



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

Old Business

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| 1. | Committee Minutes
(ID # 24-0373) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 12, 2024. |
| 2. | Committee Minutes
(ID # 24-0404) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 19, 2024. |
| 3. | Committee Minutes
(ID # 24-0405) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 19, 2024. |
| 4. | Committee Minutes
(ID # 24-0410) | Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 26, 2024. |

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| 5. | Communication
(ID # 24-0202) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Mbah
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 6. | Resolution
(ID # 24-0204) | Referred for Recommendation: By Councilor Clingan
That the Administration fund the creation of an entire unit within the Department of Public Works tasked with battling the city's growing rodent infestation. |
| 7. | Resolution
(ID # 24-0211) | Referred for Recommendation: By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, additional funding for rodent mitigation efforts, including an Office of Rodent Prevention similar to the one proposed in Boston, with appropriate staffing. |
| 8. | Resolution
(ID # 24-0212) | Referred for Recommendation: By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, funding for a home air filtration pilot program to address air pollution along Interstate 93. |
| 9. | Communication
(ID # 24-0214) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Wilson
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 10. | Communication
(ID # 24-0327) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 11. | Communication
(ID # 24-0340) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 12. | Communication
(ID # 24-0342) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Strezo
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 13. | Communication
(ID # 24-0377) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Burnley Jr.
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 14. | Communication
(ID # 24-0378) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Davis
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |
| 15. | Communication
(ID # 24-0390) | Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Sait
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. |

Property/Land Transactions

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| 16. | Mayor's Request
(ID # 24-0081) | Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval of the discontinuance of Palmer Avenue. |
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Contracts

17. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0280](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only extension to 6/30/2025 for the contract with Classic Site Solutions, to complete approved additional design services for the Healey schoolyard, soccer field and path.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0193](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a time-only extension to 4/30/2025 for the contract with ADS LLC for flow metering services.
19. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0323](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to enter into a contract with outside legal counsel for the appeal of the Superior Court judgment against the Somerville Redevelopment Authority in the matter of the 90 Washington Street property at Cobble Hill.

Appropriations

20. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0245](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$450,000 from the Traffic Safety Stabilization fund for engineering and streetscape reconstruction work in the Western Washington Street area.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0336](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,300,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to purchase the parcel located at 508-512 Columbia Street.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0335](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,300,000 from the Open Space and Acquisition Stabilization Fund to purchase the parcel at 508-512 Columbia Street.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0054](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Open Space Reserve to the Public Space & Urban Forestry Division for design of the Kennedy Schoolyard.
24. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0276](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to the Somerville Museum for preservation of assets in the museum's collections.

Grant and Gift Acceptances

25. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0274](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,873,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development Housing Division for replacing windows in the Mystic River and Mystic View housing developments.
26. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0319](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$375,224 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation and construction of Henry Hansen Park.
27. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0414](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$76,867 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for social, educational and physical wellness programming.
28. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0320](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$131,920 grant from the Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program to the Office of Sustainability and Environment to partially fund the Argenziano LED conversion project.
29. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0334](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from SFY2024 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Program to the Police Department for overtime to provide adequate shift coverage.
30. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0333](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,150 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention..

Transfers

31. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0332](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,050 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.

Orders

32. Order (ID # [24-0337](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the bidding process for IFB 24-39 (Repairs to Water Main Gate Valves and Appurtenance) and IFB 24-29 (Water Distribution System Maintenance & Repairs) and ensure documentation is updated on the city's website for these bids and the previous versions of these bids (IFB 21-51 and IFB 21-52) when they were previously awarded in 2021.
33. Order (ID # [24-0369](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director update this Council on plans to allocate funds to implement a medical debt cancellation program.

Resolutions

34. Resolution (ID # [24-0326](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson
That the Administration provide a written update to this Council on the status of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending to date.