



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Wilson at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 4 in favor (Councilors Clingan, Kelly, Scott, Wilson), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Councilor Pineda Neufeld).

Others present:

Michael Potere - Assistant Clerk of Committees; Christopher Ward – Deputy Chief, Somerville Police; Stephen Haynes - Director of Finance, Water and Sewer; Demetrios Vidalis - Director of Water and Sewer; Hannah Carrillo - Legislative Liaison.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jake Wilson, Vice Chair Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Charlotte Kelly and Jesse Clingan

Absent: Judy Pineda Neufeld

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 21, 2023. [23-0447](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 29, 2023. [23-0519](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Appropriations

3. Requesting approval to appropriate \$54,445 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the 2023 Ash Tree Treatment Program. [23-0298](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4. Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Water and Sewer Department Retained Earnings account to the Water and Sewer Department Capital Outlay account for anticipated contractual obligations. [23-0369](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

5. Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency. [23-0487](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Grant Acceptances

6. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for staffing costs. [23-0190](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7. Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from MassDEP to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Recycle Dividend Program. [23-0377](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Rescissions

8. Requesting the rescission of \$435,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund appropriation of \$591,442 approved on February 24, [23-0450](#)

2022.

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Scott, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Orders

9. That the Director of Communications provide this Council with an accounting of how the cable franchise fees have been expended over the past five years. [23-0137](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- Finance - 2023-04-11 Recycle Dividend Program Grant memo (with 23-0377)
- Finance - 2023-04-11 MEMO - 2023 Ash Tree Treatment Program Street Tree Stabilization Funds with 23-0289)
- Finance - 2023-04-11 MEMO - Appropriation 50K for IMLSS 4.7.23 (with 23-0487)
- Finance - 2023-04-11 WS Council Appropriation_202304 (with 23-0369)