

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Monday – May 18, 2026

1. Chairman Katz called the meeting to order at 8:54pm 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 May 4, 2026. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on May 4, 2026 were accepted.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$50,458.50 to provide a 50% match for the purchase of 85 new police body armor and 11 Safariland overt carriers at a total cost of \$100,917. The Police Department will be seeking the other 50% cost through a State reimbursement program.

FROM:

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| Unreserved Fund Balance | #001-000-3590-3590 | \$50,458.50 |
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TO:

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| Police – Body Armor | #001-210-5800-6421 | \$50,458.50 |
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A motion to hear from Chief O’Connell was adopted on a voice vote. Chief O’Connell gave a brief explanation of the need for the replacement vests. Councillor King, citing his previous experience as a Waltham police officer, expressed his support for the purchase. Councillor LaFauci asked a follow up question about the funding source and moved to approve the appropriation. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation of \$2,500 for the Disability Services Commission (DSC) to fund the following handicap project.

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| F/B Reserved for Handicap Projects | #237-560-2300-3591 | \$2,500 |
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TO:

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| HP – Opportunities for Inclusion (OIC) | #237-560-2338-5205 | \$2,500 |
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Although no representative of the DSC was present, Councillor Durkee moved to approve the appropriation. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the fourth and final installment of a State grant in the amount of \$34,689.60 from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence to be used by the Council on Aging for several programs that

benefit senior citizens, including fitness programs, discount taxi programs, newsletter printing, etc. This is a grant the City has annually received and does not require matching funds. A motion to hear from COA Director Patrick O'Brien was adopted on a voice vote. Director O'Brien gave a brief explanation of the grant program. A motion by VP LeBlanc to accept the grant was adopted on voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$4,200 for the Senior SAFE program for the Fire Department. The funds will be used to provide materials and training sessions for seniors. A motion to hear from Chief Mullin was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Committee members, Chief Mullin explained the purpose of the grant and its intended uses. Councillor King asked if the grant funds were solely for equipment or if any would be used for salaries. Chief Mullin stated it would be used exclusively for equipment. Chief Mullin stated that seniors could contact the COA or the Fire Prevention Office for information about the program. A motion by VP LeBlanc to accept the grant was adopted on voice vote.
8. 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