



Committee on Finance

February 19, 2015 – 7:30 PM - **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2015
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS JOSEPH LOPES, CHAIRMAN; JAMES OLIVEIRA, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DAVID ALVES; HENRY BOUSQUET; NAOMI CARNEY; DEBORA COELHO; BRIAN GOMES; STEVEN MARTINS (7:39); LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO; KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Lopes called the Finance Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. He announced that Councillor Martins called to say he would be just a little bit late in attending tonight's meeting.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a LOAN ORDER, appropriating \$950,000 for Phase I of the Ashley Park/Sagamore Street Improvement Project. (Ref'd 12/18/14) (1,1a)

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Oliveira, the Committee VOTED: To Table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER amending the Order adopted by the City Council on September 23, 2014, which in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, authorized the Revolving Fund under the control of the Planning and Community Development Department, known as the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REVOLVING FUND whose purpose is to provide supplies, postage, equipment and advertising costs, contract for technical and administrative support for the ZBA, zoning studies, and stipends for ZBA members, whose revenue and amount limited to be spent estimated at \$130,825.00 is hereby authorized for FISCAL YEAR 2015 (Ref'd 2/12/15) was received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes. (2, 2a)

Patrick Sullivan, Director of Planning and Community Development was recognized to discuss the matter before the body.

Councillor Morad asked Mr. Sullivan what the amount was last year to which he replied it was \$142,208 for FY 2014. She asked if this money was generated by fees and he said yes it was. She then asked him why the fund figure was so high. Mr. Sullivan told the Committee that the monies accumulated over the years, which led to the amount before them.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER amending the Order adopted by the City Council on September 23, 2014, which in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, authorized the Revolving fund under the control of the Planning and Community Development Department, known as the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REVOLVING FUND whose purpose is to provide supplies, postage, equipment and advertising costs, contract for technical and administrative support for the ZBA, zoning studies, and stipends for ZBA members, whose revenue and amount limited to be spent estimated at \$130,825.00 is hereby authorized for FISCAL YEAR 2015. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$614,039.00 from WATER, FREE CASH to WATER, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$50,000.00; WATER, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS in the amount of \$64,039.00; WATER, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$382,298.00 and WATER, OTHER CHARGES in the amount of \$117,702.00 (Ref'd 12/18/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Winterson. (3, 3a)

Ron Labelle, DPI Commissioner was recognized to discuss the motion before the body.

Councillor Alves asked Commissioner Labelle what the \$50,000 was for and he replied it was for materials to repair potholes. Then he asked what the \$60,000 was for and he replied he needed to purchase extra chemicals for the water treatment plant. Councillor Alves asked him what the capital outlay figure included. Commissioner Labelle informed the Committee it is for the purchase of equipment of the cemetery department; other charges were for the work done at the international marketplace, there was a deficit that needs to be addressed.

Councillor Morad asked Commissioner Labelle what the equipment is and his reply was the two principal purchases will be for tractors with flail motors in which you can also attach snow blowers and sludge removal apparatus to. She also asked him about the \$117,000 overrun was it for the water mains for the international market place construction project. Commissioner Labelle replied yes, it was for the installation of the water lines at the international marketplace.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$614,039.00 from WATER, FREE CASH to WATER, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$50,000.00; WATER, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS in the amount of \$64,039.00;

WATER, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$382,298.00 and WATER, OTHER CHARGES in the amount of \$117,702.00. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Alves made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Gomes.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Committees