



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 6, 2017
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	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Alderman Lance Davis, Alderman Robert McWatters, Dick Bauer - CPC, Kristen Stelljes - CPC, Alan Inacio - OSPCD, Tom Galligani - OSPCD, George Proakis, Michael Bestino - Treasury, Rich Raiche - Engineering, Rob King - Capital Projects, Chris Rais - Capital Projects, Pat Saitta - Consultant, Brad Rawson - OSPCD, Ed Nuzzo - Capital Projects, Ed Bean - Finance, Frank Wright - Law, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Rose Durham - Clerk of Committees.

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Alderman Lafuente and adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Approval of the April 25, 2017 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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203454: Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for design services for the Healey Schoolyard.

Alderman White recused himself from all discussion and vote on this item. Mr. Bauer and Ms. Stelljes spoke on this item and said that the plan for the asphalt will be decided through the design process.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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203455: Requesting the appropriation of \$49,200 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Veterans Services Division for design services for Henry Hansen Park.

Alderman White recused himself from all discussion and vote on this item. Mr. Bauer and Ms. Stelljes spoke on this item and said that the funds would be used to redesign the park.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203456: Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for a survey of the Community Path.

Alderman White recused himself from all discussion and vote on this item. Mr. Bauer and Ms. Stelljes spoke about surveying this site, which is on the Cambridge line to Cedar Street.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203457: Requesting the appropriation of \$13,000 from the CPA Fund open space and recreation land reserve to the Parks and Open Space Division for the creation of a butterfly garden pocket park at Morse-Kelly Park.

Alderman White recused himself from all discussion and vote on this item. Mr. Bauer and Ms. Stelljes spoke on this item and said that the funds would be used to convert the planting beds on the Summer Street side of Morse-Kelly Park into a pocket park that will support local pollinators.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203568: Requesting the appropriation of \$144,050 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to conduct geotechnical engineering at Healey and Conway Parks.

Mr. Rawson spoke about synthetic youth fields for these parks and noted that both sites have challenges. A geotechnical survey will be performed by a Licensed Site Professional and an on-call professional will do the soil testing. The funds would be split with \$82,000 allotted for Conway and \$62,000 for Healey. The proposed field would be a U14 size.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203569: Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Free Cash Account to the SPCD Economic Development Account-Special Items for a deposit on the purchase of 45 College Avenue.

Mr. Galligani and Mr. King talked about the property being for sale and said that this would be a unique opportunity for community space in Davis Square. The purchase price is \$1.6 million and lawyers are in the process of developing a Purchase and Sale agreement. Alderman Heuston asked if this purchase would be related to the West Branch Library and was told that it would be a potential option for the city to consider for the library. The property requires quite a bit of work and no inspection has been done yet. This purchase of this property was previously discussed in an Executive Session of the Board of Aldermen.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203566: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,968,259 in a bond for

accelerated repair of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, external windows, doors and roofing system.

Misters King, Ruis, Saitta and Nuzzo spoke about the boilers, roofs, windows and doors needed for the Winter Hill School and said that the project is MSBA approved. The cost of project is \$4 million and the design is expected to be finished in the summer or fall of this year. Alderman Ballantyne asked for a copy of the city's debt schedule, (which was distributed to the committee by the City Treasurer). As of the date of this meeting, the city has \$84,743,087 in general fund debt. President White asked if the East Somerville Community School was part of the debt and Mr. Bean replied that it was, as well as the Argenziano School.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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203567: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,700,000 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.

Mr. Rich Raiche spoke about prioritizing the roads and said that the city will try pavement patching for the first time, this year.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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203570: Requesting the transfer within the Law Office of \$25,000 from the Salaries Account and \$20,000 from the Judgments and Settlements Account, all to the Legal Services Account, to pay anticipated outside legal services.

Mr. Wright anticipates spending \$25,000 in outside counsel fees until the end of the year and told the committee that these funds are lag money. There are a number of cases pending, including a federal case.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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202906: Requesting a transfer of \$55,577 from the Transportation and Infrastructure Personal Services Account to the Salary Contingency Fund.

Mr. Rawson told the committee that these funds are lag money from the salary account.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Handouts:

- CPA Data (with 203454, 203455, 2036456, 203457)
- Outstanding Debt Summary (with 203566)
- 2017 Pavement Management Program (with 203567)