



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

February 8, 2017  
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tony Lafuente	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Absent	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Betsy Allen - ADA, Stan Koty - DPW, Michael Mastrobuoni - SomerStat, Brad Rawson - OSPCD, Candace Cooper - Personnel, Chief David Fallon - SPD, Ed Halloran - SPD, Michael McGrath - SPD, Joseph Curtatone - Mayor, Frank Wright - Law, Rob King - Capital Projects, Michael Bertino - Treasurer, Annie Connor - Legislative Liaison, Tim Snyder - Mayor's Office, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees.

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Alderman Lafuente and adjourned at 8:05 PM.

**Approval of the January 25, 2017 Minutes**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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**202726: That the Director of SPCD report to this Board the City's position on installing artificial turf fields with crumb rubber infill while the US EPA studies the potential health and environmental hazards of such infill, and explain why the City doesn't use organic infill.**

This item was referred to the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy for discussion.

**RESULT:**

**REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**

**202740: Requesting the appropriation of \$2,335,038 from the Salary Contingency and Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various Police Department Personal Services Accounts to fund retroactive and FY17 wage provisions of the JLMC Police Employees Association.**

Mayor Curtatone and outside counsel, Phil Collins, distributed a document detailing the funding for the police officers. Under the agreement, a GPS system will be installed on all cruisers to improve public safety. The salary and wage stabilization fund current balance is just under \$5.9 million. Alderman Niedergang asked about the “evergreen” clause in the police contract and Alderman Rossetti asked if the union had been asked their opinion on the new offer. Mr. McGrath, (from the SPD, was asked for his opinion of the offer and stated that he felt the offer was fair.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**202741: Requesting authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for ADA accessibility building improvements.**

Mr. King said the construction package is ready to be bid out and includes accessible bathrooms and new lift at the T&P building. The work involves minor improvements. Alderman White asked about the total long term debt and questions were raised about the School Department debt. Ms. Allen stated there were no ADA issues or complaints from residents that needed to be addressed. Most of the items on the list are for the schools.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**202742: Requesting authorization to borrow \$410,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount, for Phase 2 of the Building Assessment / Preventive Maintenance Plan / Master Plan Project.**

Rob King said the work is to look at the use of city buildings, assess their condition and determine if they are being used in the best possible way. This work will complete Phase 2 of the project. Alderman Niedergang asked who will be doing the work and was informed that Phase 1 was completed by an outside consultant. Mr. King is hoping to have a project report ready during the summer.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**202757: Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$375,000 in a bond for the construction of a U8 Winter Hill Community School Soccer Field.**

Mr. Rawson spoke about this project and said that the goal is to take advantage of the winter bidding season. The soccer field will be synthetic with sand base. Alderman White asked if there will be any devoted green space. Mr. Rawson stated that 50 additional hours have been allocated to deal with some issues from the community.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**202758: Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$36,730.52 using available funds within various Department of Public Works accounts.**

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**202759: Requesting acceptance of a 12 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1112-1114 Broadway.**

Mayor Curtatone and Chief Fallon told the committee that the lease for West Somerville Police Station remains the same as in prior years.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**Handouts:**

- Wage Provisions (with 202740)
- Debt Summary (with 202741, 202742, 202757)
- Site Context (with 202757)