



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee of the Whole

Wednesday - October 7, 2015, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the September 21, 2015 Minutes**
- 2. 195734: Discuss** (Taylor, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration provide this Board with a breakdown of special events (festivals, concerts, road races, etc.), indicating if they are/were city sponsored and/or privately sponsored, and including city expenditures for each.
- 3. 196588: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Recreation Superintendent appear before this Board to provide an update of all expenditures for the current fiscal year.
- 4. 197339: Recommend** Requesting that the City-owned portion of 163 Glen Street be declared available for disposition.
- 5. 197880: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Lafuente) – That the Director of Finance and the Chief Assessor provide a 5-year projection of new commercial office and new commercial retail revenues.
- 6. 197976: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Capital Projects present to this Board, no later than January 22, 2015, a 5- and 10-year plan for the use, development and sale of City buildings.
- 7. 198023: Discuss** Finance Director responding to #197850 re: grants and donations that require this Board's approval.

8. **198091: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Director of the SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Personnel appear before this Board to explain why health inspectors earn the same amount, or more than, building inspectors when they do not need to be licensed and building inspectors do.
9. **198093: Discuss** (Lafuente) – That the Director of SPCD (ISD) and the Director of Personnel appear before this Board to explain how gained sick time is dealt with and how employees can take that time off.
10. **198126: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$225,000 and authorization to borrow \$225,000 in a bond for Phase One services for a Citywide Wayfinding Program.
11. **198423: Discuss** Senator Jehlen responding to #198182 re: the senior property tax deferral.
12. **198643: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Recreation and the Finance Director update this Board and its Committee on Youth Services about any outstanding invoices for the Veterans Rink in FY14 and FY15.
13. **199134: Discuss** (McWatters, Sullivan, Lafuente, Niedergang, Heuston) – That the Administration include a full time arborist position in the upcoming FY16 budget.
14. **199247: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with written responses to certain requests for residential and commercial data since 2010.
15. **199279: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Finance report to this Board which engineering consultants have been retained for which projects from January through May, 2015, and provide copies of all such invoices to this Board by June 11.
16. **199414: Discuss** (Rossetti, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration, with the Fire and Police Departments, compile a report, by July 31, 2015, of "needed assistance" calls made by each tax-exempt facility over the past 2 years. (2nd request)
17. **199425: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the City Auditor prepare a list of all no bid contracts for goods and services in excess of \$25,000 currently in force.
18. **199465: Discuss** Finance Director responding to #199279 re: Engineering consultants and invoices, Jan-May, 2015.
19. **199562: Discuss** City Auditor responding to #199425 re: a list of exempt, non-publicly bid

contracts.

20. **199642: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$470,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund a comprehensive citywide Mobility Plan.
21. **199717: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Personnel inform this Board whether the new sick-leave law approved by voters last November applies to all City employees, and if not, who is excluded, and whether there are plans to address this exclusion.
22. **199729: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,197,500 in a bond for sewer repairs to Cedar St.
23. **199730: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,227,500 in a bond for water repairs to Cedar St.
24. **199750: Discuss** Chief Fire Engineer responding to #199414 re: needed-assistance calls to tax-exempt facilities.
25. **199888: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$262,000 for Phase 1 of the Building Assessment/Preventive Maintenance Plan.
26. **199898: Discuss** Director of Personnel responding to #199717 re: employee sick leave.
27. **199890: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation of \$142,036 From the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 police vehicles.
28. **199891: Recommend** Requesting approval for the Inspectional Services Weights & Measures Division to use FY16 funds to pay a FY15 invoice of \$434.77.
29. **199892: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$2,500 from Mass Creative for the Arts Council to support organization and advocacy.
30. **199893: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$1,792.72 from the Mass DEP for recycling outreach and materials.
31. **199897: Discuss** Director of Personnel responding to #199656 re: employee vacancies.
32. **199889: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of an 18 month lease of the West Somerville

Police Substation and office space at 1114 Broadway.

33. **199922: Recommend** Requesting approval to pay an FY12 invoice of \$45,000 in the DPW using FY16 appropriations.

34. **199995: Recommend** Requesting a transfer of \$85,000 from SPCD's Economic Development Professional and Technical Services Account to its Planning and Zoning Professional and Technical Services Account for additional zoning impact analysis studies.

35. **199996: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$34,200 from the MA Cultural Council for the Arts Council's Local Cultural Council grant program.

36. **199997: Recommend** Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$12,500 from the MA Department of Energy Resources for the Office of Sustainability and Environment's assessment of community shared solar.