

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

December 7, 2015

1. Chairman Brasco called the meeting to order at 9:45 pm.
2. Councillor McMenimen moved that attendance be taken by a roll call. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Giordano, McMenimen, Romard, Vizard and Chairman Brasco were present.
3. Councillor Vizard moved that that the minutes of the meeting November 16, 2015 be accepted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant from the Mass DEP in the amount of \$2,000 for recycling programs at the McDevitt School - no matching funds required. Councillor Vizard moved to hear from an off-committee member – CPW Director Michael Chiasson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Chiasson explained the purpose of the grant and the use of the funding. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a grant from the FFY 2016 EOPSS Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$9,000. The grant will be disbursed in three (3) mobilizations of \$3,000 each. The first mobilization will be the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” for the period December 9, 2015 – January 2, 2016. The second mobilization will be the “Click It or Ticket” for the period May 9, 2016 - May 23, 2016. The third mobilization will be the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” for the period August 12, 2016 - September 2, 2016. As a condition of the grant, the City is required to provide 25% matching funds, which will be absorbed within the existing FY2016 police budget. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee member – Police Chief MacPherson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Chief MacPherson answered questions from the Committee to explain the program and the significance of the different time periods. Councillor Vizard requested the Chief to provide the Committee with a copy of the report to EOPSS concerning the statistics as a result of last year’s program. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the FFY 2016 EOPSS Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$5,000. This grant will be used to conduct enforcement throughout the City of known danger spots for walking and bicycling. The grant will be for the period October 2015 – October 2016. As a condition of the grant, the City is required to provide 25% matching funds, which will be absorbed within the existing FY2016 police budget. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee member – Police Chief MacPherson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Chief MacPherson answered questions from the Committee to explain the

program and the ways in which police officers try to better educate both pedestrians and bicyclists on how to better navigate crosswalks and streets. Councillor Giordano stated the manner in which pedestrians use the crosswalk on South Street at Brandeis was a concern. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a gift in the amount of \$100,000 from Eugene R. Boeglin, Jr. to establish the Nolan Family Scholarship Trust and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the gift and Trust. Councillor McMenimen spoke fondly of the Nolan family; specifically their impact and generosity to the Waltham community. Councillor McMenimen moved to accept the gift and that a thank you note is sent to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
8. Councillor McMenimen moved to collectively take the matter of federal and state mandates from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen inquired of the Auditor about the status of the items. The Auditor suggested that individual departments be invited to a future Finance Committee meeting to answer specific questions concerning unfunded mandates and their cost to the Waltham taxpayers. Councillor McMenimen stated she would consider it and bring the matter up at a future Finance Committee meeting. Councillor McMenimen moved to collectively place the matters back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. A motion by Councillor McMenimen to adjourn was approved by a voice vote and the Chair declared the committee adjourned - 10:05 pm.

Paul G. Centofanti - Clerk to the Finance Committee