

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday – April 6, 2026

1. Councillor Katz called the meeting to order at 8:55pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Chairman Katz requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Committee members Durkee, King, LeBlanc, and Katz were all present in-person. Councillor LaFauci was absent.
3. Councillor Durkee moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 16, 2026. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on March 16, 2026 were accepted.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the FY2024–FY2026 MA Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force (TERT) grant in the amount of \$3,500 for the Police Department. This program provides reimbursable eligible expenses associated with TERT members at TERT trainings and deployments. A motion to hear from Police Chief O'Connell was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from VP LeBlanc, Chief O'Connell explained the purpose of the grant and how the funds would be utilized. A motion by VP LeBlanc to accept the grant was adopted on voice vote.
5. A motion to take an item out of order was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 to supplement the Police Department medical services account. The funds are used to provide for the medical services of police officers who are injured on duty. To date, the Police Department has incurred and/or paid the original \$100,000 provided in the FY2026 Police department budget.

FROM:

Unreserved Fund Balance	#001-000-3590-3590	\$50,000
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TO:

Police – Medical Services	#001-210-5400-5318	\$50,000
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Councillor King recused himself from the discussion and vote on the matter. Upon questions from Councilor Durkee, Chief O'Connell explained the funds would be used for officers who are injured on duty. Chief O'Connell further explained the volatility of this account due to the number of injuries, the nature of the injury, and the recovery time. A motion by Councillor Durkee to approve the appropriation of \$50,000 was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation of \$35,339.91 for the Disability Services Commission to fund the following handicap projects.

FROM:

F/B Reserved for Handicap Projects	#237-560-2300-3591	\$35,339.91
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TO:

HP – Police Details	#237-560-2315-5205	\$20,000.00
HP – Scholarships	#237-560-2328-5205	\$10,000.00
HP – Aquatic Wheelchairs	#237-560-2347-5205	\$ 2,339.92
HP – Adult Changing Table	#237-560-2348-5205	\$ 2,999.99

8. Since DSC Chair Mark Johnson was not available, a motion to hear from the Mayor was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor provided a brief explanation of the handicap funds and the intended use. A motion by VP LeBlanc to approve the appropriation of \$35,339.91 was adopted on voice vote.
9. A motion by Councillor Durkee to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman Katz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee