

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WOBURN CITY HALL
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025, at 7:24 p.m.**

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

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

Also present: Mayor Michael Concannon, City Auditor Charles Doherty, and Human Resources Director Shawna Healey

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2025; all in favor, 4-0-1.

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Order that \$129,190.23 be transferred from Mayor Salary Adjustment Acct# 0112151-511019 to Non-Union Employee Salaries Various Salary Accounts: Chair Viola said the order has been amended to \$123,406.23. Mayor Concannon said this transfer will cover settlements for non-union department heads and non-union non-department heads who are not covered by collective bargaining. Chair Mercer-Bruen said two positions that are being paid for by grants have been removed from the proposed transfer. She said she wants to make that clear. Mayor Concannon said there are two positions that are paid by other sources, one by the Woburn Redevelopment Authority and the other from the federal opioid settlement. He said those positions are filled by (Economic Development Manager) Casey Hagerty and (Substance Use and Mental Health Coordinator) Mackenzie Dezieck. He said not counting those increases the transfer is reduced by approximately \$6,000. Councilor Mercer-Bruen said she is hoping those raises come from a different funding source. She said the positions are not being taken away. Councilor Demers said he thinks there has been some confusion about the amount of the increases. He said the step increases and the cost of living adjustments have increased the salaries described in the order. He said step increases have been implemented for the first time for some of these positions. HRD Healey concurred with Councilor Demers' statement. He said he had a constituent reach out to him about this matter. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Mercer-Bruen that the order "ought to pass" with the amended amount as \$123,406.23; approved, 4-0-1.

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo to adjourn; all in favor, 4-0-1. Chair Viola adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees