

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 7, 2021

1. Since Chairman LaCava was absent FinCom Clerk Centofanti called the meeting to order at 9:10pm in the City Council Chamber. Councillor McMenimen moved to elect Councillor Vidal as the Chairman pro-tem. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Durkee, McMenimen and Vidal) and none opposed.
2. Chairman pro-tem Vidal requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Committee members Durkee, McMenimen, and Vidal were present. Chairman LaCava and Councillor LaFauci were absent.
3. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2021. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on May 17, 2021 were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the appropriation of \$11,300 for the PT Salary account in the Mayor's Office

FROM:

Unreserved Fund Balance	#001-121-3590-3590	\$11,300
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TO:

Mayor-PT Salary	#001-121-5100-5121	\$11,300
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Vice-President McMenimen moved to hear from the Mayor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor gave a brief explanation of the use of PT staffing in her office and stated the Executive Assistant position had been recently filled, but had been listed as "on hold" in the FY2021 budget. Vice-President McMenimen moved to approve the appropriation request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the funding of \$11,300 for the Mayor's PT Salary account was approved.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the remainder of the distribution from the Estate of Carol Cormier in the amount of \$39,771.28 for the benefit of the Waltham Public Library. The initial distribution of \$30,000 was accepted by the City Council on June 23, 2020 under Council Order #34874. Councillor Durkee moved to accept the remainder of the distribution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the \$39,771.28 distribution was accepted.
6. A communication was received from the Mayor concerning the proposed Infiltration & Inflow (I/I) Covenant for the property located at 728 Moody Street. The Clerk informed the Committee that he received a call earlier in the day from City Engineer Bob Winn stating the applicant was withdrawing the request and would pay the I/I fee instead. Councillor Durkee moved to file the matter without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer traffic impact funds in the amount of \$24,000 to install modern bus shelters and E-link signs at the Carter Street bus stops.

FROM:

Traffic Impact-95 Moody St	#259-480-2940-3287	\$13,868.24
Traffic Impact-Church St Parking Lot	#259-480-2972-3287	\$10,131.76

TO:

Traffic Impact-Carter St Bus Stop	#259-480-2986-3287	\$24,000.00
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Vice-President McMenimen moved to hear from the Traffic Engineer, J. Michael Garvin. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Garvin explained the improvements and amenities the bus shelters would provide. Mr. Garvin also explained that the MBTA participates in the funding of these structures based upon ridership and Waltham was low when compared to Boston and Cambridge. Upon additional questions from Vice-President McMenimen, Mr. Garvin stated the project was bid and other bus shelters, particularly in the 128 area of the City were funded through private parties. Councillor Durkee asked follow up questions as to why the MBTA was not providing the funding and the impact of COVID on ridership. Council Vidal also expressed concern about Waltham not being considered a target area by the MBTA and when would that likely occur. Since two of the Committee members were not present, Councillor Durkee was hesitant about voting on the matter this evening. Councillor Durkee moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the funding request of \$24,000 for the bus stop shelters was tabled.

8. A motion by Councillor McMenimen to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman pro-tem Vidal declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Paul G. Centofanti - Clerk to the Finance Committee