



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 16, 2010

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Joseph Curtatone	Mayor	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Jessie Baker	Director of Personnel	Present	
Doug Willardson	Finance	Present	

190383 - Requesting the use of \$9,264 in available funds in the Police Dept. Salaries Account to fund the increase in the rate of pay for the Police Chief position from December 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.:

Mayor Curtatone explained that the request is being sought to fund the increase in salary for the incoming Police Chief. Members of the committee expressed concern about the amount of the chief's contract and asked how the amount was arrived at and how it could be justified. Mayor Curtatone explained that the amount was what the market was yielding for someone with the incoming chief's qualifications. The incoming chief will begin working in the city next week and will begin serving as a temporary acting chief in January, with full command authority.

Alderman White stated that he would be voting against the request, at this time, and he requested the salary amounts for other chief in similar communities.

Chairman Heuston suggested that appointments and their associated salary approvals be discussed and acted on simultaneously in the future.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL [4 TO 1]
AYES:	Maryann M. Heuston, Bruce M. Desmond, John M Connolly, Rebekah L. Gewirtz
NAYS:	William A. White Jr.