

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 6:03 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Chairman Michael Concannon,
Alderman Richard Gately, Alderman Lindsay Higgins and Alderman Michael Anderson. Late:
Alderman Edward Tedesco

Non-Voting Members present: Alderman Joanne Campbell, Alderman Mark Gaffney,
Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, President Richard Haggerty

Also present: Fire Chief Stephen Adgate, Mayor Scott Galvin

On the Order to transfer \$125,000 from Fire/BLS Ambulance Acct. to Fire Ambulance Salary Acct.: Chief Adgate said the transfer is a standard practice of the department 3-4 times a year, moving ambulance receipts as they are collected to the ambulance salary account. Alderman Anderson asked how much revenue has been collected so far this fiscal year. Chief Adgate responded the amount is consistent with previous years. Motion made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Gately that the transfer “ought to pass,” approved, 4-0, with Alderman Tedesco absent.

On the Order to transfer \$1,403,985.67 from Mayor Salary Adjustments Acct. to Union Contract Settlements: Alderman Tedesco arrived. Mayor Galvin said the money in the transfer will be used to pay police patrolmen and superior officers after the city reached contract settlements through arbitration. Mayor Galvin said the settlement is very fair and was adjudicated by a 3-member arbitration panel and the terms are consistent with those agreed upon by other municipal unions. Pay increases over the 4-year term will be 2 percent the first two years and then 3 percent the third year and 3.5 percent the final year of the contract. Employees will be contributing 5 percent more to their health insurance plans. Mayor Galvin said other components of the contract include an increase from 5 to 6 percent for night differential and there are adjustments to the stipends for the Quinn Bill. He said all the wage increases are retroactive, but the night differential increase is not retroactive. Mayor Galvin said the contract covers the period ending in 2018 and contract negotiations for a new pact will start all over again. Mayor Galvin distributed a handout breaking down the itemized expenses for each fiscal year, totaling \$1,270,833.99 and said there is an additional \$133,151.68 in sick leave buy back for six employees who have left the city’s employ or have taken new jobs. Mayor Galvin said the only unresolved contract at this point is with the firefighters union, and he expects a settlement to be reached in mid-February. He said funds have already been set aside for the firefighters wages, as they were for the police. Motion made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Higgins to receive Mayor Galvin’s handout entitled “Police Contract Settlement” and make it part of the permanent record; approved, 4-0-1, with Alderman Tedesco abstaining. Mayor Galvin reiterated he thinks the contract is fair to both sides. Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Higgins that the transfer “ought to pass;” approved, 4-0-1, with Alderman Tedesco abstaining.

Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn, all in favor, 5-0. Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees