

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2021

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas at 6:45 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall.

Finance Committee Member Councillor James Walsh was also present. Councillor Ronald Cormier was absent

Also participating was Mayor Michael Nicholson, and City Clerk Titi Siriphan.

1-1 Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by President Elizabeth Kazinskas, on call of the roll, it was voted to waive reading and to accept the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2021, as printed.

2-1 An Order Appropriating \$22,754.00 from Free Cash to Capital Project Bullnose Park Improvements Account.

Mayor Nicholson informed the committee that this appropriation request is to fund a few upgrades to the Downtown Square area at the intersections of Parker, Central, Vernon, West Lynde, Pleasant and Main Streets as well as Bull Nose Park.

- This is part of their efforts to revitalize the Downtown Square area by repairing and adding additional flag poles, repairing and building new flower beds and adding some new landscaping features to the area
- Sponsors will be able to get their names on the flower boxes
- There will be about a dozen flower boxes throughout the city built by the DPW

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by President Kazinskas, on call of the roll, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO CAPITAL PROJECT BULLNOSE PARK IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.

ORDERED:

That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$22,754.00) from Free Cash to the Capital Project Bullnose Park Improvements Account.

2-2 An Order Appropriating \$8,545.00 from Free Cash to Building Department Minor Equipment Account.

Mayor Nicholson informed the committee that this appropriation request to purchase a new copy machine for the building department. This is to replace a machine that was damaged in the flood that happened in the City Hall Annex a few years ago.

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On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by President Kazinskas, on call of the roll, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO BUILDING DEPT. –
MINOR EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

ORDERED:

That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$8,545.00) from Free Cash to the Building Dept. – Minor Equipment Account.

- 4-1 **#10469 - An Ordinance to Amend Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 171, Thereof, Entitled "Personnel" by Amending Section 14: Holidays Designated, Section 44: Compensation in Lieu of Paid Holidays, and Section 60: Holidays with Pay (In the City Council and referred to Finance Committee 6/7/2021).**

Councillor James Walsh said that he spoke with Human Resource Director Debra Pond regarding the language of the ordinance. They talked over a few options to purpose.

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by President Kazinskas, on call of the roll, it was voted to request more time to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by President Kazinskas, on call of the roll, it was voted to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.