

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 7, 2016

1. Chairman Brasco called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm.
2. Chairman Brasco requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll - all Committee members were present.
3. Councillor Vizard moved that that the minutes of the meeting October 17, 2016 be accepted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were accepted.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to appropriate funds in the amount of \$45,500 for the following Handicap projects as recommended by the Disability Services Commission (DSC).

From: #237-560-2300-3591	F/B Reserved for Handicap Projects	\$45,500
To: #237-560-2315-5205	Police Details	\$25,000
To: #237-560-2340-5205	MacArthur Playground HP Equipment	\$20,000
To: #237-560-2350-5205	HP Other Expenses	\$ 500

Chairman Brasco stated he had spoken with DSC Chairman Mark Johnson about the request as Mr. Johnson was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Councillor Vizard moved to approve the appropriation of \$45,500. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appropriation of \$45,500 was approved.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer traffic impact funds in the amount of \$40,000 from account #259-480-2908-5205 Traffic Impact - Pulte Homes/Jefferson to a new account #259-480-2969-5205 Crosswalk Lights - Charles River Bike Path. This transfer will fund the installation of four (4) rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB) crosswalk lights. They will be installed at the DCR Bike Path crossings on the northern side of the Charles River at the following locations:
  - Prospect Street at Charles River Bridge
  - Moody Street at Charles River Bridge
  - Newton Street at Charles River Bridge
  - Farwell Street at Charles River Bridge

A motion was made to hear from off-committee individuals, Traffic Engineer Michael Garvin, Councillor Darcy, Councillor Logan and Councillor Rourke. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Garvin explained the purpose of the project and the appropriateness of using the Pulte/Jefferson traffic impact funds. Councillor McMenimen explained the purpose of the special permit for the Pulte/Jefferson project

and the intended use of the funds. Councillor McMenimen questioned if all of the intended use of the funds had been fulfilled. Councillor McMenimen stated her objection was not against the project for which the funds would be used but rather the appropriateness of using those funds when all of the intended uses had not been completed. Councillor Darcy stated his position and it was consistent with that of Councillor McMenimen. Councillor Logan and Councillor Rourke supported the signal project, citing the need for the project and the use of the requested traffic impact funds was appropriate. Councillor Romard voiced his objection to the use of the traffic impact funds and inquired if another funding source could be identified. Chairman Brasco explained the matter before them was a request of the Mayor to use a specific source of funds. Councillor McMenimen moved to request the Auditor to inquire of the Mayor to identify another funding source. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the traffic impact funds transfer was tabled.

6. A motion to file the request of Councillor McMenimen to have the City Clerk provide a copy of the Pulte/Jefferson special permit was adopted on a voice vote as the information had been provided.
7. A motion to table the request of Councillor McMenimen to have the Traffic Commission provide a copy of the minutes of their meeting and supporting documents that were considered to approve the use of the Pulte/Jefferson traffic impact funds was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A motion to adjourn by Councillor Vizard was approved by a voice vote and Chairman Brasco declared the Committee adjourned – 9:10pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee