

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday – June 1, 2026

1. Chairman Katz called the meeting to order at 8:20pm 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 18, 2026. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on May 18, 2026 were accepted.
4. Chairman Katz asked the Committee to finalize dates for the upcoming budget review sessions with the City/School Departments. After a brief discussion, it was decided the meetings would be held on Tuesday, June 9 from 8:30am to 3:00pm and on Tuesday, June 16 from 8:30am to 5:00pm. A possible cutting session could be held on Thursday, June 18 and a budget approval meeting on Monday, June 22. The Auditor will finalize the schedule of times for each department and notify Councillors and Department Heads. The Auditor would also provide in advance the four questions that each Department will need to answer at their meeting time.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of a construction grant from MassDOT under the Complete Streets Funding Program in the amount of \$289,982. The grant funds will be used to install a sidewalk along one side of Beaver Street from Lyman Street to 600 Beaver Street. The grant funds will also be used for ADA compliant curb ramps at the intersections of Beaver Street/Oakley Lane and Beaver Street/Valley View Road. A motion to hear from Public Works Director Michael Chiasson was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Chaisson gave a summary overview of the scope of the project. VP LeBlanc asked questions about the limits of the proposed work area. Councillor King asked several questions about the inclusion of pedestrian and bike paths. Councillor Durkee moved to accept the grant of \$289,982. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the funding in the amount of \$59,000 for the continuation of the Illicit Discharge & Detection Elimination (IDDE) program. The current engineering firm (PARE Corporation) will provide services related to the Municipal Center's stormwater outfall monitoring and SWPPP site investigation. Pare Corporation, as part of their work with Waltham's MS4 permit requirements, identified several stormwater outfalls with elevated pollutants within and from the Municipal Center's stormwater collection system. These pollutants are discharging into Chester Brook and then flow into Beaver Brook. To identify the potential sources of the contaminants, Pare

Corp. has offered a proposal to conduct the necessary outfall sampling, site investigations and other required tasks.

FROM:

Sew/Dr – Clark/Ripley/Gale/Peirce #603-440-2024-7340 \$59,000

TO:

Sew/Dr – IDDE Program #603-440-2024-7310 \$59,000

A motion to hear from City Engineer Bob Winn was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Winn gave a summary overview of the scope of the project. Councillors Durkee, LeBlanc, and LaFauci asked questions about the purpose and need for the work, including the impact. Councillor LaFauci asked Mr. Winn to clarify the difference between sewer and storm drains. A motion by Councillor Durkee to approve the funding request of \$59,000 was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase two (2) noise meter devices for the Building Inspections Department.

APPROPRIATE FROM:

Building Inspections – Code Enforcement #261-192-1015-5205 \$20,000

TO:

Building Inspections – Noise Meters #001-191-5800-6422 \$20,000

A motion to hear from Chief Building Inspector Brian Bower was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillors LeBlanc, LaFauci, and King, Mr. Bower explained the purpose and the intended use of the noise meters and gave several examples of when it would be used. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to approve the funding request of \$20,000 was adopted on a voice vote.

8. A request was received from the Mayor to approve a financing transaction totaling \$22,000 to fund the first year of the three-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the City and the Mechanics' Union for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. Due to excess funds in the CPW Department FY2026 salary account, no additional funding is needed for FY2026. The funding for the second and third year of the agreement will be recommended in the FY2027 and FY2028 operating budget for the CPW Department. A motion to hear from City Auditor Paul Centofanti was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillors King and Durkee, Mr. Centofanti explained the increase in compensation and also stated that in addition to the compensation, agreement was reached on several items that will mutually benefit both City Management and the Union. A motion by Councillor King to approve the financing transaction for the Mechanics' Union CBA was adopted on a voice vote.

9. A request was received from the Mayor to approve a financing transaction a financing transaction totaling \$129,420 to fund the first year of the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Manager's Union for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. Due to excess funds in each department's FY2026 salary account, the only funding transfer need for FY2026 is \$2,200 for the Paine Estate salary account. The funding for the second and third year of the agreement will be recommended in the FY2027 and FY2028 operating budget for each applicable department.

TRANSFER FROM:

Auditor – Collective Bargaining	#001-135-5400-5111	\$2,200
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TRANSFER TO:

Paine Estate – Salary	#001-670-5100-5111	\$2,200
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A motion to hear from City Auditor Paul Centofanti was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillors King and Durkee, Mr. Centofanti explained the increase in compensation and also stated that in addition to the compensation, agreement was reached on several items that will mutually benefit both City Management and the Union. A motion by Councillor King to approve the financing transaction for the Manager' Union CBA was adopted on a voice vote.

10. A motion by VP LeBlanc to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman Katz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee