

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
MARCH 12, 2018 AT 6:00 p.m.  
COMMITTEE ROOM  
WOBURN CITY HALL**

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

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

Also present: Mayor Scott Galvin, Fire Chief Stephen Adgate

**On the Order to transfer \$125,000 from Fire/BLS Ambulance Acct to Fire Ambulance Salary Acct; On the Order to transfer \$26,000 from Fire/BLS Ambulance Acct to Fire/Ambulance Maintenance Acct, Fire/Medical Attention Acct, Fire/Computer Maintenance Acct:** Chief Adgate said the \$125,000 transfer is a routine event that normally occurs four times a year. Chief Adgate said the \$26,000 transfer was submitted to replenish a couple of accounts that are running a little bit too low. Chief Adgate said there will be \$15,000 transferred into the ambulance maintenance account, \$10,000 into the medical attention account, and another \$1,000 into the computer maintenance account. Chief Adgate said the increase in firefighters' contractual salaries will impact the fire ambulance salary account and that he is not certain the \$125,000 will meet the obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year and he may have to come back one more time for a minor adjustment. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco that the transfers "ought to pass," approved, 5-0.

**On the Order to transfer the sum of \$1,265,637.68 from Mayor Salary Adjustments Acct to Fire Salary Acct:** Mayor Galvin said the transfer will be used to pay salary increases as part of the recently settled contract negotiations with the firefighters' union. Alderman Gately asked if the transfer will drain the Mayor's Salary Adjustments Account. Mayor Galvin said the account will have a zero balance after the transfer is completed. Mayor Galvin noted the contract with the firefighters' union was the last to be settled among the employees' unions and it ended up being settled in the Joint Labor Management Committee (JMLC) and that it is a fair deal for both sides and that he is here to support the transfer 100 percent. Mayor Galvin said the transfer accounts for four years of retroactive pay increases that amount to a 10.5-percent salary increase and there will be ancillary increases in overtime and sick leave buy back that may require a subsequent transfer of around \$150,000-\$200,000 before the end of the fiscal year. Alderman Gately asked about the next round of negotiations with the unions. Mayor Galvin said the contracts are through June 30 and the only union that has begun negotiating with the city is the Teamsters. Alderman Anderson asked how the contract settlement with the firefighters will impact the BLS account next year. Mayor Galvin said the raises will have an impact across the board and he will set aside money to pay for related increases. The mayor also noted the city is expecting a big hit in the payment of other post-employment benefits, but the impact of OPEB will lessen after this year. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco that the transfer "ought to pass;" approved, 5-0.

**Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn, all in favor, 5-0. Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gordon Vincent  
Clerk of Committees