



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, June 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Wheeler at 6:03 pm and adjourned at 12:01 am on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt, Scott, and Wheeler), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

The committee went into recess at 9:51pm and returned at 9:58pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Link, Strezo, Hardt, Scott and Wheeler), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Also present: Amanda Nagim-Williams – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Karin Carroll – Director of Health & Human Services, Erica Satin-Hernandez – ARPA Director, Rachel Strutt – Interim Director of the Somerville Arts Council, Mike Mastrobuoni – Budget Manager, Catherine Piantigini – Director of Libraries, Ohemeng Kyeremateng – Recreation Director, Linda Duong – Finance Manager, Parks and Recreation, Denise Taylor – Director of Communications, Steve DiCarlo – Director of Somerville City TV, Adriana Fernandes – OSPCD Senior Planner Minority/Women Business Support, Anoop Malik – Finance Manager, Health & Human Services, Colin Zeigler – Environmental Health Manager (ISD), Lisa Robinson – Director of the Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities, Ashley Speliotis – Director of Council on Aging, Nancy Bacci – Deputy Director of Health and Human Services, Maria Teresa Nagel – Director of SomerViva, Suzanne Rinfret – Parking Director, William Fisher – Emergency Management Director, Sean Tierney – Assistant Fire Chief, Jennifer Corn – Director of Community Outreach Help & Recovery (COHR), Meredith Willis – Senior Crime Analyst, Shumeane Benford – Chief of Police, Emily Wisdom – Somerville Police Department Director of Finance & Administration, James Donovan – Somerville Police Department Deputy Chief, Aliya Ewing – Somerville Program Director, Teen Empowerment, Delaney Fisher-Cassioli -- Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link, City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler

- 1. Review of the FY27 Budget**
 - 1.1 Culture and Community

Arts and Culture
 Libraries
 Parks & Recreation
 Communications and Public Engagement
 Communications
 CityTv
 Engagement and Neighborhood Services

1.2 Health and Human Services

Administration
 Public Health (includes ISD Health)
 Community Wellness
 Council on Aging
 Human Services (includes SomerPromise and Veterans' Services)
 Immigrant Advancement

1.3 Public Safety

Parking
 Emergency Management
 Fire
 Fire Alarm
 COHR
 E911
 Animal Control
 Police

2. That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on recent changes for Requests For Proposals for youth programming grants, particularly grants that impact Teen Empowerment directly. [26-0979](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. **Unfinished Business**

3.1 Resolution By Councilor Strezo 6/9/26

That the collective salaries of Licensing Commissioners be increased to \$15,180 with the Chair receiving \$5,180 and Licensing Commissioners 2 and 3 receiving \$5,000 each annually.

Kept in committee

- 3.2 Requesting the appropriation of \$376,778,493 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Operating Budget. [26-0950](#)

Kept in committee