



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Wilson and adjourned at 8:32 PM on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Burnley, Scott and Wilson), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Sait).

Others present:

Brian Postlewaite – Director of Engineering, Kate Hartke – Director of Grants Development, Erica Satin-Hernandez – Director - ARPA, Alan Inacio - Director of Finance and Community Development, Tom Galligani - Executive Director of OSPCD, Anthony Delmonaco - Director of Finance and Administration, Mohammed Uddin – Finance Analyst, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Naima Sait

#### Old Business

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 12, 2024. [24-0373](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 19, 2024. [24-0404](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

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3. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 19, 2024. [24-0405](#)  
Accepted  
**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 26, 2024. [24-0410](#)  
Accepted  
**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait
5. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0202](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Mbah  
Recommended to be marked work completed
6. That the Administration fund the creation of an entire unit within the Department of Public Works tasked with battling the city's growing rodent infestation. [24-0204](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan  
Recommended to be placed on file
7. That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, additional funding for rodent mitigation efforts, including an Office of Rodent Prevention similar to the one proposed in Boston, with appropriate staffing. [24-0211](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
Recommended to be placed on file
8. That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, funding for a home air filtration pilot program to address air pollution along Interstate 93. [24-0212](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
Recommended to be placed on file
9. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0214](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson  
Recommended to be marked work completed
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10. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0327](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Recommended to be marked work completed
11. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0340](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
Recommended to be marked work completed
12. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0342](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo  
Recommended to be marked work completed
13. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0377](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Recommended to be marked work completed
14. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0378](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Davis  
Recommended to be marked work completed
15. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0390](#)  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Sait  
Recommended to be marked work completed

Property/Land Transactions

16. Requesting approval of the discontinuance of Palmer Avenue. [24-0081](#)  
Recommended to be approved  
**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

Contracts

17. Requesting approval of a time-only extension to 6/30/2025 for the contract with Classic Site Solutions, to complete approved additional design services for the Healey schoolyard, soccer field and path. [24-0280](#)  
Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

18. Requesting approval of a time-only extension to 4/30/2025 for the contract with ADS LLC for flow metering services. [24-0193](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

19. Requesting approval to enter into a contract with outside legal counsel for the appeal of the Superior Court judgment against the Somerville Redevelopment Authority in the matter of the 90 Washington Street property at Cobble Hill. [24-0323](#)

Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation

#### Appropriations

20. Requesting approval to appropriate \$450,000 from the Traffic Safety Stabilization fund for engineering and streetscape reconstruction work in the Western Washington Street area. [24-0245](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

21. Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,300,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to purchase the parcel located at 508-512 Columbia Street. [24-0336](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

22. Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,300,000 from the Open Space and Acquisition Stabilization Fund to purchase the parcel at 508-512 Columbia Street. [24-0335](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan  
**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

23. Requesting the appropriation of \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Open Space Reserve to the Public Space & Urban Forestry Division for design of the Kennedy Schoolyard. [24-0054](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

24. Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to the Somerville Museum for preservation of assets in the museum's collections. [24-0276](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

#### Grant and Gift Acceptances

25. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,873,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development Housing Division for replacing windows in the Mystic River and Mystic View housing developments. [24-0274](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

26. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$375,224 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation and construction of Henry Hansen Park. [24-0319](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

27. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$76,867 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for social, educational and physical wellness [24-0414](#)

programming.

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

28. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$131,920 grant from the Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program to the Office of Sustainability and Environment to partially fund the Argenziano LED conversion project. [24-0320](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

29. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from SFY2024 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Program to the Police Department for overtime to provide adequate shift coverage. [24-0334](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

30. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,150 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.. [24-0333](#)

Recommended to be not approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**Nay:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

### Transfers

31. Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,050 from the Police Department Personal Services Overtime Account to the Police Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative Shannon Grant match. [24-0332](#)

Recommended to be not approved

**Aye:** City Councilor At Large Wilson and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

- Nay:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Sait

### Orders

- 32.** That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the bidding process for IFB 24-39 (Repairs to Water Main Gate Valves and Appurtenance) and IFB 24-29 (Water Distribution System Maintenance & Repairs) and ensure documentation is updated on the city's website for these bids and the previous versions of these bids (IFB 21-51 and IFB 21-52) when they were previously awarded in 2021. [24-0337](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott  
Kept in committee

- 33.** That the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director update this Council on plans to allocate funds to implement a medical debt cancellation program. [24-0369](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Recommended to be marked work completed

### Resolutions

- 34.** That the Administration provide a written update to this Council on the status of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending to date. [24-0326](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson  
Recommended to be marked work completed

### Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2024-04-09 Memo (with 24-0337)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 Committee Memo (with 24-0414)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 ADS Extension 2024Apr03 (with 24-0193)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 Memo to Finance Committee - OSE (with 24-0320)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 ARPA\_1 Memo to City Council (with 24-0326)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 ARPA\_2 Update to City Council (with 24-0326)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 ARPA Status Report to City Council (with 24-0326)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 ARPA\_3 YTD Expenditure Report\_4.2.24 (with 24-0326)
- Finance - 2024-04-09 ARPA\_4 YTD Expenditure\_Personal Services accounts\_4.2.24 (with 24-0326)