



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

September 7, 2011

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Anne Thomas	Special Counsel - OSPCD	Present	
Arn Franzen	OSPCD	Present	
Robert Collins	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	
James Halloran	Supt. of Youth Dept.	Present	
Chuck Allen	SHS Hockey Coach	Present	
Doug Willardson	Finance Dept.	Present	
Theresa Medeiros	E-911	Present	
Ed Bean	Dir. of Finance	Present	
Stan Koty	DPW Commissioner	Present	

191637 - Requesting approval of the FY 2012 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$169,732,903.:

This item was replaced during the FY-12 budget process.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

191638 - Requesting approval of the FY 2012 Sewer Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$17,609,387.:

This item was replaced during the FY-12 budget process.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

191639 - Requesting approval of the FY 2012 Water Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$12,156,478:

This item was replaced during the FY-12 budget process.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

191835 - Requesting a permanent easement to MA DOT for land in front of the Gold Star Memorial Library on Broadway to facilitate streetscape improvements.:

Ms. Thomas and Mr. Franzen explained that this permanent easement must be in place before Broadway Streetscape Enhancement Project can be bid put out to bid. Essentially, the easement gives the MA Dept of Transportation the authority to make the improvements on the property of the East Somerville Library and provides the state assurances from the City that alterations to those improvements will not be made without written consent from the state. Ms. Thomas will add the following language at the end of the second "Whereas" clause "*which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed,*" as requested by Alderman White.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

191836 - Requesting an appropriation of \$120,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase a Zamboni machine for the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink.:

These funds are for the purchase of a 2nd Zamboni that could service both rinks. The committee requested an updated printout of the Capital Stabilization Fund, showing the remaining funds and the items attached to them.

RESULT: APPROVED

191839 - Requesting approval to pay multiple prior-year FY11 invoices using FY12 funds in the Dept. of Public Works.:

Mr. Koty explained the expenditures and told the members that paying these invoices would have no effect on the FY-12 operating budget.

RESULT: APPROVED

191840 - Requesting to declare surplus a 1994 Ford Crown Victoria automobile in the Fire Dept.:

RESULT: APPROVED

191842 - Requesting acceptance of a grant of \$186,976 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, for the Police Dept.:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

191875 - Requesting a transfer of \$490,333 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Police Dept. Personal Services Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association for July 1, 2009-June 30, 2012.:

Mr. Collins discussed the highlights of the contract with the committee.

The contract is for a term of 3 years with raises of 2% each year and includes changes to the manner in which certain positions will be filled, a night pay differential, a pay differential between ranks and a longevity provision. The health care split is 80/20.

RESULT: APPROVED

191876 - Requesting a transfer of \$46,884 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various E-911 Personal Services Accts. to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Somerville E-911 Call Taker/Dispatchers, Local 888, for July 1, 2010-June 30, 2013.:

Mr. Collins discussed the highlights of the contract with the committee.

The contract is for a term of 3 years with raises of 2% each year and includes a one year pilot program to provide each of the 14 bargaining unit members with a bonus of \$1,000, if the overtime in the department is totally manned by members of the bargaining unit. Having overtime performed by the bargaining unit, as opposed to using personnel outside of the unit, would save the city a substantial amount of money in overtime costs. The health care split is 80/20.

RESULT: APPROVED

191880 - Requesting an appropriation of \$174,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Veteran's Ice Rink Enterprise Fund for locker room renovations.:

Mr. Halloran and Mr. Allen informed the members that this addition would be an extension of the existing locker room in the existing building. Mr. Bean noted that the city can't borrow funds to perform the renovation since it doesn't own the facility.

RESULT: APPROVED