



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 20, 2013

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Vice Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Maureen Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Courtney O'Keefe	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	

193897 - Requesting a transfer of \$8,250 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Board of Aldermen Salaries Monthly Account to implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation Study.:

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

194278 - Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$124,965 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for equipment for the school department:

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

194310 - Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 in a bond for the cost of engineering analyses of buildings needing Capital Improvements.:

RESULT:

PLACED ON FILE

194910 - Requesting the use of \$1,694.88 in available funds from the Personnel Services Account to fund a Traffic Commission Secretary retroactive stipend increase.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194912 - Requesting the acceptance of a \$5600 grant from the MA Public Safety and Security Highway Safety Division for the Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization program.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194913 - Requesting approval of a \$2,500 grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation to support the Arts Council's Mystic Mural program.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194989 - Requesting an authorization to borrow \$715,000 in a bond for renovation of North Street Veteran's Playground.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194990 - Requesting an appropriation of \$319,903 from the Assembly Square Construction Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY2013 Debt Service for Parks Renovation.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194991 - Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Electricity Account to pay outstanding electric bills from DCR.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194992 - Requesting the use of \$4,327 in available funds from the SomerStat Salaries Account to hire a Community Preservation Act Intern.:

RESULT:**PLACED ON FILE**

194993 - Requesting acceptance of a donation of \$7,500 from Honeywell International, Inc. to support urban agriculture programs.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

194994 - Requesting the acceptance of \$5,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security for the Police Dept.'s pedestrian safety initiatives.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195026 - Requesting approval to retain the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as outside counsel.:

The works is related to TOD and Housing matters and will utilize grant funding.

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195039 - Requesting an appropriation of \$181,785,392 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget for the City of Somerville.:

RESULT:**PLACED ON FILE**

195040 - Requesting an appropriation of \$18,998,501 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.:

Amended amount is \$18,994,423.00

RESULT:**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

195041 - Requesting an appropriation of \$13,006,521 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.:

Amended amount is \$12,994,582.00

RESULT:**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

195042 - Requesting an appropriation of \$632,676 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195043 - Requesting an appropriation of \$170,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2014 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195044 - Requesting the reauthorization of Departmental Revolving Funds for FY2014.:

The Cable/Telco Revolving Fund was severed from this item and the committee requested that it (the Cable/Telco Revolving Fund request) be resubmitted with a reduction of \$60,230.00 less.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED. [7 TO 4]
AYES:	Heuston, Connolly, Lafuente, White Jr., Taylor, Gewirtz, Sullivan
NAYS:	Robert C. Trane, Maureen Bastardi, Courtney O'Keefe, Bruce M. Desmond

195045 - Requesting an appropriation of \$688,434 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to fund a year end deficit.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195046 - Requesting an appropriation of \$160,499 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Development Grant Fund (Fund 26) to offset a year end deficit.:

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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195047 - Requesting an appropriation of \$60,000 from FY2014 Community Preservation Act Estimated Revenues to hire a Community Preservation Act Manager.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195048 - Requesting the transfer of \$275,000 from various DPW accounts to the DPW Snow Removal Account to offset the snow removal deficit.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195049 - Requesting a transfer of \$16,000 from the Recreation Professional Services Account to the Recreation Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to correct a year end deficit.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195050 - Requesting the transfer of \$14,280 from the Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Traffic and Parking, Rentals Account to fund the Grove Street Parking Lot Lease.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195051 - Requesting the transfer of \$2,480.54 in the SomerPromise Dept., from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Salaries Account, to cover last year's wage increase and to allow additional hours to accomplish departmental goals.:

RESULT:	APPROVED
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195052 - Requesting a transfer of \$1,500 in the Constituent Services Dept., from the Employee Training Account to the Salaries Account to correct a year end deficit.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195054 - City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2013.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195055 - Requesting an appropriation of \$181,870,392 to fund the FY2014 Operating Budget.:

Amended amount is \$181,036,177.00

RESULT:

APPROVED AS AMENDED

195096 - Requesting an appropriation of \$750,876 for the cost of replacing DPW equipment and authorization to borrow \$750,876 in a bond to meet the appropriation.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195097 - Requesting an appropriation of \$900,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund needed capital projects in FY2014.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195098 - Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to establish the Trash Transfer Station Stabilization Fund.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195099 - Requesting an appropriation of \$300,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the Hurricane Sandy-Capital Projects Account.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195100 - Requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.:

RESULT:

APPROVED

195101 - Requesting an appropriation of \$17,478 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("free cash") to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Personal Services Account to eliminate a year-end deficit.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195102 - Requesting an appropriation of \$10,667 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to the Hurricane Sandy Damage-School Department Fund.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195103 - Requesting an appropriation of \$7,522 in Retained Earnings in the Dilboy Enterprise Fund to the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Personal Services Account to fund a year-end deficit.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195104 - Requesting the transfer of \$19,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink's Electricity Account to its Salaries Account to avoid a deficit.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195105 - Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$7,500 from Honeywell International, Inc., for the Urban Agricultural Revolving Account to support urban agricultural programming.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195106 - Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$500 from Viewfinder Productions LLC, for the Sunsetters Conolitated Gift Account to support Sunsetter programming.:

RESULT:**APPROVED**

195138 - Requesting approval of an Order of Taking of a parcel of land identified as Parcel 061-D-004 on the Assessors Map.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

Final review and cuts to proposed FY-14 budget.

The committee concluded its deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2014 city budget. The following Aldermen were recused from all discussion of the noted departmental budgets:

Alderman Heuston: DPW - Administration

Alderman Taylor: Animal Control

Alderman Trane: School Department

Alderman Desmond: Information Technology

Alderman Sullivan: Traffic and Parking

A motion by Alderman Taylor to reduce line 530000 - Professional and Technical Services in the SomerPromise proposed budget request by \$25,000, failed on a roll call vote of 1 in favor and 10 against.

Alderman Bastardi's motion that the City and Pop Warner work together to form one all inclusive football league, where every child may participate, regardless of age, gender, weight or any other factor that would normally prevent a child from participating, was approved.

Alderman Taylor's motion that the Administration set up a program to reimburse all retirees on Medicare, 80% of their out of pocket contributions, on an annual basis, was approved.

Alderman Taylor's motion that the Administration apply 50% or more of the new growth for FY-2015 towards reducing the tax rate, was approved.

Alderman Connolly's motion that all city budgets include non-city grant monies or other income in the department budget under a suitable heading and include the amount of the grant/funding, the source of the grant/funding and the length of the award, was approved.