

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
December 5, 2016

1. Chairman Brasco called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 November 21, 2016 be tabled. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were tabled.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to appropriate \$9,200 from Unreserved Fund Balance to a new account #001-121-5400-5303-02 Mayor-Appraisal "Air Rights" 230-234 Moody Street. These funds will be used to conduct an appraisal for the "air rights" associated with this property. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee individual - Mayor McCarthy. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillors McMenimen, Vizard and Romard asked questions and the Mayor explained "air rights", its determination of value and the RFP process. The Mayor stated will come back to the City Council with a recommendation once the appraisal and RFP process has been completed. Councillor Vizard moved to approve the appropriation request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appropriation request of \$9,200 was approved.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to appropriate \$3,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance to account #001-121-5800-6413 Mayor- Copy Machine. These funds will be used for a replacement copy machine as the existing machine is no longer operating effectively. Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee individual - Mayor McCarthy. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vizard and Councillor Romard asked questions of the Mayor about the need for, the use and functionality of a new copy machine. Councillor McMenimen moved to approve the appropriation request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the appropriation request of \$3,500 was approved.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the FFY 2017 EOPSS Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$9,000. The grant will be disbursed in three (3) mobilizations at \$3,000 each. The first mobilization will be the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" for the period December 9, 2016 - January 1, 2017. The second mobilization will be the "Click It or Ticket" for the period May 7, 2017 - May 29, 2017. The third mobilization will be the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" for the period August 14, 2017 - September 4, 2017. As a condition of the grant, the City is required to

provide 25% matching funds, which will be absorbed within the existing FY2017 Police Department budget. Chairman Brasco explained this is a recurring grant that has funded a program that has been approved in prior years. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the grant of \$9,000 was approved.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve a transfer of traffic impact funds in the amount of \$32,355 from account #259-480-2918-5205 Traffic Impact - 36 River Street to a new account #259-480-2970-5205 Traffic Signal @ River/Farwell/Seyon. This transfer will fund the design of traffic signal improvements at the River Street, Farwell Street and Seyon Street intersection. Councillor Vizard commented and spoke on a first hand basis on the dangerous traffic conditions this intersection presented. Councillor McMenimen stated the use of the traffic impact funds for this intersection fell within the approved use under the special permit. Councillor Romard moved to approve the transfer request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the transfer request of \$32,355 was adopted on a voice vote.
8. Councillor Vizard moved to take the matter of the transfer of traffic impact funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the installation of signals at four locations along the Charles River Riverwalk. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vizard explained the Mayor had submitted a new request for this project that was taken up in the Long Term Debt Committee earlier in the evening. Councillor Vizard move to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was filed.
9. Councillor McMenimen questioned the matter of the residential exemption continuing to appear on the docket. Councillor McMenimen stated the item had been discharged at the last meeting of the Finance Committee. Councillor McMenimen asked the Clerk of the Finance Committee to remove it as a docket item.
10. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer \$10,500 to fund the first year of the three year collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Mechanics' Union for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. In addition, the contract includes agreement on reforms the City was seeking pertaining Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Global Positioning System (GPS) for City vehicles.

TRANSFER FROM:

Auditor - Collective Bargaining	#001-135-5400-5111	\$10,500
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TRANSFER TO:

CPW - Wages FT (FY2017)	#001-420-5100-5112	\$10,000
CPW - Clothing (FY2017)	#001-420-5200-5581	\$ 500

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off-committee individual – Mayor McCarthy. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor explained the elements of the contract settlement, including the agreement on OPEB and the use of GPS in City vehicles. Councillor McMenimen moved to approve the transfer request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the transfer of \$10,500 was approved.

11. A motion to adjourn by Councillor Vizard was approved by a voice vote and Chairman Brasco declared the Committee adjourned – 9:00pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee