



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - October 12, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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1. **Approval of the September 21, 2021 Minutes**

Accessibility Revenues Update

2. **212400: Discuss** (Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo) – That the Director of Finance and the Treasurer create a separate revenue account for deposit of all funds received from handicapped parking violations, and allocate said funds to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, as authorized under MGL.

Wage Theft Advisory Committee

3. **212478: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the administration assign staff to support the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

Assessor's Request for Outside Counsel

4. **212450: Recommend** Chief Assessor requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel for Appellate Tax Board Settlement matters.

DPW Invoices

5. **212418: Recommend** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$275,751.91 using available FY22 funds within various DPW accounts.

Public Safety Building

6. **212362: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$725,000 in a bond for Construction Manager at-Risk services for the pre-construction phase of the Public Safety Building .

Assembly Square Fire Lease

7. **212265: Recommend** Requesting approval of a 30-year lease for the new Assembly Square Fire Station.
8. **212451: Discuss** Fire Chief responding to Item 211748, providing data on calls and responses to the Assembly Square neighborhood.

Sewer Items

9. **212084: Discuss** Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #211944 re: coordination with the EPA and MWRA on Combined Sewer Overflows.
10. **212416: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,600,000 in a bond for a Sewer System Evaluation Study and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.
11. **212414: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,400,000 in a bond for construction services as part of the MWRA Marginal Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation.

GLX Elevator

12. **212267: Recommend** Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,331,543 in a bond for the construction of an outdoor elevator to improve accessibility between the High School Field Level and the new Green Line Extension Gilman Square Station.
13. **212268: Recommend** Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund and appropriate \$7,668,457 from said fund for the construction of an elevator between the High School Field and the new Green Line Gilman Square Station.
14. **212269: Recommend** Requesting approval to appropriate \$151,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for additional design and electrical conduit work related to the Gilman Station elevator and GLX platform.

Grants, Restrictions, Easements

15. **212474: Recommend** Requesting approval of a grant of easement in Inner Belt Road for Fiber Optic Communications Equipment.
16. **212480: Recommend** Requesting approval of the Land Disposition Agreement for the property at 31 Tufts Street.
17. **212413: Recommend** Requesting acceptance of a preservation restriction for 59 Cross Street.

Housekeeping

18. **207285: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$542,675 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land and Budgeted Reserve Accounts to the City for the ArtFarm project.
19. **207342: Discuss** Director of Capital Projects conveying the Departmental Relocation Strategy and Implementation Plan.
20. **207478: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Finance provide this Council with a written report of bond requests for the next 3 years along with corresponding revenue stream projections.
21. **208460: Discuss** Conveying the June 2019 General Fund Capital Investment Plan.
22. **208630: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$376,820 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of vehicles for the Parks & Recreation Department.
23. **211224: Recommend** Requesting the appropriation of \$36,720 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Executive Office Salaries Account to establish two new Racial & Social Justice staff positions.
24. **211257: Discuss** (Niedergang) – Submitting questions, concerns, comments and ideas regarding Police staffing, in response to Chief Charles Femino’s memo of January 31, 2021, for the February 1 Public Health and Public Safety Committee.
25. **211258: Discuss** (Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, White Jr.) – That this Council discuss FY22 funding and organizational priorities for the Mobility Department.
26. **211382: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That this Council consider advocating for an additional \$750,000 in the FY22 budget, as attached, for safe streets and equitable

mobility.

27. **211429: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Mbah) – That the Mayor allocate funding for two dual diagnosis and social work clinical outreach positions in the Community Outreach Help and Recovery Department in the FY22 budget.
28. **211446: Discuss** (Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That this Council's Committee on Finance discuss with appropriate staff, anticipated funding from the recently authorized American Rescue Plan Act.
29. **211600: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott) – That the Administration include a sidewalk snow shoveling program in the FY22 budget focused on pedestrian streets, major north-south and east-west routes, sidewalk corners and crosswalks with piles of snow, MBTA bus stops, and senior buildings.
30. **211826: Discuss** (Scott, Mbah) – That this Council review the past 20 years of the city's Police Department reform recommendations and the resultant changes.
31. **212086: Discuss** Director of Racial and Social Justice conveying a letter regarding the June 7 Finance Committee budget hearing.
32. **212257: Discuss** (Scott, Mbah) – That the Director of Economic Development provide an update regarding the leases at the Armory building and the plan for tenancy and uses moving forward.