

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020, AT 6:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Voting Members participating remotely: Chairman Michael Concannon, Alderman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Edward Tedesco, Alderman Richard Gately, and Alderman Robert Ferullo

Non-Voting Members participating remotely: President Michael Anderson, Alderman Jeffrey Dillon, Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, and Alderman Joanne Campbell

Also participating remotely: Mayor Scott Galvin and Fire Chief Stephen Adgate

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Chairman Concannon said the Finance Committee is meeting in a virtual format under the suspension of certain tenets of the Open Meeting Law as allowed by Gov. Baker.

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MOTION made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting’s minutes and to approve - Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to take item #3 out of order from the posted agenda - Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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Order to Transfer \$750,000 from Overlay Reserve account to OPEB Trust Fund:
Mayor Galvin said this is an annual transfer to move money into the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) account. He said the city has been transferring money in this manner for the past 5-6 years. He said he thinks the account has approximately \$5 million and he can submit the figure to the council if it wished. Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Ferullo that the transfer “ought to pass.” Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to return to the regular order of business - Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to take collectively items #2 and #5 on the posted agenda - Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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Order to Transfer \$813,000 from Fire/BLS Ambulance account to Fire Regular Salary \$370,000; Fire Ambulance Salary \$115,000; Fire/Overtime \$200,000; Fire 16th Man Overtime \$75,000; Fire/Sick Leave Buy Back \$38,000; Fire/Ambulance Maintenance \$15,000; and, Order to Transfer \$26,506.95 from Fire/BLS Ambulance Account to Apparatus Maintenance Account: Chief Adgate said the line item transfers in the first order are being submitted to comply with contractual obligations, except for the \$15,000 transfer to ambulance maintenance, which he said is required to address issues with the ambulance that come up from time to time. He said the transfer of \$26,506.95 will be used to purchase a new fire truck, delivery of which he expects within the next two weeks. Alderman Gately asked Chief Adgate if he expects to submit any new transfers before the end of the fiscal year. Chief Adgate said he does not expect any more transfer requests by the end of the fiscal year. Alderman Gately asked Chief Adgate if he expects any money to carry over into the next fiscal year. Chief Adgate said he does not know how much money is currently in the ambulance receipts accounts but there is enough to cover the proposed transfers. Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins that the transfers “ought to pass.” Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco to return to the regular order of business - Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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Order to Transfer \$37,000 from Cemetery Interest Fund to Cemetery Utility Account \$8,000; New Equipment Account \$10,000; Office Supplies Account \$2,000; Equipment/Building Maintenance Account \$2,000; Tools/Supplies Account \$5,000; Burial Sections Account \$10,000: Chairman Concannon said he spoke to Cemetery Commission Chairman John Sawyer and this transfer request is standard operation procedure. Chairman Concannon asked Mayor Galvin if he has anything to add. Mayor Galvin agreed the transfer request is standard for the Cemetery Commission. Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins that the transfer “ought to pass.” Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco to adjourn - Roll call: Alderman Tedesco, aye; Alderman Gately, aye; Alderman Higgins, aye; Alderman Ferullo, aye; Chairman Concannon, aye; approved, 5-0. Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees

