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May 30, 2006

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance convened on May30, 2006, with Chairman William White presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Maryann Heuston, Denise Provost and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Thomas Taylor, Brandon Wilson from the Historical Preservation Commission, Gerry Boyle from Capital Planning, Sonja Darai from the Women's Commission, Mike Lambert from the Mayor's Office, Mary Phinney from the Retirement Board, Communications Director Tom Champion and Finance Director Edward Bean.

Mr. Champion addressed the committee regarding the recent city services survey. The cost of the survey was approximately \$25,000, and was funded from special revenue. Somerstat played a role in the development of the questions. The contracted vendor conducted the survey of 400 people, repeating the interview in particular age groups to ensure that a balanced demographic sample was obtained.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 4 items:

181004: Communication from Mayor - Requesting an appropriation of \$24,400 from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Pensions/Non Contributory Reimbursement/Allowances Acct. to fund an expected FY06 deficit.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

181285: Communication from Mayor - Requesting adoption of the attached resolution to comply with the requirements of the MA School Building Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

181288: Communication from Mayor - Requesting acceptance of a \$10,205 increase in the original grant of \$45,000 from the MA Historical Commission to SPCD for the preservation of the Milk Row Cemetery.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved (this item discharged from committee on 6-1-06 & approved by the BOA)

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

181289: Communication from Mayor - Requesting acceptance of a \$2,500 grant from the Youth Council to the Women's Commission to fund the "Teens Against Dating Abuse" program at the high school.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Finance

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