



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Tuesday, June 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-0842) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 23, 2023.
2. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1045) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 5, 2023.
3. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1046) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 5, 2023.
4. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1047) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 6, 2023.
5. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1048) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 7, 2023.
6. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1057) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 13, 2023.

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7. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1082) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 14, 2023.
  8. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1083) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting of June 15, 2023.
  9. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1085) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of June 20, 2023.
  10. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1086) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting of June 21, 2023.

#### Contracts and Easements

11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1063](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of the First Amendment to Fiber Optic Communications Easement Agreement with TOWARDEX.
12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1088](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, appropriate funding, and dedicate 217 Somerville Avenue as open space and recreational use in perpetuity.

#### Communications and Discussions

13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0951](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept the 2023-2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant programs, totaling \$3,321,097.

#### Appropriations

14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0947](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Undesignated Fund to Vida Real for continued restoration of the bell tower at 404 Broadway.

Lease Agreements

15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0667](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement for the East Somerville Police Station.

Transfers

16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0847](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,039.02 from the Police Department Personal Services Overtime Account to the Police Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative Shannon Grant match.

Grant Acceptances

17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0846](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,117.07 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0813](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,781 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for students.
19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0814](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,677 Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for older adults.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1065](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant amendment with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to the Health and Human Services Department for regional youth substance misuse prevention efforts.

Bonding

21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0844](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,430,638 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Assembly Square Fire Station fit-out.

Ordinances

22. Ordinance (ID # [23-0827](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson  
Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0925](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-322 and 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

Orders

24. Order (ID # [23-0457](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That this City Council discuss data from the FY 2023 budget hearings and assess the budget hearing process for FY 2024.

Unfinished Business

25. Councilor Kelly moved to reduce line 01-12152 of the Executive Office Administration Ordinary Maintenance budget to \$0. The motion was laid on the table at the June 21, 2023 Committee meeting.