked with building the proposed storm water storage tank at Nunziato Field, and as a consulting firm for US2, the Union Square Master Developer.
4. **205316: Discuss** Finance Director submitting the city's FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
5. **205905: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board, in conjunction with its FY19 budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development and include the square footage and linkage payment projections, with corresponding payment dates.
6. **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.
7. **206486: Recommend** (Scott) – That the City take by eminent domain for a public purpose the property at 217 Somerville Ave, for the sum of \$1,200,000.

8. **206886: Discuss** Special Counsel conveying the City's GLX License Agreements.
9. **207563: Discuss** 23 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at 217 Somerville Ave.
10. **207583: Discuss** 62 residents submitting a petition re: #206486, a proposed order of taking at 217 Somerville Ave.
11. **207645: Discuss** Renee Scott submitting comments re: #206486, a proposed Order of Taking at 217 Somerville Ave.
12. **207746: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Director of Finance provide a financial update on all funds that FRIT paid to the City pursuant to the covenant, any funds expended by the City from those payments and the amount remaining and the accounts in which these funds remain.
13. **208269: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration and Director of Finance implement opportunities for community participatory budgeting for FY21.
14. **208347: Discuss** Community Preservation Act Manager submitting the FY19 CPA Annual Report.
15. **208697: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Mbah) – That the Administration consider granting free use of Blue Bikes to city staff.
16. **208988: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Chief Assessor utilize a valuation method for commercial real estate that takes into account the financial impact of the bridge closings on businesses located in such properties.
17. **209064: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report on how the funds allocated for the “Bridge Hopper” shuttle will be re-allocated, in light of data showing that the Bridge Hopper shuttle has shown low ridership.
18. **209239: Recommend** Assistant City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss settlement of a pending claim.
19. **209266: Recommend** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 within SPCD's Economic Development Division, from its Ordinary Maintenance Account to its Personal Services Account, for a temporary fabrication lab door monitor.

20. **209230: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the SPCD Parks and Urban Forestry Division for the Central Hill Playground.
21. **209231: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$68,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of a K-9 vehicle.
22. **209232: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Health and Human Services Department for emergency preparedness equipment trailers and implementation of a live drill to test an emergency dispensing plan.
23. **209199: Recommend** (White Jr.) – Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 - Prosecution of Legal Proceedings, to add a new last sentence: "Such notice shall include the name(s) of the plaintiff(s), a description of the nature of the claims brought by the plaintiff(s), and the amount of damages and any other relief sought by the plaintiff(s)."
24. **209313: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 from Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for design services for field improvements.
25. **209309: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the CPA FY20 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.
26. **209308: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$205,436 from the CPA FY20 Fund to the Somerville Museum for construction of an elevator.
27. **209312: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund in order to fund design services for Dilboy Field improvements.
28. **209307: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the CPA FY20 Fund for the construction of Central Hill Campus Phase I.
29. **209310: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$38,000 from the CPA Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association for an addressable fire alarm system.
30. **209304: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,351,000 in a bond for Central Hill Campus Park and Open Space Improvements.
31. **209305: Recommend** Requesting approval to dedicate Central Hill Playground to Open

Space and Recreational Use in perpetuity.

32. **209316: Recommend** Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,117.96 using available funds in the Building and Grounds Fire Alarm Account for the payment of the Settlement Agreement with Simplex Grinnell.
33. **209277: Recommend** Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$10,781 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves.
34. **209320: Discuss** Community Preservation Act Manager submitting a summary of FY20 Community Preservation Act funding recommendations.
35. **209275: Recommend** Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report regarding the adoption of Tax Levy Percentages for FY 2020, including a minimum residential factor and a residential exemption.
36. **209227: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$2,300,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY2020 Tax Levy.
37. **209265: Recommend** Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$75,000 to the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund to replace the pool filter.
38. **209273: Recommend** Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Engineering Division Capital Outlay Street Repairs Account in order to perform mill and overlay paving of the travel way in prioritized streets.
39. **209276: Recommend** Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$468,808 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.
40. **209278: Recommend** Requesting to appropriate \$12,683 from excess FY20 Community Preservation Act Fund revenue to the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve.