

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
December 27, 2021

1. Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 9:50pm 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. Councillor Vidal moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 20, 2021. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on December 20, 2021 were accepted.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the donation of a Wal-Lex poster from Joseph Vizard. Councillor Vidal moved to accept the donation and that a thank you note is sent to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$1,410,000 to fund the wetlands restoration and stream daylighting project at the Fernald property. The project was publicly bid, and the low responsive and responsible bidder was SumCo Eco-Contracting, LLC, with a price of \$1,275,730. The total funding request also includes construction administration of \$99,000 and a project contingency of approximately 2.5%.

Construction Bid	\$1,275,730
Construction Administration	\$ 99,000
Contingency	\$ 35,270
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,410,000</u>

FROM:

Water Retained Earnings	#610-450-3590-3590	\$1,410,000
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TO:

Water – Fernald Wetlands	#610-450-5800-7440	\$1,410.000
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Vice-President McMenimen recused herself from the discussion and vote on the matter since her residence within the proximity of the Fernald property. A motion to hear from the City Engineer, Robert Winn was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from the Committee, Mr. Winn explained the purpose of the project and stated its benefits to the City. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the appropriation request of \$1,410,000. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the donation of gift cards from an anonymous donor totaling \$6,810 to be distributed by the Housing Office to provide needy Waltham families with food and necessary household items. Councillor

LaFauci moved to accept the donation of the gift cards. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$90,400 to fund the professional engineering services required for the rehabilitation of the three water storage tanks located in the City, the two-million-gallon steel standpipe tank located in the Cedarwood pressure zone (Brandeis Campus), and the two four-million-gallon concrete storage reservoirs located at Prospect Hill Park, which are located in the City's high pressure service area. It is recommended by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Sanitary Survey, 2019 inspection reports and site visits, rehabilitation of the three tanks is necessary to provide high quality drinking water and maintain adequate pressures for water service and fire protection for the City.

FROM:

Water – Retained Earnings	#610-450-3590-3590	\$90,400
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TO:

Water – Engineering (Water Tanks)	#610-450-5800-6620	\$90,400
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A motion to hear from the CPW Director, Michael Chiasson was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Mr. Chiasson explained the purpose of the project. Councillor LaFauci also asked about the frequency of this type of maintenance. Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the appropriation of \$90,400. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

8. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to carry forward all items tabled on the FinCom docket to 2022 was adopted on a voice vote
9. A motion by Councillor Durkee to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman LaCava declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05m.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee