



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation

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Committee of the Whole

This meeting was held in the Council Chambers and via Zoom, was called to order by Chair Wilson at 7:01 pm and adjourned at 9:02 pm with a roll call vote of 7 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Davis, McLaughlin, Clingan, Burnley, Scott, and Chair Wilson), 2 opposed (Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait), and 2 absent (Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo).

Others present: Brendan Salisbury – City Clerk’s Office, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Recesses were taken from 7:46 pm to 7:50 pm and from 8:00 pm to 8:20 pm. Quorum was re-established via roll call after both recesses.

Chair Wilson moved to adopt a rule for this meeting that resolutions showing shared support for budget priorities require a two-thirds vote of the membership to be approved. This motion passed with 10 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Mbah, Davis, McLaughlin, Clingan, Burnley, Sait, Scott and Chair Wilson), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Pineda Neufeld).

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Two City Councilor Naima Sait, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Matthew McLaughlin, Lance L. Davis, Wilfred N. Mbah, Kristen Strezo, Judy Pineda Neufeld and Ben Ewen-Campen

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 12, 2024. [24-0373](#)
Kept in committee
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 19, 2024. [24-0404](#)
Kept in committee

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| 3. | Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 19, 2024.

Kept in committee | <u>24-0405</u> |
| 4. | Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 26, 2024.

Kept in committee | <u>24-0410</u> |
| 5. | Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor Mbah

Kept in committee | <u>24-0202</u> |
| 6. | 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.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee | <u>24-0204</u> |
| 7. | 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.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee | <u>24-0211</u> |
| 8. | That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, funding for a home air filtration pilot program to address air pollution along Interstate 93.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee | <u>24-0212</u> |
| 9. | Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee | <u>24-0214</u> |
| 10. | Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee | <u>24-0327</u> |
| 11. | Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Councilor Pineda Neufeld | <u>24-0340</u> |
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Kept in committee

12. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0342](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

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13. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0377](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

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14. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0378](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

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15. Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025. [24-0390](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait

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