



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0758](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 8, 2025.

#### Prior Year Invoices

2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0686](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$12,430.19 using available funds in the Police Department In Service Training, Professional & Technical Services, Repairs to Radio Alarm, and Public Safety Supplies accounts.

#### Grant & Gift Acceptances

3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0674](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$35,300 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for upgrades to the Emergency Operation Center.
4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0683](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$61,301.89 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for replacement of cameras.

#### Contracts & Easements

5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0523](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval of a Deed, Maintenance License, and Maintenance Easement for 808 Windsor Street.
6. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0824](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Verrill Dana, LLP, as outside legal counsel with respect to Combined Sewer Overflow Control matters.

#### Funds & Accounts

7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0524](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting approval to create the Chestnut Street Multimodal Safety Stabilization Fund and accept a payment of \$99,127 from the developer of 100 Chestnut Street to implement multimodal safety and access improvements.

#### Transfers

8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0398](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the transfer of \$55,631 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Open Space Reserve.

#### Appropriations

9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0652](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the CPA Open Space Land Acquisition Fund.
10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0399](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserve and Open Space Reserve for improvements to Dilboy Auxiliary Fields.

11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0651](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Requesting the appropriation of \$1,468,693 from the Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Orders and Resolutions

12. Order (ID # [25-0254](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr. That the Chief of Police present to this Council the financial implications of the Public Safety for All recommendations, specifically the costs to fund additional officers, acquire and utilize body cameras, and implement a co-response model.
13. Order (ID # [25-0568](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah That the Director of Housing include a line item contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust's FY 2026 ordinary maintenance budget in order to sustain its funding for affordable housing development and assistance to households facing rent or mortgage arrears.
14. Order (ID # [25-0569](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah That the Director of Housing Stability calculate and present a budget proposal for sufficient funding that will enable it to continue its programs of municipal flex funding, legal assistance and related housing search services for residents facing displacement and homeless families and individuals in FY 2026.
15. Order (ID # [25-0570](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Mbah That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment clarify the situation regarding the federal grant application for composting and, depending on its likely fulfillment, calculate a budget line item to insure that the small-scale pilot program can continue into FY 2026 and expand to more households.
16. Order (ID # [25-0745](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Chief Assessor and the City Treasurer discuss with this Council the issue of residents not receiving initial motor vehicle excise tax bills, resulting in demand fees.