

**CITY OF WOBURN  
CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
COMMITTEE ROOM  
WOBURN CITY HALL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Non-voting Members present:** President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, Councilor Robert Toro, and Councilor William Pappalardo

**Also present:** Mayor Michael Concannon, Supt. of Schools Dr. Matthew Crowley, School Committee Chair Andrew Lipsett, Director of School Facilities Len Burnham, and City Auditor Charles Doherty

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**MOTION** made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of July 29, 2024; all in favor, 5-0.

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**School Capital Budget FY 2025 – Order that the sum of \$850,000 be transferred from Stabilization Fund Acct# 704059-596100 to Various Capital Projects:** Mayor Concannon said five weeks ago he brought down a list of capital items for the city side of the budget. He said at that time they were still working on the school side of the list of capital items. He said they have winnowed that number to \$850,000. He said during discussion it was determined there are longer term requests looming. He said a couple of line items fall under the safety and security of the schools. He said there could a project or two that may contemplate bonding. He said this is a list of the top priorities for FY '25. He said Chairman Lipsett, Auditor Doherty, Supt. Crowley and Director Burnham are here to answer any technical questions. Councilor Demers asked the mayor to elaborate on item number two on the list, specifically the increase in parking at the Malcolm White Elementary School. Supt. Crowley said the number of staff has increased at the Malcolm White Elementary School and there is not enough parking. He said staff are also coming in and out during the day. He said this request has been made for a few years. Councilor

Demers asked if the additional parking spaces will be added to the upper or lower lot. Director Burnham said he has worked with the Engineering Dept. on this issue. He said the spaces will be added to the upper lot. He said he met with Asst. City Engineer Greg Rheume and DPW Highway Foreman Christopher Doherty to discuss options and he thinks they can get 10 spots in the center section of the parking lot. He said they may be able to add as many as 15 spaces. He said there were six different plans that were explored. Councilor Demers said if the city disposes of the Wyman Elementary School there is going to be an extreme need for parking on voting days. Councilor Mercer-Bruen asked about the status of projects that were approved in the FY '24 capital budget. City Auditor Doherty said he can give the council an update. Councilor Mercer-Bruen said she would like to know the status of those projects. Councilor Mercer-Bruen there is a line item for classroom teacher furniture and asked if the School Dept. repurposes the old furniture. Supt. Crowley said that has already been done. He said there is a need for new furniture at the Goodyear Elementary School. He said the staff there has increased. Councilor Viola asked for details about a line item for lighting at the Shamrock Elementary School. Director Burnham said there is a need to add at least one new pole with four lights for the security and safety of the property. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo that the order "ought to pass;" approved, 5-0.

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**MOTION** made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo to adjourn; all in favor, 5-0. Chair Viola adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

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Gordon Vincent  
Clerk of Committees