

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
September 19, 2016

1. Chairman Brasco called the meeting to order at 9:25pm.
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 August 1, 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 transfer funds in the amount of \$77,524 from the Stabilization Fund to CPW-Trucks account #001-420-5800-6449 to purchase two F-250 pickup trucks with plows. Councillor Vizard moved to hear from an off-committee individual – CPW Director Michael Chiasson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Chiasson gave a brief explanation of the need and the use of the trucks. Councillor Vizard moved to approve the transfer request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the transfer of \$77,524 was approved.
5. 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 2, 2017. The second mobilization will be the “Click It or Ticket” for the period May 9, 2017 – May 23, 2017. The third mobilization will be the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” for the period August 12, 2017 – September 2, 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 budget. Councillor Vizard moved to hear from an off-committee individual – Police Chief Keith MacPherson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Chief MacPherson gave an explanation of the use of the grant funds and answered questions from the Committee. It was requested that the Chief provide the Committee with the statistics on the results of last year’s program. Councillor Romard asked if there are any restrictions, specific times or specific locations for the enforcement. The Chief asked the Committee to also accept EOPSS funds for additional activations that may be received during the remainder of FY2017. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the grant and any additional activations during FY2017. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the grant of \$9,000 and any additional activations was approved.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer funds in the amount of \$3,000 from Planning-Salaries account #001-175-5100-5111 to Planning-Travel Expenses account #001-175-5200-5710 for the travel expenses of an expert City witness. Councillor

Vizard moved to hear from an off-committee individual – Housing Director Robert Waters. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Waters gave a brief explanation of the need and the use of the funds. Councillor Vizard moved to approve the transfer request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the transfer of \$3,000 was approved.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to accept a gift in the amount of \$10,000 from the Wolverine Worldwide Foundation for the City of Waltham Recreation Department. Councillor Romard questioned how the funds would be used and stated that he would follow up with the Recreation Director. Councillor Vizard moved to accept the gift and that the City Council sends a thank you note to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the gift of \$10,000 was approved.
8. A resolution concerning the residential exemption for property taxes was submitted by an off-committee councillor, Robert Logan. Councillor Giordano moved to hear from Councillor Logan. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan explained the recently adopted state legislation under the “Municipal Modernization Bill” allowed for an increase in the residential exemption for property taxes from 20% up to 35%. Councillor Logan explained this could be a benefit to our residents and wanted to initiate the discussion. Councillor Logan through Councillor Giordano requested that the City Assessor look at the impact of increasing the residential exemption at 25%, 30% and 35% levels. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Giordano moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter of the resolution on the residential exemption was tabled.
9. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter of the resolution on traffic impact fees (4/11/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen requested the Clerk of the Committee to provide the Committee members with a copy of the original resolution, specifically to look at the “be it resolved”. 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 resolution on traffic impact fees was tabled.
10. Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter of the school foundation budget (3/28/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen requested the Clerk of the Committee send a request to the School Superintendent and the School Business Administrator to provide the Committee members with a list of the amount of CY2015 earnings of school employees by name and position, similar to what was previously provided to the Committee for City employees. 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 resolution on the school foundation budget was tabled.

11. A motion to adjourn by Councillor McMenimen was approved by a voice vote and Chairman Brasco declared the Committee adjourned – 9:50pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee