

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

June 29, 2010, 8:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Bruce M Desmond	Alderman	Present	

1. #189850 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**2. Finance Committee, June 15**

- A. #189851 Report of the Committee on Finance, June 15, 2010  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 3. Finance Committee, June 16

- A. #189852 Report of the Committee on Finance, June 16, 2010  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 4. Finance Committee, June 21

- A. #189853 Report of the Committee on Finance, June 21, 2010  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 5. Finance Committee, June 22

- A. #189854 Report of the Committee on Finance, June 22, 2010  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #189855 Resolution  
By Ald. Sullivan, Desmond, Heuston, Gewirtz, Trane, O'Donovan, Taylor, Pero, White Jr., Roche  
That the Board of Aldermen Go on Record to Encourage the Administration and the School Custodians to Bargain in Good Faith to Agree Upon a Fair Contract.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 6. Finance Committee, June 29

- A. #189856 Report of the Committee on Finance - June 29, 2010  
Committee Report

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- B. #189737 Request to Appropriate and Authorize Borrowing in the Amount of \$584,157  
Mayor's Request to Make Needed Repairs to the Public Safety Building

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Desmond  
**ABSENT:** Walter F. Pero, Robert C. Trane

- C. #189738 Requesting the Appropriation of \$354,166, and Authorization to Borrow the Same Amount in a Bond, for the Resurfacing of 11 Streets  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Desmond  
**ABSENT:** Dennis M. Sullivan, Walter F. Pero, Robert C. Trane

- D. #189739 Requesting the Appropriation and Authorization to Bond for Somerville High School Flooring in the Amount of \$313,635.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Desmond  
**ABSENT:** Walter F. Pero, Robert C. Trane

- E. #189740 Requesting an Appropriation of the \$ 1,000,000 Federal Realty Investment Payment from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:** Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Desmond  
**ABSENT:** Walter F. Pero, Robert C. Trane

- F. #189742 Transfer \$180,000 from Rubbish Removal 8006-52910 and \$124,900 from Professional Services 8006-53000 to Offset Snow Deficit  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- G. #189743 Transfer of \$111,017 from Fire Department Personal Services to Fire Alarm Personal Services to Eliminate a Year End Deficit  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- H. #189744 Request to Transfer \$7,500 from Salary Contingency Funds to Constituent Services Personal Services to Meet a Year End Deficit.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- I. #189745 Request to Transfer \$3,540 from Salary Contingency to Clerk of Committee Salaries Monthly to Eliminate a Year End Deficit  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- J. #189746 PARC Grant Application for Acquisition of 15-25 Cross Street East]  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- K. #189747 PARC Grant Application for Dickerman Playground Renovation Costs  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- L. #189748 PARC Grant Application for Morse-Kelley Playground Renovation Costs  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- M. #189749 Health Department and Somerville Trauma Response Network Request  
Mayor's Request Acceptance of a Grant from CHNA17 in the Amount of \$5,000.00.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- N. #189758 City Clerk Submitting Recommendations for Adjustments to Certain Fees  
Officer's Request Charged by the City Clerk's Office, Effective July 1, 2010.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- O. #189785 Short Term Contract Extension for Medicaid Reimbursement Claiming  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- P. #189793 Request to Authorize the Young Somerville Advisory Group Revolving Fund  
Mayor's Request for FY2011

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- Q. #189794 Request to Reauthorize the attached list of Departmental Revolving Funds  
Mayor's Request for FY2011

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- R. #189809 Requesting an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 of Sewer Retained Earnings to  
Mayor's Request Fund the FY2011 Sewer Enterprise Budget.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

7. #189857 Requesting Approval to Proceed with CM-At-Risk Delivery Method for  
Mayor's Request ESCS Renovation Project

		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
		<b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee
8.	#189858 Mayor's Request	Requesting Approval for the Director of Capital Projects to Present Schematic Design Plans for the East Somerville Community School Renovation
		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
		<b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee
9.	#189859 Mayor's Request	Requesting Appropriation of \$50,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Insurance Losses to East Somerville Community School Reconstruction for an Independent Cost Estimator for the ESCS Project
		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
		<b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee
10.	#189860 Mayor's Request	Requesting Approval to Make a Presentation to the Finance Committee on the Closeout of the Construction Phase of the Argenziano School Project
		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
		<b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee
11.	#189861 Mayor's Request	Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract of Symmes Maini & McKee at the Argenziano School Project to Assist with the Administration of a Grant to Install Solar Panels
		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
		<b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee
12.	#189862 Mayor's Request	Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract for J&J Contractors to Complete Punch List Work at the Argenziano School
		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
		<b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Finance Committee
13.	#189863 Mayor's Request	Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract of Johnson Roberts Associates to 12/31/10
		<b>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>

**FOLLOWUP:**

Finance Committee

14. #189864 Requesting Approval to Extend the Contract of TBA Architects, Inc. to  
Mayor's Request 12/31/10

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:**

Finance Committee

15. #189865 Request to Declare (16) Police Vehicles as Surplus.  
Mayor's Request

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:**

Finance Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LATE ITEMS**

16. #189788 Requesting Approval of an Appropriation of \$165,507,404 to fund the Fiscal  
Mayor's Request Year 2011 Operating Budget for the City of Somerville

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

17. #189789 Request for an appropriation in the amount of \$12,237,945 to fund the Fiscal  
Mayor's Request Year 2011 Water Enterprise Fund Budget

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**

**AYES:** Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor,  
Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Desmond

**ABSENT:** Robert C. Trane

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

18. #189790 Request to Appropriate \$16,600,120 to fund the Fiscal Year 2011 Sewer  
Mayor's Request Enterprise Budget

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**

**AYES:** Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor,  
Pero, O'Donovan, Gewirtz, Desmond

**ABSENT:** Robert C. Trane

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

19. #189791 Request an appropriation of \$3,500,000 from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal  
Mayor's Request Year 2011 tax levy

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

20. #189792 Request to Appropriate \$850,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Projects  
Mayor's Request Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding necessary Capital  
Improvements

**RESULT: APPROVED**

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

21. #189866 Submitting Revised Appropriation of \$165,507,404 to Fund the Fiscal Year  
Mayor's Request 2011 Operating Budget for the City.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED BY ROLL CA [9 TO 1]**

**AYES:** Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., Roche, Heuston, Taylor,  
Pero, O'Donovan, Desmond

**NAYS:** Rebekah L. Gewirtz

**ABSENT:** Robert C. Trane

Budget proposal amended by the following reductions:

\$ 5,450 from BOA Salaries

\$ 4,922 from Exec Admin Salaries

\$ 2,690 from Assessing Salaries

\$ 4,923 from Law Salaries

\$ 1,083 from SPCD Salaries

\$ 4,134 from T & P Salaries

\$16,000 from Health Salaries

\$ 906 from DPW Engineering Salaries

Resulting in an approved Revised Budget of \$165,467,296.

22. #189867 That This Board of Aldermen Hereby Requests that the Administration Make  
Resolution Plans to Merge E-911 and Fire Alarm as a Capital Project for FY-11, in  
Preparation for the Future Possibility of a Regional Response Center Being  
Established.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

23. #189868 That This Board of Aldermen Hereby Requests that Any Potential Cuts to the  
Resolution FY-11 Budget be Utilized to Re-Instate Any Reductions on Services And/Or  
Personnel.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

24.     #189869     That the City Auditor Make Arrangements in All Future Budgets that Line  
Resolution     Item 53405 PSTN-Usage, be Used Solely to Describe the Amount of Money  
Spent on Phone Calls (Both Local and Long Distance) Made from City of  
Somerville Phones as is Indicated by the Line Description; and that Any  
Other Items Previously Included in This Line Item be Identified in More  
Appropriate Lines.

**RESULT:   APPROVED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk