

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 18, 2015

Since Chairman Brasco was absent, the Clerk of the Committee called the meeting to order at 8:55 pm. The Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman pro-temp. Councillor Giordano moved to nominate Councillor McMenimen as Chairman pro-temp. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. A motion that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Giordano, McMenimen, Romard and Vizard were present. Chairman Brasco was not in attendance.
2. Councillor Giordano moved that the minutes of the meeting May 4, 2015 be accepted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
3. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer funds in the amount of \$20,571 to cover operating expenses for the remainder of the FY2015 Water Operations & Maintenance expense accounts to maintain the cross connect backflow testing program and to purchase additional water meters to be installed in new residential properties and replace non-functioning water meters.

From: #610-452-5400-5690 (MWRA Water Assessment)  
To: #610-452-5200-5303 (Water O & M Consultants)  
Amount \$15,000

From: #610-452-5400-5690 (MWRA Water Assessment)  
To: #610-454-5400-5543 (Water Meters & Parts)  
Amount \$1,791

From: #610-452-5400-5692 (Mass DEP Assessment)  
To: #610-454-5400-5543 (Water Meters & Parts)  
Amount \$3,780

Councillor Giordano moved to hear from an off-committee member, City Engineer Steve Casazza. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillors Giordano and Romard asked questions of Mr. Casazza about the need for funds. Mr. Casazza explained the funds were being requested to comply with the cross connect program reporting and additional meters for new residential accounts. Councillor Giordano moved to approve the transfer request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

4. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a grant in the amount of up to \$45,000 from the Department of Mental Health for the Pre-Arrest Jail Diversion Grant for an initial duration from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 for costs associated with individuals with mental illness or emotional disturbances per the grant guidelines. This grant does not require matching funds from the City.

Councillor Giordano moved to hear from an off-committee member, Police Chief Keith MacPherson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillors Vizard and Romard asked questions of Chief MacPherson about the use of the funds. Councillor Vizard asked if there was a need for more human services and received an affirmative response from the Chief. Councillor Giordano moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the FFY2014-2015 HEMP grant in the amount of \$2,000 to provide for expenses associated with the updating and publishing the Local Emergency Plan. Councillor Vizard moved to hear from an off-committee member, Emergency Management Director Bernie Mullin. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillors Vizard asked questions of Mr. Mullin about the use of the funds. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. Councillor McMenimen moved to collectively take the matters of federal and state mandates from the table. The motion was adopted on voice vote. Councillor McMenimen asked the City Auditor if there were any updates and for him to follow up with those departments that have yet to respond and to ask the responding departments to attempt to quantify the items they reported. Councillor McMenimen move to collectively place both matters on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A motion by Councillor McMenimen to adjourn was approved by a voice vote and Chairman Brasco declared the committee adjourned - 9:50 pm.

Paul G. Centofanti - Clerk to the Finance Committee