

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Chair Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Councilor Joseph Demers, Councilor Joanne Campbell, and Councilor Charles Viola. Absent: Councilor Robert Ferullo
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 Viola to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2022, and to approve; all in favor, 4-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Viola to suspend the rules to allow the committee to accept comments from Mayor Galvin; all in favor, 4-0.

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Order to transfer \$449,258.85 from Mayor Salary Adjustment Acct to Various Department Salaries: Mayor Galvin said the order represents the funding necessary to accommodate the labor contract settlement with SEIU, which represents some City Hall employees, custodians, and staff in some other departments. He said the contract covers three years with raises of 1 percent, 2 percent, and 2 percent, plus a \$1,000 increase in base pay. He said there were also some positional upgrades. He said the administration has settled with the firefighters and SEIU members. He said the administration is still negotiating with the teachers union, the police union, the Teamsters, and the library workers union. He said there is money set aside in the budget to accommodate contractual pay increases. He said there is also money set aside in the budget for sick leave buy back for retiring employees. He said retiring employees can buy back as many as 90 sick days. He said it is starting to get pretty expensive.

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Order Designating the Mayor and Board of Assessors as “authorized officer” per M.G.L. c. 59, § 5 cl. 45: Mayor Galvin said the administration has been working with the same solar company for some time in the IP-2 zoning district off Commerce Way. He said the council is being asked to approve an order that will allow the mayor to sign an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes (pilot). He said the pilot agreement will be for 20 years. Clerk advised Chairman Mercer-Bruen that Chief Assessor John Connolly has asked the clerk to advise the committee the Board of Assessors has also approved the pilot agreement pending approval by the council.

Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Campbell that the order “ought to pass;” approved, 4-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Campbell that the order to transfer \$449,258.85 from the Mayor Salary Adjustment Account to Various Department Salaries “ought to pass;” approved, 4-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Viola to adjourn; approved, 4-0. Chairman Mercer-Bruen adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees