

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**December 27, 2022**

1. Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 9:45pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Chairman LaCava requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Committee members Durkee, LaFauci, McMenimen, Vidal and LaCava were all present in-person.
3. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the gift of a Republican Presidential Primary Ballot from March 7, 2000 from Julia DeCola for display in the City Hall Museum Room. Councillor Durkee moved to accept the donation and that a thank you note is sent from the City Council to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the gift of a replica railing from the Phase 1 City Hall Clock Tower renovation project from JT Haffey Builders for display in the City Hall Museum Room. Councillor Durkee moved to accept the donation and that a thank you note is sent from the City Council to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of two donations totaling \$800 for the restoration of artwork and various collections at the Paine Estate from Sarah Lyons (\$300) and the Waltham Garden Club (\$500). Councillor Vidal moved to accept the donations and that a thank you note is sent from the City Council to the donors. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$200,000 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. A motion to hear from the Mayor was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor Vidal and Councillor Durkee, the Mayor explained how the funds would be distributed, including the eligibility of the applicant, and the prior success of the program with previously appropriated funds for the same purpose. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the funding of \$200,000. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve a memorial plaque to be added to a bench on the Waltham Common in memory of William Thompson Councillor Vidal moved to approve the memorial plaque. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$876,617.21 to fund the Phase 2 & 3 Cupola/Clock Tower Renovation Project at City Hall.

FROM:

Unreserved Fund Balance	#001-000-3590-3590	\$876,617.21
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TO:

Building-PH2/3 City Hall Cupola & Clock Tower	#001-192-5800-6240	\$876,617.21
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A motion to hear from the Mayor was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from the Committee, the Mayor explained the current status of Phase 1 of the project and scope and completion timeline for the remaining phases. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the appropriation of \$876,617.21. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

9. A request was received from the Mayor for permission to sign to sign the Local Initiative Program (LIP) Regulatory Agreement including any and all documents required by the DHCD to keep Unit A-6 of the Carolina Court Condominium at 172 River Street, Waltham on the subsidized housing list (SHL). A motion to hear from the Mayor was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor explained the history of the transaction of the property including its purchase, rental activity and future intended use. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the Mayor's request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. Councillor LaFauci moved to carry all tabled items on the FinCom docket forward to 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
11. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman LaCava declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee