

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MARCH 25, 2019 AT 6:03 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

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

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

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Order to transfer \$158,148.43 from Mayor Salary Adjustments Acct to Fire Regular Salary

Acct: Mayor Galvin said the contract negotiations with municipal employees seem to be settling now and he is seeking a transfer from money that was already set aside to fulfill the obligations for the firefighters' contract. He said the teachers' union ratified its new contract today with annual raises of 2 percent over the next three years. He said the firefighters settled for 2 percent over three years. He said there is an \$350 increase in the stipend for EMTs, and firefighters with 20 years of service will receive a half-step increase. He said the total cost of the raises for the firefighters is \$184,000. He said he thinks it is a good deal for the city. He said the \$26,000 difference between the transfer and the total increase will be covered by another appropriation which will be filed by the council's next meeting. Alderman Higgins asked about contract negotiations with other unions. He said the DPW workers came to terms last Friday. He said negotiations are still going on with the Teamsters, Library union and SEIU. He said a pattern of 2 percent raises over three years has been established. Alderman Gately asked if there have been any health insurance adjustments. Mayor Galvin said there is no increase in health insurance contributions going forward. Alderman Gately asked if all the unions that have settled are getting 2 percent increases. Mayor Galvin said they are. Motion made Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Higgins that the order "ought to pass;" approved, 4-0.

Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn; approved, 4-0. Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees