

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting

January 20, 2015

Since Chairman Brasco was absent, the Clerk of the Committee called the meeting to order at 11:15 pm. The Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairperson pro-temp. A motion was made to nominate Councillor McMenimen as Chairperson 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 Romard moved that that the minutes of the meeting December 22, 2014 be accepted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
3. Councillor Vizard moved that that the minutes of the special meeting January 20, 2015 be accepted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety to receive funding in the amount of \$10,818 for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program and the Senior SAFE programs. The funds will be used to provide materials and training sessions for children and seniors. Councillor Giordano questioned if matching funds were required and the response was no. 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 federal grant in the amount of \$64,923 that is allocated to the Waltham Police Department for reimbursable expenses that are incurred as the result of its participation in the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program that is administered through the REACH program. Councillor Giordano questioned if matching funds were required and the response was no. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer \$225,000 to fund the first two fiscal years (2014 & 2015) of the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Librarians' Union for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. This amount includes the funding needed to provide retroactive adjustments to June 30, 2014 and to adjust the FY2015 Library budget. This funding request is the result of a settlement agreement that was negotiated between the City and the Union.

TRANSFER FROM:

Mayor - Collective Bargaining      #001-121-5400-5111      \$225,000

TO:

Library - Salary      #001-610-5100-5111      \$225,000

The Auditor responded to questions from the Committee concerning the terms of the agreement, specifically if the Library would be open on Sundays. The Auditor replied that there had been no change to the hours of operation, but the new terms of the contract require all existing vacant and future PT positions to work at the budgeted amount of 19 hours, with the added flexibility for management to hire individuals to work a night and/or weekend schedule only. A motion to approve the transfer request was adopted on a voice vote.

7. There was a question about the items that appeared on the Finance Committee docket as tabled in Committee at the meeting of December 22, 2014. It was determined they were later filed that evening by the City Council at its meeting of December 22, 2014. The Clerk was instructed to remove the items from the Committee docket.
8. A motion to adjourn was approved by a voice vote and Chairperson pro-temp McMenimen declared the committee adjourned - 11:30 pm.

Paul G. Centofanti - Clerk to the Finance Committee