



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 22, 2017
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Absent	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
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	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	

- 1. FY-18 Departmental Budget Review and any and all associated departmental financial matters** The following Aldermen recused themselves from all discussion and/or votes, as noted:

Alderman Sullivan - T&P

Alderman Connolly - HHS (Teen Empowerment)

Alderman Heuston - DPW Administration; MCAB

Alderman Rossetti - MCAB; Communications; 311; TELCO; Planning & Zoning

Alderman McLaughlin - Police (Personnel); HHS - (Teen Empowerment); Grants - (National Grid)

The committee continued its review of the proposed budget and discussed the following matters:

DPW

Mr. Koty said that he reviewed his proposed budget numbers with his staff and prepared a report of the amount of unexpended funds for each of the DPW's division. After reviewing the report with the committee, Mr. Koty recommended a cut of \$200,000 from the Building and Grounds Electricity line.

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Alderman Ballantyne had additional questions regarding line 542007 (Computer Equipment Not Cap), line 530028 (Software Services) and line 524033 (R&M - Software) and asked if these purchases could be spread over 2 years. Mr. Desmond explained that it is needed as his department services all city departments. Additionally, some of the software will reduce the man hours expended to perform certain tasks. Mr. Desmond said that future budget requests will most likely continue at the same pace in order to keep up with evolving technology.

FY-18 Budget

Alderman White's *motion to approve budget, as amended* was approved.

Chairman Heuston's motion *that the Finance Committee refer to the full Board of Aldermen, the FY-2018 budget proposal, as amended, and all related items that are in the Finance Committee and are listed on the Finance Director's official communication, dated June 22, 2017, so they may be acted on by the full Board*, was approved.

2. **Cuts to Departmental Budgets** Additional cuts and adjustments were made to the proposed budget. A list of reductions is attached to this report.
3. **Orders and Resolutions** The following Orders and Resolutions were approved:

ORDER by Aldermen White and the Entire Board

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Sec. 33, this Board of Aldermen hereby deems it necessary to include in the annual budget for Fiscal 2018 an appropriation in the amount of \$18,000 from the General Fund to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund for the purpose of providing the use of Dilboy Field to Somerville non-profit youth football and soccer organizations without charge and hereby requests that the Mayor appropriate the sum of \$18,000 from the General Fund to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund for such purpose.

RESOLUTION by Alderman Rossetti and the Entire Board

That the President of this Board of Aldermen work with the Administration on renegotiating the Tufts PILOT agreement.

RESOLUTION by Alderman Rossetti

That the Community Preservation Committee consider allocating funds for the direct purpose of housing our municipal employees. (Refer to articles re: the communities of Nantucket and Norfolk at:

[<http://www.communitypreservation.org/successstories/community-housing/254>](http://www.communitypreservation.org/successstories/community-housing/254))

RESOLUTION by Alderman Niedergang and the Entire Board

That the Administration commit to the city's funding support of \$100,000 a year for at least the next three fiscal years, for the highly successful, locally-grown First Source Job Training Program, which has worked effectively with hundreds of Somerville residents, placed more than 200 people into jobs and helped hundreds more develop better job skills and advance

their job searches.

RESOLUTION by Alderman Connolly

That the Administration consider increasing the annual salary of the Director of Planning and Planning Department staff.

RESOLUTION by Aldermen Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti and White, McWatters, Heuston and Lafuente

That the Administration explore the feasibility of returning Animal Control's kennel services to the city's control.

ORDER by Alderman Rossetti

That the Director of Health and Human Services provide this Board with a written report, by October 1, 2017, relating to the progress of supportive efforts with our community's non-profit organizations surrounding Substance abuse.

ORDER by Alderman Rossetti

That the city's Grant Manager report to this Board, no later than October 15, 2017, any progress made in providing support to SomerPromise.

ORDER by Alderman Rossetti

That the city's Fleet Manager provide a 2017 mid-year report of all services provided by the Fleet Management Department, and the expenses to date of each of the department's budget line items.

ORDER by Alderman Rossetti

That the Director of Personnel take steps to implement bi-weekly payroll for all employees.

ORDER by Alderman Connolly

That the Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement add a video presentation screen having the capability for close-caption viewing for the hard of hearing, on the left side of the Aldermen's Chamber.

ORDER by Alderman Connolly

That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment notify any and all interested or inquiring constituents desiring to opt out of the City of Somerville's Electric Municipal Aggregation program of Dynegy's customer service contact information, as follows:

Email: DESCustCare@Dynegy.com <<mailto:DESCustCare@Dynegy.com>> and Phone: 866-220-5696 from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM M-F.

RESOLUTION by Aldermen Sullivan and the Entire Board

That the Administration consider funding a line item to assist all Somerville non-profit youth sports programs in Somerville with:

- CORI / National Background Checks for volunteers & staff
- Funds for equipment

- Funds for subsidized registration fees for families in need of financial aid
- Player, Coach, Directors, Volunteer Insurance
- Free field and facility rental; lights, custodial fees.

RESOLUTION by Alderman Sullivan

That the Administration explore the feasibility of establishing a mounted horse unit in the Police Department.

RESOLUTION by Alderman Connolly

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services increase the salary of the wiring inspector to a competitive market rate in order to attract a suitable candidate

RESOLUTION by Alderman Heuston, McWatters, Lafuente, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Connolly, White and Sullivan (Alderman McLaughlin recused himself from all discussion and votes on this item)

That the Administration perform a needs assessment and financial impact study to evaluate the impact of Union Square development and Assembly Square development on the operations of Police, Fire, DPW and Traffic and Parking with particular emphasis on projected increases to personnel, equipment and facilities which will be required to service new businesses and residents.

ORDER by Alderman Heuston and the Entire Board

That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (Economic Development) focus workforce development plans to address vulnerable adult populations in need of specific support and determine if additional funds are required to accomplish such goals and provide this Board with a quarterly progress report.

RESOLUTION by Alderman McLaughlin

That the Administration develop an advisory committee for the SomerPromise program to supervise, set and monitor goals and promote the program.

203620: Requesting an appropriation of \$217,230,067 to fund the City of Somerville Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

This item was amended by reducing Personal Service by \$175,694 and Ordinary Maintenance by \$242,500 for a total reduction of \$418,194. The amended amount of this item is \$216,811,873

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
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203656: Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY2018 Tax Levy.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203565: Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: municipal salary

ranges.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203621: Requesting an appropriation of \$21,628,116 to fund the FY2018 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203622: Requesting an appropriation of \$14,561,069 to fund the FY2018 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

This item was amended by reducing Personal Service by \$19,160. The amended amount of this item is \$14,541,909.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
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203623: Requesting the appropriation of \$599,139 in FY2017 Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings as a funding source for the FY2018 Water Enterprise Fund Budget and to mitigate a rate increase.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203625: Acting Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed FY18 Water and Sewer Rates.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203653: Requesting an appropriation of \$882,893 to fund the FY18 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203655: Requesting an appropriation of \$10,693 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY18 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203654: Requesting an appropriation of \$205,000 to fund the FY2018 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203648: Requesting approval of an Ordinance establishing and authorizing Departmental Revolving Funds.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203671: Requesting the approval of FY21018 Expenditure Limitations for Departmental Revolving Funds.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203650: Requesting the acceptance of the provisions of MGL c44, s53F3/4, PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203665: Requesting the appropriation of \$371,541 for the FY2018 PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203649: Requesting the acceptance of the provisions of MGL c40, ss 22A, 22B and 22C relative to Parking Meter Revenues.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203669: Requesting approval of a transfer of \$700,000 in the Department of Public Works, from various accounts to the Snow Removal Account, to remediate a deficit.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203664: Requesting the appropriation of \$393,140 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the Snow Removal Deficit.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203624: Requesting the appropriation of \$327,373 from the Park Stabilization Fund to the General Fund Debt Service Account to pay for incurred debt service for FY17 Parks renovation and construction.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203663: Requesting the appropriation of \$428,801 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Debt Service Interest on Notes BAN to fully fund the account in FY2017.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203670: Requesting a transfer of \$330,000 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203667: Requesting the appropriation of \$7,422 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ["Free Cash"] Account to the SETB 911 to eliminate a grant deficit.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203668: Requesting the appropriation of \$109 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Traffic Enforcement Account to eliminate a grant deficit.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203651: Requesting approval to create the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the city's \$50,000,000 contribution to MassDOT.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203652: Requesting the appropriation of \$1,980,001 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Sale of Buildings to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203660: Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203657: Requesting an appropriation of \$1,433,453 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203658: Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203659: Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203661: Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203662: Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203666: Requesting the appropriation of \$220,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ["Free Cash"] to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund to fund a Traffic Mitigation/Improvement Plan.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203521: Requesting acceptance of a 12 month lease of the East Somerville Police Substation and office space at 83 Broadway.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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203460: Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$6,000 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, under the Intelligence and Information Sharing Goal Area.

RESULT:	DISCHARGED W/NO RECOMMENDATION
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Handouts:

- DPW Unexpended Funds
- DPW Electricity - Nat. Gas - Oil
- DPW YTD Spending
- Letter - Finance Director
- FY-18 Budget Cut Summary