

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Chair Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Councilor Joanne Campbell, Councilor Joseph Demers, Councilor Robert Ferullo, Councilor Charles Viola,

Non-voting members present: Councilor Richard Gately, Councilor Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, and President Michael Concannon

Also present: Mayor Scott Galvin

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2022, and to approve; all in favor, 5-0.

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Order to transfer \$255,343. from Mayor Salary Adjustment Acct# 0112151-511019 \$255,343.18 to Fire Regular Salary Acct# 0122051-511000 \$255,343.18, purpose Contract Settlement & Commitments Fire Department FY 2022 – FY 2024: Chair Mercer-Bruen said the transfer has been submitted due to a contract settlement. Mayor Galvin said the transfer is being requested to cover a contract settlement with the firefighters union. He said the firefighters union is the first union to come to a labor agreement with the city. He said this is a good settlement for both sides. He said the firefighters will receive annual raises of 1 percent, 2 percent, and 2 percent. He said there is an increase in the stipend for EMTs due to the increased risks they undertook during the Covid-19 pandemic. He said the EMTs stepped up during the pandemic and that is worth rewarding. He said there is an increase in the clothing allowance of a couple hundred dollars, and there in an increase for longevity after 20 years. He said the total salary increase over seven years is about 7 percent. He said it has been tough to settle with the firefighters union in the past. He said it is good to be able to work out a fair agreement. Motion made by Councilor Campbell and seconded by Councilor Demers that the transfer “ought to pass;” approved, 5-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Dillon to adjourn; approved, 5-0. Chairman Mercer-Bruen adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees

