

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 AT 6:01 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

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

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

Also present: Mayor Scott Galvin

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VOTED to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes and to approve, all in favor, 4-0.

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Order to appropriate the sum of \$49,441.26 from Mayor Salary adjustments acct. to Library Salary acct. for Union Contract settlement: Mayor Galvin said there is one remaining contract left to be settled, with the police superior officers. He said negotiations appear to be headed toward arbitration with the JLMC. He said the library workers will receive 2-percent raises over the next three years, similar to other unions that have settled. He said wages for part-time library workers will increase at the end of this contract. He said their wages will be based on a 37-hours per week contract. He said he thinks the city has struck a fair deal with the library workers. He said the appropriation will cover 1.5 years of raises. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco that the appropriation "ought to pass;" approved, 4-0.

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Order to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to Infrastructure safety Ward 6 account for the purchase of Dust Sensor & Consultant: Mayor Galvin said he has been working with Alderman Tedesco to purchase a dust monitor for the Ledges project in North Woburn. He said Board of Health Agent Jack Fralick is at the site daily. He said it is a terrible situation. He said the city is doing its best to mitigate the impact of the Ch. 40B project. He said the comprehensive permit for the project was granted by the state and the city spent about \$200,000 fighting it. Mayor Galvin said he wants to give the Board of Health all the tools it needs in order to monitor the project. He said there are certain dust levels allowed and Agent Fralick felt it is appropriate to monitor the dust. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said there is not a lot the city can do at the Ledges, but she will support any measures that make the situation better. She said she is not on the Finance Committee but will support the appropriation when it comes to the full council. Alderman Gately said the city tried its best to stop the project, because city officials knew it was going to be nightmare. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco that the appropriation "ought to pass." Chairman Concannon asked from which account the funds will be appropriated. Mayor Galvin said it will come from the capital account or the Board of Health budget. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco to amend the

motion that the appropriation “ought to pass” by requiring the funds to come from the mayor’s capital budget; approved, 4-0

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

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees