

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AT 6:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Chairman Michael Concannon, Alderman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Richard Gately, Alderman Robert Ferullo. Absent: Alderman Edward Tedesco

Non-Voting Members present: President Michael Anderson, Alderman Mark Gaffney, Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, and Alderman Joanne Campbell.

Also present: Mayor Scott Galvin, City Clerk William Campbell

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Order to transfer \$141,851.57 from Mayor Salary Adjustment Account to Police Salary Acct.: Mayor Galvin said the police patrolmen's contract has been settled and the money in the transfer will cover contractual salary obligations. He said the firefighters' union's contract has also been settled, but an agreement with the police superior officers' union is still outstanding. He said the patrolmen will receive 2 percent raises every year of the 3-year contract. He said the matter was adjudicated by the Joint Labor-Management Committee. He said \$1.2 million was initially set aside for contract settlements and there is enough to cover the patrolmen's increases but there will be a need for more money for future contract settlements. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Higgins that the transfer "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0, with Chairman Concannon abstaining.

Motion made by Alderman Higgins and seconded by Alderman Gately to suspend the Finance Committee meeting to accommodate an item in Liaison Committee that required the presence of Mayor Galvin; approved, 4-0. The meeting was suspended at 6:06 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Higgins and seconded by Alderman Gately to resume from suspension the Finance Committee meeting; approved, 4-0. Chairman Concannon resumed the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Order to transfer \$2,500 from Election and Registration Repairs Voting Machines Acct to City Clerk Office Supplies Acct.: City Clerk Campbell said he is seeking a transfer to pay to bind the City Council journals. He said there is a small amount of money leftover in the elections account and there are no further elections scheduled before June 30, when the fiscal year ends. Chairman Concannon asked if the voting machines are in good order. City Clerk Campbell said the voting machines will suffice on a short term basis but his goal in the long term is to bring in newer, modern machines. Alderman Gately asked if the city has been reimbursed by the state for early voting expenses. City Clerk Campbell said \$13,000 was allocated for early voting and the city was reimbursed \$12,900, so the city essentially got back what it put in. He said the money went to the general fund. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Higgins that the transfer "ought to pass;" approved, 4-0.

Motion made by Alderman Higgins and seconded by Alderman Gately to adjourn;
approved, 4-0. Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees