

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday – May 4, 2026

1. Chairman Katz called the meeting to order at 10:10pm 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, LaFauci, LeBlanc, and Katz were all present in-person.
3. VP LeBlanc moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2026. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on April 21, 2026 were accepted.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$1,296,507 to pay the remaining snow expenses incurred for FY2026.

FROM:

Unreserved Fund Balance	#001-000-3590-3590	\$1,296,507
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TO:

Snow – Overtime	#001-421-5100-5131	\$ 122,507
Snow – General Expenses	#001-421-5200-5000	\$1,174,000

A motion to hear from the Mayor and CPW Assistant Director Chris Falzone was adopted on a voice vote. It was stated the FY2026 cost for snow operations was \$5.2 million. VP LeBlanc asked Mr. Falzone to identify and explain the reasons for excess expenses for overtime and operating expenses. Councillor LaFauci asked several questions concerning the amount of salt used, how it is tracked and who tracks salt usage. Councillor LaFauci also asked questions about who determines when outside contractors and City employees are called in for snow operations. Councillor LaFauci asked if brine is used and is it made or purchased. Councillor King asked follow questions concerning how our cost compares with the State and other communities. Councillor King moved to request information from Public Works about the cost per mile for plowing. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. VP LeBlanc asked if there were methods to improve response time and to create other efficiencies. Councillor LaFauci asked questions about the calibration of salt loader sensors. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the appropriation of \$1,296,507. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the donation of a pair of wooden skate guards from Robert Dagastino for the City Hall Museum Room. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to accept the donation was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the donation of a book by Yasmin Azid titled, "Stay, Daughter, A Memoir of a Muslim GIRLHOOD" from Councillors Bradley-

MacArthur, Dunn, Hanley and President Logan for the City Hall Museum Room. A motion by Councillor Durkee to accept the donation was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the donation of the following items from Julia DeCola for the City Hall Museum Room – Grover Cronin Panty Hose, National Geographic Magazine November 1957 including Waltham resident and Boys' Club boy-of-the-year, cabin boy Joseph M. Meany, Jr's sail on the Mayflower II, Boston American Edition November 16, 1943, and News Tribune Centennial Edition 1984. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to accept the donation was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A motion by VP LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman Katz declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee