

# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

## June 16, 2016 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	Absent
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Absent
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Present
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present

Others present: Rob King - Capital Projects, Charles Quigley - Engineering, Stan Koty - DPW, Mark Lawhorne - Water and Sewer, Goran Smiljic - ISD, Michael Mastrobuoni - SomerStat, Ed Bean - Finance, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Skye Stewart - SomerStat, Peter Forcellese - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Aldermen's Chamber and was called to order at 6:10 PM by Alderman Lafuente and adjourned at 9:20 PM.

#### **Document List:**

- DPW Revised Tables
- Summary of Administrative Orders
- 10 Year Revenue Projection

## FY-17 departmental budget review

## **Capital Projects**

Rob King spoke about the activities of his department and the tools used to manage it efficiently. The Engineering Department has been re-aligned under Capital Projects.

## **Engineering**

Charles Quigley reported that his department is now fully staffed. He explained that the

increase in the Professional & Technical Services line item would be earmarked for several projects that need attention.

#### **DPW - Administration**

(Alderman Heuston recused herself from this portion of the meeting.) Stan Koty spoke on this portion of the department's budget.

## **DPW - Buildings and Grounds**

Stan Koty spoke on this portion of the department's budget. Alderman Heuston inquired if there was a pending change of personnel in the works and Mr. Koty replied that there might be discussions about that if and when the submitted administrative orders are approved by the BOA. No employees will be moving from Buildings and Grounds to Parks and Recreation, however approximately \$40,000 would be transferred from B&G into P&R.

#### **DPW** - Sanitation

Stan Koty spoke on this portion of the department's budget. He will provide a detailed breakdown of the sanitation expenses.

## **DPW** - Highway

Stan Koty spoke on this portion of the department's budget. Alderman Niedergang inquired about the possibility of securing an arborist.

#### **DPW School Custodians**

Stan Koty spoke on this portion of the department's budget.

#### **DPW Electrical**

Stan Koty spoke on this portion of the department's budget.

## **Water and Sewer**

Mark Lawhorne presented his department's budget. Additional staffing is being requested.

### **Inspectional Services**

Goran Smiljic presented his department's budget. He reported that waiting times for permits have been reduced and that they are being processed in a more efficient manner. Mr. Roche spoke about the city's efforts to fill the vacant building inspector's position.

#### **Requests for information:**

- Alderman White requested a breakdown of the funding sources for all new FY-17 positions, city-wide
- Alderman Rossetti requested a breakdown of the excess funds from the DPW Administration's budget
- Alderman Heuston asked (Sanitation) to provide information of the effects on the sanitation budget due to the increased housing planned over the coming years
- Alderman White asked (Sanitation) for a breakdown of the solid waste tonnage