



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1418) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of September 26, 2023.

Funds and Accounts

2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1398](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the use of \$1,500 in available funds in the Inspectional Services Staff Development Account to establish a Food and Refreshments Account, to provide food and refreshments for staff during quarterly training sessions.
3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1407](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting ordinance of an amendment to Section 2-373 of the Code of Ordinances, to establish a Vaccine Revolving Fund.

4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1408](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to authorize a FY 2024 expenditure limitation of \$60,000 for the Vaccine Revolving Fund.

Transfers

5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1538](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,020 from the Parking Department Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Capital-Building Lease Account for rental of parking spaces per the lease agreement between the Trustees of Tufts College and the City of Somerville.
6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1401](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$29,780 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Council on Aging Professional and Technical Services Account for nutritional counseling and education at the Senior Center.
7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1403](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,059.72 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Account to the Department of Public Works Building Rentals Account for three additional seasonal, portable bathrooms.

Prior Year Invoices

8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1475](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,418.02 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.
9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1474](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$44,167.81 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.
10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1496](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$26,721.10 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.
11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1500](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$371.44 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Motor Parts & Accessories Account for pump replacement parts.

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12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1499](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$280 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Employee Training Account for Construction Supervisor continuing education.
13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1498](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,436.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds R&M Facility, Parks & Playgrounds for irrigation system repair and maintenance.
14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1497](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,729.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Natural Gas Account for natural gas supply services.
15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1404](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,625 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Parks and Urban Forestry Division Account for Wedding Nook and Quincy Street open space production.
16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1419](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,207.50 using available funds in the Fire Department Professional & Technical Account for medical case management costs.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1427](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,298.83 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration transcription services.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1425](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,250 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.
19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1426](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for language testing services.

Appropriations

20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1493](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$113,440 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to Just A Start for restoration and reinstallation of a historic window at 24 Webster Ave.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1492](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$67,478 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for storage area renovation.

Grant Acceptances

22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1402](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for a partnership with the City of Medford to examine the zoning and economic development potential of the parcels along Broadway that are split by the municipal boundary.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1424](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,400 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1501](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the reimbursement of Hazardous Material Response Team members.
25. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1341](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$220,560 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1263](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sustainability and upgrades.

Orders

27. Order
(ID # [23-1480](#))
- Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police provide a written explanation, and any accompanying documentation, of the Police Department's receipt of GrayKey surveillance technology from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)/Boston without requiring a grant acceptance from the City Council.