



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

February 8, 2012

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	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Michael Glavin	Exec. Director, OSPCD	Present	
Anne Thomas	Counsel, OSPCD	Present	
Paul Upton	Deputy Police Chief	Present	
Paulette Renault-Caragianes	Director of Health	Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., ISD	Present	
Ed Bean	CFO	Present	
David Webster	FRIT	Present	

The committee reviewed several item before it and determined that no further action was needed.

188313 - Requesting an Appropriation Of, and Authorization to Borrow, \$300,000, in a Bond for the Purchase of an Artificial Ice-Skating Rink.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

188404 - Requesting Approval to Extend a Contract with Symmes Maini & McKee Associates Inc. for Architectural Services at the Argenziano School, to August 31, 2010.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

188669 - Requesting Authorization for the City Treasurer to File an Application with the MA Municipal Finance Oversight Board to Qualify Under MGL C44A Any and All Bonds Authorized But Unissued, and to Execute Such Documents as the MA Board May Require.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

188877 - Requesting Approval to Return \$20,000 from the MaxPak Stabilization Fund to KSS Investment LLC.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

189601 - That This Board of Aldermen Hereby Requests that the Administration Provide This Board with an Update on Efforts it Has Taken to Initiate a Car Sharing Program Within City Departments.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

189721 - That OSPCD and the Law Department Provide the Committee on Finance with Information Regarding Fines and Legal Action Taken Relative to To the Owner of 46 Pearl Street.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

190197 - That the Director of Finance appear before this Board's Committee on Finance to discuss all insurance claims relating to the July 10, 2010 flood, including the claims approved and rejected, and that a representative of the City Solicitor's Office appear to discuss the claims that have been rejected.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

190263 - Bradford Johnson submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

190264 - Grace Kessenich submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

190265 - Ruth Nunnally submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED****190266 - Kate Wheeler submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****190267 - Lori Johnston submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****190268 - Jeff Levine submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****190269 - David Scott submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****190270 - Tom Marchese submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****190271 - Barry Rafkind submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****190272 - Michael Chiu submitting comments re: the Union Sq. DIF.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****191434 - Senator Brown responding to #190904 re: the federal CDBG program.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED**

191887 - Requesting an appropriation of \$24,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 6 mobile radios for the Police Dept.:

Deputy Chief Upton spoke about the need for this item.

RESULT:**APPROVED****191971 - Requesting an appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the purchase of 1 Ford 14-passenger van for the Police Dept.:**

Deputy Chief Upton spoke about the proposed use of the van and the problems with the current van, noting that the model of the current van should not be used to transport children.

RESULT:**APPROVED****192091 - Requesting acceptance of a \$10,120.20 grant from the Cambridge Health Alliance acting as agent for the MA Dept. of Public Health, for the Health Dept.'s tuberculosis prevention and control efforts.:**

Chairman Heuston recused herself from discussion and action pertaining to this item.

Ms. Renault-Caragianes explained how the funds would be used.

RESULT:**APPROVED****192190 - Requesting the acceptance of \$2,856.87 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Fire Dept. to cover overtime associated with the Riverfest Fireworks.:****RESULT:****APPROVED****192260 - Requesting a transfer of \$1,000 in the Public Health Dept., from the Salaries Acct. to the Professional and Technical Services Acct., to support the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.:**

Ms. Renault-Caragianes explained how the funds would be used.

RESULT:**APPROVED****192323 - Requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 and authorization to borrow that amount in a bond for renovations to the ISD Office.:**

Mr. Nuzzo explained how the proposed renovations would streamline the department's procedures and make the permitting process more current.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

192326 - Requesting the acceptance of \$7,665 grant from the MA Dept. of Fire Services for the Fire Dept.'s Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) campaign.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

192407 - Requesting that this Board review and approve the attached MBTA lease relating to the Community Path.:

Ms. Thomas discussed the terms of the lease, a copy of which was sent to aldermen over a week ago, and noted certain obligations of the city which respect to the leased land. The city cannot derive any revenue from the land used for the path and the MBTA can locate utilities underground, however, air rights would have to be renegotiated. There will be a vote on this item which will become an exhibit to the lease. The MBTA has made it clear that the lease is not negotiable. Mass DOT will not review the project until the lease is signed, therefore it is a pressing issue due to funding.

Alderman White expressed concern regarding the need for an immediate vote, saying that since this is a substantial undertaking, he would like time to review it and does not feel that a 2 week delay would be a problem. Ms. Thomas stated that since federal funds are involved, the project must be advertised in a timely manner or the funds could disappear, however, she will contact the MBTA and find out if a 2 week delay is a problem.

Alderman White raised questions regarding the responsibility to remove hazardous waste, environmental testing/remediation, funding of the surfacing and the responsibility of the existing bike path's maintenance. Ms. Thomas informed the members that the total cost will be from federal funds, however remediation will not be programmed by those funds. In her opinion, the MBTA has no responsibility for the condition of the premises. The city will share the cost of repairing a retaining wall in Davis Square with the MBTA. Both Mr. Bean and Mr. Renault-Caragianes assured the members that there is insurance for the bike path.

Chairman Heuston wants it understood that action on this item is not going to impede the public's input with respect to design

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

192445 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$60,000 grant from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Health Dept.'s strategies to increase healthy eating and active living.:

Ms. Renault-Caragianes explained how the funds would be used.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

192446 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$4,950 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police Dept.'s Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

192461 - Attorney Paul Hynes submitting comments re: the arbitration decision with the Firefighters Union.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192462 - Paul Kafka-Gibbons submitting comments re: Veterans Memorial Rink operating hours.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

192472 - Requesting departmental transfers totalling \$1,157,534 as described within to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76.:

This item is no longer relevant due to the recent agreement reached between the City and Fire Fighter Local 76.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

192473 - Requesting Use of \$418,957 in available funds in the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76.:

This item is no longer relevant due to the recent agreement reached between the City and Fire Fighter Local 76.

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

192474 - Requesting an appropriation of \$255,648 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76.:

This item is no longer relevant due to the recent agreement reached between the City and Fire Fighter Local 76.

RESULT:**PLACED ON FILE**

192475 - Requesting a transfer of \$2,400,000 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Fire Dept. Salaries Acct. to fund the JLMC Decision in the Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 76.:

This item is no longer relevant due to the recent agreement reached between the City and Fire Fighter Local 76.

RESULT:**PLACED ON FILE**

192506 - Requesting approval of two Amended and Restated Easement Agreements for Assembly Square.:

Mr. Webster and Ms. Thomas spoke about the need for an amended easement, the layout and alteration of Assembly Square Drive, the terms of the easement and the opening of the roadway.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

192507 - Requesting approval of an Amendment to the Assembly Square Layout and Alteration Order adopted by this Board in January, 2010.:

Mr. Webster and Ms. Thomas spoke about the need for an amended easement, the layout and alteration of Assembly Square Drive, the terms of the easement and the opening of the roadway.

RESULT:**APPROVED**