



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 19, 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

| Attendee Name        | Title               | Status  | Arrived |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Tony Lafuente        | Chair               | Present |         |
| Maryann M. Heuston   | Vice Chair          | Present |         |
| Katjana Ballantyne   | Ward Seven Alderman | Present |         |
| John M. Connolly     | Alderman At Large   | Present |         |
| William A. White Jr. | Alderman At Large   | Present |         |
| Robert J. McWatters  | Ward Three Alderman | Present |         |
| Matthew McLaughlin   | Ward One Alderman   | Present |         |
| Dennis M. Sullivan   | Alderman At Large   | Present |         |
| Mary Jo Rossetti     | Alderman at Large   | Present |         |
| Mark Niedergang      | Ward Five Alderman  | Present |         |
| Rebekah L. Gewirtz   | Ward Six Alderman   | Present |         |

The following individuals presented their FY-15 departmental budget request:

- Schools - Tony Pierantozzi
- OSPCD - Administration - Alan Inacio
- OSPCD - Planning and Zoning - George Proakis
- OSPCD - Housing - Dana LeWinter
- OSPCD - Economic Development - Ed O'Donnell
- OSPCD - Transportation & Infrastructure - Hayes Morrison
- OSPCD - Inspectional Services - Goran Smiljic

(All associated documentation and requests for additional information are included with the committee's report of June 23, 2014.)

**Public Hearing - FY-15 City Budget**

Several individuals spoke on the proposed FY-15 budget with most of them asking that no reductions be made to the Recreation Department's budget. Other speakers spoke in favor of the budgets for Communications and School Departments. There were two speakers who expressed concern about rising taxes, rising rents, gentrification, the size of the city's government and spending.

**195373 - Requesting authorization to borrow \$900,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, to implement a comprehensive wayfinding plan.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195532 - Requesting authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA Accessibility - Building Improvements.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195571 - Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond to retain a qualified planning and land use concern to develop a major plan change to existing Assembly Square Urban Renewal Plan.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195769 - Requesting approval to appropriate \$106,812.60 from Free Cash to the Highway Professional & Technical Services Account to provide the first year of GPS monitoring services for city vehicles.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**195964 - Requesting an appropriation of \$31,500 from the Wage and Salary Stabilization Fund to the Library Salaries Account to establish the position of Associate Director of the Library System.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196164 - Requesting an appropriation of \$490,000, and authorization to borrow \$490,000 in a bond, for a new HR and Payroll system.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196288 - Requesting the transfer of a parcel of land at 163 Glen Street to the Redevelopment Authority for neighborhood development.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196469 - Submitting the city's FY2014-FY2018 Capital Investment Plan.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**196952 - Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$22,125.85 from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, for the Police Department's target hardening project.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197045 - Requesting an appropriation of \$319,333 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to the General Debt Service Fund for Debt Service for Parks Renovation.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197047 - Requesting an appropriation of \$75,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase forensic analysis equipment for the Police Department.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197048 - Requesting an appropriation of \$36,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase two message/speed monitor boards for the Police Department.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197049 - Requesting an appropriation of \$16,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to purchase 4 mobile radios for police cruisers.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197050 - Requesting the acceptance of a mitigation payment of 5 Electronic parking meters:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197051 - Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$1,478.10 from the Traffic and Parking Department using FY2014 funds.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197080 - Requesting approval to establish a new Water/Sewer Stabilization Fund.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197081 - Requesting an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund to the new Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197082 - Requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund to the new Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197083 - Requesting the acceptance of a gift of a piano valued at \$500 to be used in the new Sound Studio for young musicians.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197108 - Submitting an appropriation of \$188,027,166 to fund the FY2015 Operating Budget.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197109 - Submitting an appropriation of \$19,388,508 to fund the FY2015 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197110 - Submitting an appropriation of \$12,992,038 to fund the FY2015 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197117 - Requesting reauthorization of the Cable Telecommunications Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197118 - Requesting reauthorization of the SomerStreets Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197119 - Requesting reauthorization of the Conservation Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197121 - Requesting the reauthorization of the Council on Aging Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197122 - Requesting reauthorization of the Environmental-Compost Bins Revolving Fund for FY 2015.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197123 - Requesting reauthorization of the Parks Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197124 - Requesting the reauthorization of the Recycling Carts Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197126 - Requesting Reauthorization of the Dedication Sign Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197127 - Requesting Reauthorization of the Special Events Revolving Fund for FY2015.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197174 - Requesting an appropriation of \$750,000 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,000 in a bond to meet the appropriation.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197175 - Requesting a transfer of \$248,925 from Salary Contingency to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197176 - Request approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from the Sanitation Division to the Buildings & Grounds Division to pay Electricity and Heating Oil costs.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197177 - Requesting a transfer of \$9,536 from the Building Insurance Account to the Pension/Non-Contributory Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund a projected year end deficit.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197178 - Request to transfer \$9,174 in the School Custodians Dept., from its Personal Services Account to its Ordinary Maintenance Account to pay outstanding invoices.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197179 - Requesting a transfer of \$7,000 from the Executive Capital Projects Management Salaries Account to the Workers Compensation Salaries Account to fund a projected year-end deficit.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197180 - Requesting approval to transfer \$6,767.44 from the MWRA Assessments Account to Debt Service.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197181 - Requesting transfer of \$220 in the Arts Council from its Professional & Technical Services Account to its Salaries Account to fund a projected year end deficit.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197182 - Requesting authorization to seek a PARC grant of \$400,000 for Otis Playground Renovations.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197183 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$200,000 grant for renovations to the Marshall Street Playground.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197184 - Requesting authorization of funding necessary to complete renovation of Marshall Street Playground, as a requirement for grant acceptance of a reimbursable Our Common Backyards grant for \$200,000.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197185 - Requesting the dedication of Marshall Street Playground in perpetuity for park and recreation purposes.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197186 - Requesting acceptance of a mitigation payment of \$94,744.75 to establish the Open Space Improvements Stabilization Fund.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197188 - Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$35,000 from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for the Police Department's Bicycle-Pedestrian Traffic Enforcement Program.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197189 - Requesting approval of a \$10,000 grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural and Art in the Garden programs.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197190 - Requesting the acceptance of an additional \$3,116 from the MA Department of Agriculture, for the Urban Agriculture Pilot Program.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197191 - Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$3,000 from the Somerville Housing Authority for the Arts Council's Mystic Mural Project.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197239 - Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$171,000 in a bond to install lighting for the turf field at the Capuano School.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197240 - Requesting an appropriation of \$64,300 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for additional final phase work pertaining to the design and engineering contract for the Davis Square streetscape improvements.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**197241 - Requesting the transfer of \$130,000 from the E911 Salaries Account to the Police Overtime Account to cover projected overtime costs.:**

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**